Lord’s Day, December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row to your left. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Please place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate On Lk. 2:31-33 ESV

*“ ‘…that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.’ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.”*

Welcome/Announcements Tom Feazell

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Men’s Sunday School Class

Prelude

Call to Worship Isa. 9:6-7

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

 *Crown Him (Christmas)*

The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 50

Q.125. What does the fourth request mean?

**A. *Give us today our daily bread* means, Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in you alone.**

Special Music Children’s Sunday School Class

 *Isaiah 9:6-7* (by The Corner Room.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

\*Hymn #203 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heav’nly host:**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Reception of New Members

 Scripture Ezek. 20:19-22; 22:26 pp. 839-40, 843

*Children’s Church is available for children from grades Pre-K-3. Please exit to the narthex.*

Sermon “Restlessness in the Fall”

\*Hymn #213 “What Child Is This”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of December 11th – December 15th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

12/10 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

12/17 Danielle Breneman

12/24 Kristen Nichols and Karl Mangels

12/31 Susan Bowen and Sue Milligan

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

 12/17 Robbie and Sam

12/24 (morning) Ethan and Carol

12/24 (evening) Alan and Jeff

12/31 Gina and Brian

1/7 Alan and Jeff

Direct website links to church information:

* Prayer / Praise - [www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/)
* Giving - [www.lochravenpca.org/giving/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/giving/)
* Calendar / Events - [www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/)
* Resources - [www.lochravenpca.org/resources/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/resources/)
* Visitor Feedback - [www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/)

Guest Wi-Fi network: LRPC@9318-Guest

Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

Church Website: [www.lochravenpca.org](http://www.lochravenpca.org)

**AED LOCATIONS**

An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator that is a device used to send a shock to someone’s heart if that person’s heart should stop beating. LRPC has two AED devices: one on the wall in the Narthex and one on the wall in the lower level. Each has a device for an adult and a child. If anyone should collapse without a heartbeat, call 911, open the AED, and follow the written and recorded verbal instructions found inside the case.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

6:45 p.m. **Christmas Gifts for CCC Service/Talent Show**

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

12:00 p.m. **ROMEO Group**

7:00 p.m. **Session Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**

5:30 p.m. **TOPS**

5:45 p.m. **The Gathering**

7:00 p.m. **ESOL**

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study**

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team/Prayer Conference Line**

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

**\*3rd Sunday of Advent\***

**Adult Classes**

All Adult Sunday School: *Respect the Image* Sanctuary

(classes below resuming in December)

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *John’s Letters* Room 202

12:45 p.m. **Stepping Stones Group**

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER (CCC): CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CCC**

Pray that the gifts given by LRPC will be appreciated and used, knowing that Christian friends have shared with them. CCC has started a homeschool group to fill a gap left when the city closed the closest elementary school. Pray for the Homans family (Tom’s wife and daughters) as they teach these kids. Pray for the boys that regularly attend the STEM class at CCC that Steve and Suzanne Maddox teach through their nonprofit, SeaAffinity, on Thursdays: Dazion, Kyon, Kenneth, Daylen, Dominique, Ancil, Ayden, and Sighee. Pray for the community around the CCC (Hollins Market, Franklin Square). Pray for Tom and Mr. Walter Smith as they minister to the kids.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CCC**

Tonight, at 6:45 p.m., we will be hosting Tom Homans and some of the young people who participate in the activities at the Christian Community Center. Our program will include Christmas carol singing, a report from Tom on what is happening at the Center, and a talent show, where the CCC kids and LRPC kids will be sharing their talents. We encourage you to bring gifts (unwrapped) for CCC. Tom has provided a list of desired items. Print copies are also available on the table in front of the Activities Board in the Narthex.

**Church News**​

**CHRISTMAS SEASON CHORAL OPPORTUNITY**

Would you like to sing in a choral ensemble this Christmas season? We will be rehearsing an arrangement of the hymn “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” with four-part harmony. We will rehearse right after the church service for half an hour from Nov. 19th- Dec. 17th and then perform on December 24th. There are five after-church rehearsals but if you miss one or two you can still participate and there is also an audio track to help rehearse at home. If you are interested, please let Rachel Stenger (praiseteamlrpc@gmail.com) know so we have enough sheet music for everyone and stay after this Sunday for rehearsal!

**ESOL SNACK SIGN-UP**

It's that time of year again when we need you to sign up to donate snacks for our ESOL Program. The items we need are cheese (pre sliced), vegetables & dip or fruit & dip, or baked goods. Please, we only need these items. If you cannot purchase or make something but still want to contribute, please make a monetary donation and mark it for ESOL Snacks (also put $$ on sign-up sheet). The sign-up sheet is on a clipboard on the board marked GIVE in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa at 410-805-2805.

**END OF YEAR RECEIPTS/PURCHASES**

If you have made approved purchases for the church and need reimbursement please have your request, along with receipts, to me by Friday, Dec 29, 2023, so they can be included in our expenses for 2023. You can send them to me by email at treasurerlrpc@gmail.com or to my phone at 410-805-2805. Please make sure the receipt states what was purchased and I also need to know what it was used for. You can also use the request form that is in the Treasurer's mailbox in the office. If you have any questions, please contact me, Patty De Rosa. (Note: I will be out of the country 1/2/24-1/16/24.)

**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS** If you would like to show your appreciation for the efforts of the staff of LRPC this year, you may do so by making a contribution for staff Christmas gifts. Make all checks payable to LRPC; however, please CLEARLY note on the envelope and check that it is designated for the staff Christmas gift. This gift is not tax deductible. You may place your gift in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or give it to an elder by Sunday, December 24. Thank you for your consideration.

**PRAYER TREE IN THE NARTHEX**

Our Prayer Tree in the Narthex looks lovely. If you did not have an opportunity to sign an ornament and place it on the tree, extra ornaments are available at the usher's table in the narthex. Just write your name on the back and hang the ornament on the tree. After Christmas, we will have an opportunity to take an ornament and pray for that person throughout the year.

**BEREAN CLASS RESUMING**

The Berean class will not be meeting on Sunday, December 24. They will resume meeting on Sunday, December 31, and will continue in their studies of *John’s Epistles*, starting with chapter 2.

**STEPPING STONES**

The Stepping Stones group will be meeting on Sunday, December 17, at 12:45 p.m. Please see Carol Morrison if you are interested in finding out more about this group.