Lord’s Day, December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

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

Verse to Meditate on 1 Pt. 1:10-12 ESV

*Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.”*

Welcome/Announcements Jeff Oskamp

Ministry Minute LRPC Cookbooks Patty De Rosa

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Infants through 4-year-olds Class

 All I want for Christmas is....

Prelude

Call to Worship John 1:29

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs: *Christmas Offering, O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore Thee*

\*The Confession of Faith: Responsive Reading of Ps. 22:1-22 (p. 790)

 See PowerPoint

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 #218 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #432 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be:**

**all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.**

Special Music *Alleluia, Christ is Born*

 Jenna Duty, Ruth Oskamp, Bethany Oskamp, and Louisa Nichols

Reception of New Members

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

Scripture Isaiah 53

Sermon “Born to Die - the Suffering Servant”

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

\*Benediction

(\* Please stand if you are able.)

**Church Office Hours - week of December 19th – December 23rd**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (change in normal hours)

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 12/18 Melissa Grainger and Edie Milligan

12/25 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

1/1 John Selby and Danielle Breneman

1/8 Kristen Nichols and Karl Mangels

**2023 Church Nursery Schedule (January - June)**

The 11:00 Worship Service nursery schedule for the first half of 2023 has been e-mailed to volunteers.  Please notify Brea if you have any questions.

**Tech Team for Christmas Eve: Ethan Milligan and Jeff Oskamp**

**Tech Team for 12/25: Ethan and Sue Milligan**

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

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

**ESOL SNACK SIGN-UP**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby to sign-up to bring snacks for ESOL. There is also a card for you to take to remind you. If you have any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa.

**TUESDAY NIGHT KIDS’ NEEDS**

The **Gathering Kids** and **ESOL Kids** need your help.  Please talk to Brea, Megan, or Rachel about serving on Tuesday evenings.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

1:00 p.m. **Stepping Stones Group**

**Monday, December 19, 2022**

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

7:00 p.m. **Trustees’/Deacons’ Meetings**

**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

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

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

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

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

7:00 p.m. **Hannah Circle** *Matthew, The Arrival of the King*

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, December 22, 2022**

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study** *The Names of God in the Bible*

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

**Friday, December 23, 2022**

7:00 p.m. **Knitting Group**

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

7:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service**

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School Classes**

(no Children’s Sunday School today or next week)

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Hebrews* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *Ephesians* (no class today) Room 202

Adult Elective: *On Being Presbyterian* Room 203

(no elective class on Christmas Day or New Years’ Day)

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**ALL MISSIONARIES WHO ARE UNABLE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH THEIR FAMILIES**

Pray for all of our missionaries who are serving in other countries that they will be able to celebrate Christmas with their team mates as well as with the people they are ministering to.  Pray that wherever it is possible that they might be able to contact their families via Zoom.

**Church News**​

**​CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** We will once again be having our Christmas Ornament exchange this year. Our tree is set up in the Narthex. Simply bring in an ornament with your name on it and hang it on the tree. After Christmas, choose someone else's ornament to take home and then pray for that person.  Also, consider contacting that person to find out about any specific prayer requests that he or she may have. Ornaments can be handmade, or store bought- your choice!

**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 18. Thank you for your consideration.

**CHRISMONS**

This year the Christmas tree in the lobby is adorned with “Chrismons.” Chrismons are symbols of the early Church, the word being a combination of the words “Christ” and “monogram.” The word Chrismon has been adopted to refer to special Christmas tree ornaments that have been developed to display symbols of Christ. The designs of the Chrismons have over the years been extended to represent symbols of Christianity. All the ornaments are done in white and shades of yellow/gold, (the liturgical colors for Christmas). The color white represents our Lord’s purity and perfection, while the gold represents His majesty and glory. We point to the Christ as the Light of the world by using tiny white lights on the tree.

**COOKBOOK PROJECT**

Do you have that favorite pasta dish that dinner guests always rave about? Are you always asked to make your shepherd’s pie for the potluck dinners?

Recognizing that food plays an important role in promoting fellowship, LRPC is launching a project in which members can share recipes that have special meaning to them - or that are just terrific items to eat! The cookbook will be professionally produced and copies available for sale.

During the month of January in the Narthex you will find a *Cookbook Recipe Submission* form on which you can write your recipe. Please use a different form for each recipe you may submit. The forms should then be placed in the designated box on the table in the Narthex no later than February 1st. So, pull out those recipes from your kitchen drawer and allow others to share the pleasure you’ve enjoyed from them!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has amended the call of the Congregational Business Meeting for Friday, January 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., adding item #4.  The purpose is to (1) Present and Review the 2022 Annual Report; (2) Election of Officers; (3) Elect five members of the congregation to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee, (4) and to review/approve a missions committee request for additional 2022 surplus funds (if available).

**NEW CANDIDATES**

Per BCO 24.1, the session is reporting these candidates, as recommended by the nominating committee, to be voted into office during our January 20 congregational business meeting.  Please take some time to get to know these candidates so you can vote wisely.

**Elders**

John Selby, Josh Stenger

**Trustees**

Sarah Carter, George Considine, Frank Insley, Jeff Oskamp

**Deacons**

Charlie Lewis

**Deacon Assistants**

Charlotte Eliopoulos, Diane Insley, Julie Selby, Gina Sheets