Lord’s Day, December 4, 2022

2nd 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 Micah 5:2 ESV

*“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”*

Welcome/Announcements Jeff Oskamp

Lighting of the Advent Wreath 3rd – 4th grade Sunday School class

 All I want for Christmas is....

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 72:1-4, 18-19

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *Newborn King*

 *Joy to the World (Our God Saves)*

\*The Confession of Faith: Responsive Reading of Psalm 2 (Hymnal, p. 785)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

“Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

**The one enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.**

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

**I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”**

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.”

**“You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

Therefore, you kings be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

**Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.**

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

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 #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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.**

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

Scripture Isaiah 9:6-7

Sermon “Christ the King - Born in Bethlehem”

\*Hymn #201 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

\*Benediction

(\* Please stand if you are able.)

**Church Office Hours - week of December 5th – December 9th**

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**

Today, 12/4 Sue Milligan and Ellen Metzger

12/11 Mirv Metzger and Carolyn Clark

12/18 Melissa Grainger and Edie Milligan

12/25 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

**Tech Team for 12/11: 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

Guest Wi-Fi Password:

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**

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

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

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

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

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

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

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

7:45 p.m. **Missions Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**

9:30 a.m. **Adorned Bible Study** *Adorned*

10:30 a.m. **Rebekah Circle** *Jonah, Joel, Amos*

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

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

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

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

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Hebrews* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *Heaven*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *On Being Presbyterian* Room 203

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**CHINA OUTREACH MINISTRIES – MINISTRY TO CHINESE STUDENTS WHO ARE FAR FROM HOME**

Pray for COM’s staff members as they share the gospel with Chinese students and scholars who are studying in the USA. Pray that many of them will receive Christ as their Savior and will grow spiritually. Thank God that many have already become Christians and desire to grow so that they can be strong in their faith and witness when they return home to China. Pray that many will be invited into American homes during the Christmas season. Praise God for Rev. Daniel Su as he leads this organization and for Dr. Beau Miller and Miss Iris Maurer as they serve in our area.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CCC**

Next Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 6:30 pm, we will host Tom Homans and a number of the students who attend the Christian Community Center. The Heavenly Hands puppeteers will present a Christmas show, we’ll sing some Christmas carols, and then we’ll hear from Tom about his work at the Center.

The gifts that have been donated will be presented. A list of suggested gifts is being included in the weekly eblasts between now and then, and there are also some copies of the list available on the table in the Narthex.

After the program there will be cookies and beverages; donations of cookies would be appreciated by all.

**Church News**​

**​UPCOMING ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA**

The Women’s ​M​inistry is looking for ladies interested in helping to plan the Christmas Tea. Please let Patty DeRosa or Rachel Stenger know if you would like to be involved. You can also email them at the Women’s Ministry’s new email address, which is womenlrpc@gmail.com.

​The Women's ​Christmas Tea will be this coming Saturday, December 10, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the church.  Come and enjoy an afternoon of song, discussion, friends, and fellowship...and of course tea and cookies!

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** We will once again be having our Christmas Ornament exchange this year. Our tree should be set up in the Narthex starting this coming Sunday, December 4. 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!

**NEEDED FOR THE WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS TEA**

The Annual women's Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, Dec 10 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. Here are some of our needs:

1. teapots, and cookies (which can be store bought or home baked). The teapots should be brought to the church no later than Thursday December 8. If possible, please bring the cookies on a platter (ready to serve) to the church by Saturday, December 10. There are trays in the lobby that can be used; just see Patty De Rosa.
2. young men to serve behind the scenes the day of the tea to help put out the tea and cookies.
3. help setting up the tables and decorations on Thursday Dec 8.
4. help cleaning up when the Tea is over

There will be sign-up sheets in the lobby if you can help with any of the above. If you have any questions, please see Patty De Rosa.

**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.