Lord’s Day, December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Verse to Meditate On  Hebrews 2:14-15 (ESV) p. 1188

Welcome/Announcements Steve Maddox

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Charlie and Grace Maynard

Prelude

Call to Worship  Philippians 2:5-11

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/Crown Him*

Confession of Faith: *Responsive Reading of* *Psalm 38:1-15* PowerPoint

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn #300  “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #570 “Doxology”

Special Music Children’s Sunday School: *Jesus Christ is Born*

*Children's Church is available for children in Pre-K through 3rd grade.*

Scripture    John 1:14-18 p. 1053

Sermon “The First Christmas - Christ's Incarnation”

\*Hymn #311 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

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**Join us for our Christmas Gifts for CCC Service at 7 p.m. tonight!**

**Church Office Hours - week of December 9th – December 13th**

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**

12/8 (today) Steve Maddox and Carol Williams

12/15 Danielle Breneman and Don Anderson

12/22 Sue Milligan and Debbie Sisson

12/29 Brenda Mangels and Kristalyn Dirscherl

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

12/15 Alan and Sam

12/22 Ethan and Carol

12/29 Kristina and Brian S.

1/5 Robbie 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**

LRPC has two AED devices: one on the wall in the Narthex and one on the wall in the lower level. Each has equipment for an adult and a child. If anyone should collapse and not have a pulse, please call 911, open the AED, and follow the written and recorded verbal instructions found inside the case.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

7:00 p.m. **Christmas Gifts for CCC Service**

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

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

6:30 p.m. **Session Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

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

2:30 p.m. **TOPS**

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

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

10:00 a.m. **Lydia Circle**

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team**

**Friday, December 13, 2024**

10:00 a.m. **Blanket Fleece Group**

6:30 p.m. **Annual Budget Meeting**

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School**

**9:30 a.m. Adult Classes**

Berean Class (Women): *The Cross* Room 202

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

Elective Class: *The Basics of the Christian Life*  Room 203

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

5:00 p.m. **Evening Service**

**Please have all announcements, schedule changes, etc. for the bulletin submitted to the church office no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

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

Pray for the ministry to the neighborhood near CCC. Pray that Tom Homans and his staff will be able to share the gospel with the neighbors, and especially that the children and teens will hear and accept the Word of God. Praise God that CCC has developed a home-school program for the neighborhood children and that those young ones are enjoying the schooling they receive. Pray that their visit to LRPC tonight will bless all who attend the service and that there will be good sharing between the two groups. Pray that the gifts given by LRPC members will help meet needs of the CCC attendees.

**Church News**

**END-OF-YEAR EXPENSES**

Please make sure requests for expenses for the church have been made on the check request form(s), signed off by an authorized overseer and submitted to Patty De Rosa by 12/25/24. We need this to have accurate expense reports for the end of the year and planning for 2025. Expenses must be authorized by an elder or account manager. (Note because we are a non-profit, we do not reimburse for sales tax.)

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE NOTES FOR DECEMBER**

* 12/8 - Christmas Gifts for CCC – Our annual Christmas Gifts for CCC Service will be at LRPC on 7:00 p.m. on December 8.
* 12/15 - We will celebrate Communion at our traditional evening service on December 15.
* 12/22 & 12/29 - No Evening Worship

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING**

The Session has called a Congregational Budget Meeting for Friday, December 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.  The purpose is to review the proposed 2024 budget and to vote to approve the final budget for 2024.

**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 22. Thank you for your consideration.

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The 2025 offering envelopes are ready and can be picked up in the Narthex. None of the numbers have changed, so when you pick yours up, please make sure you have the right number. If you have any questions, please talk to Jim Fox or Nadim Warsal.