Lord’s Day, February 19, 2023

*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 Ps. 146:1 ESV

*“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!”*

Welcome/Announcements Brea Duty

Ministry Minute Strawberry Festival Jo Beck

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 149:1-2

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *Living Hope*

 *King of Kings*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 8

Q.24. How are these articles divided?

**A. Into three parts: God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.**

Q.25. Since there is but one God, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**A.** **Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.**

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 #283 “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Baptism of Isaac Park

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #733 “Doxology”

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

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

**alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;**

**alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

Scripture Psalm 150

Sermon “*Hallelu-YAH!*”

\*Hymn “Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!” see PowerPoint

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of February 20 – February 24**

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. – 1:00 p.m.

Friday: (Kathy working for Nancy)

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 2/19 Becky Spangler

2/26 Jean Bender and Edie Milligan

3/5 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

3/12 John Selby and Danielle Breneman

**Tech Team for 2/26: Melissa and Carol**

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)

**ESOL SNACK SIGN-UP-URGENT NEED FOR SPRING SESSION**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby if you can bring in 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.

**BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 21**

The Health Ministry is working with the Red Cross to hold a Blood Drive at the church on Friday, April 21, from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. At the end of this month, potential donors will begin to be recruited. Anyone is able to donate, as long as you have not donated blood within the previous two months. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the lobby in the coming weeks.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

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

**Monday, February 20, 2023**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

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

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

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

12:00 p.m. **Lenten Luncheon**

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

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

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

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

**Thursday, February 23, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study**

*Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study** *Acts*

1:30 p.m. **Health Ministry Leadership Meeting**

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

**Friday, February 24, 2023**

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

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**

11:00 a.m. **Memorial Service for Joan Higdon**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

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

**Adult Classes**

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

Berean Class (Women): *Ephesians*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *Westminster Confession of Faith* Room 203

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**MISSION TO THE WORLD (MTW): EVANGELICAL REFORMED SEMINARY OF UKRAINE (ERSU)**

A posting on January 28 reported that the seminary has been able to continue its classes despite the Russian incursion.  Their basement is well-protected with furnished rooms. Praise the Lord that the rocket attack on Kyiv has not reached that area.  They ask for prayer for the students and lecturers and for “the long-awaited victory over the invading enemy!” Praise the Lord that this seminary has been training pastors and Christian leaders for over 20 years, and that the Gospel has spread in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

**Church News**​

**JOAN HIGDON MEMORIAL SERVICE – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

On February 25, we will celebrate the life of Joan Higdon. Her memorial service will be here at LRPC, at 11:00. We will be offering a Memorial Meal for the friends and family of Joan following the service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please be sure to let us know if you plan on attending, as well as if you can bring a dish. We are ordering sandwiches, but we will need salads, snacks (chips, cheese & crackers, veggie tray), side dishes and of course, dessert.  If you are able to help with setting up, serving, or cleaning up, please see Jo Beck. You can call her at 443-722-7827 or email her at jobeck52.jab@gmail.com.

**LENTEN TEACHING SERIES (6 WEEKS)**

The church is hosting six weeks of Lenten Lunches on Tuesdays, beginning on Tuesday, February 21, from 12 noon until 1 p.m. Please join us for a meal, teaching, and discussion. In this teaching series, Bryant will be answering these two questions, "What is the Bible about?" and "How does it work?" More specifically we will discuss the Bible's Theological Center: Jesus, the Thematic Framework, the Kingdom of God, and the Covenantal Arrangement: the Law, the Prophets and the Writings.

If you can't make it to lunch, the same lesson will be taught in the evening during the Gathering (5:45-7:30 PM) over the six Tuesdays. Hope to see you there!

Note:We are looking for volunteers who might be willing to help prepare lunch (soup and bread) for these six Tuesdays. We anticipate less than 20 people or so. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in providing a meal or if you plan to attend.

**VBS 2023: July 10th-14th**

Please stay tuned for an upcoming prayer meeting to begin preparations!

**HEALTH MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

The LRPC Health Ministry is officially being launched and is beginning to recruit volunteers to serve in the ministry. Types of services volunteers can offer include:

* Visiting members in their homes, the hospital, or in a nursing home
* Accompanying or transporting members to medical appointments
* Relieving a caregiver for a few hours
* Visiting and offering assistance to new parents
* Praying with/for members with health challenges
* Helping members find health, social, or financial resources

Training will be offered to volunteers on Saturday March 18, from 9 a.m. until noon. If interested, please complete a Health Ministry Volunteer Application located on the table by the Welcome Desk in the lobby and leave it in the designated box by February 26. You may request more information from members of the Health Ministry Leadership Team (Charlotte Eliopoulos, Ellen Metzger, Miriam Logan, Carol Morrison) or email LRPCHealthMinistry@gmail.com.

**NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS**

If you are interested in finding out more about LRPC, and particularly about becoming a member, please join us for our upcoming New Member Class on March 12th, 19th, and 26th.  These three classes will focus on Who We Are, What We Believe (and Why), and How We Worship & Work @ LRPC.  We meet after worship and will provide lunch to all who attend.  You will also be introduced to representatives of each of the three Boards (the Session, the Deacons, and the Trustees), and what they do, as they will prepare the meal for us!

                If you plan to attend, please email or call the church office to sign up.  We’ll also send you an online (print copies available as needed) membership application to fill out.  If you are interested in membership but cannot come to the class, please let us know.  ATTENDING THE CLASS DOES NOT OBLIGATE YOU TO JOIN, but we sure hope you will prayerfully consider making LRPC your church home.