Lord’s Day, February 26, 2023

Communion Sunday/1st Sunday in Lent

*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 Heb. 1:2-3a ESV

*“…but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”*

Welcome/Announcements Brea Duty

Prelude

Call to Worship John 1:1-5, 9-13

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *In Christ Alone He Will Keep You*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 9

Q.26. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.**

**He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to fo this because he is a faithful Father.**

\*The Confession of Sin (see inside of bulletin)

\*Assurance of Pardon Jn. 1:14 & 16

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal #735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Missions Report Steve Maddox

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #432 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”, vs. 2, 4

**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,**

**and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.**

**And we believe thy Word, though dim our faith may be,**

**whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.**

*We ask that children stay in the sanctuary with their parents, as there is no Children’s Church on Communion Sundays***.**

Scripture Colossians 1:15-23 p. 1164

Sermon “Understanding the Journey to the Cross: Creation”

\*Hymn #111 “This Is My Father’s World”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #447 “Christ for the World We Sing”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of February 27 – March 3**

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, 2/26 Jean Bender and Edie Milligan

3/5 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

3/12 John Selby and Danielle Breneman

3/19 Kristen Nichols and Karl Mangels

**Tech Team for 3/5: Alan Koski and Jeff Oskamp**

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**

**Monday, February 27, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, February 28, 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**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study**

*Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

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

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

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

9:00 a.m. **Health Ministry Volunteer Training**

**Sunday, March 5, 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**

**(see insert)**

**Church News**​

**LENTEN TEACHING SERIES (6 WEEKS)**

Don’t forget that every Tuesday during Lent we will be having Lenten Lunches at noon. Come out for a meal, with teaching and discussion. Can’t make it at noon? We will have the same lesson that evening at the Gathering. Hope to see you there. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare lunch (soup and bread) for one of these six Tuesdays, please fill out the sign-up sheet on the table in the Lobby.

**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.

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

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

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING**

On Sunday, March 5, directly following the worship service, there will be a planning meeting for the upcoming Strawberry Festival ni room 203. Please come and stay for this meeting if you are interested in finding out about how you can help.

**Confession of Sin (paraphrased from *Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confessions and Celebration)***

**Mighty God, You are the great Creator, who has made all things from nothing. In the beginning you made man in your image and declared all your handiwork to be good. But Adam fell, exchanging the glorious light of your love for the darkness of sin and rebellion; each one of us sinned in Adam, and we continue to sin. Though we still are drawn to walk in darkness many times each day, you sent your Son into this world to shine the radiant light of your love on vile sinners like us. Thank you, Lord.**

**Jesus, all things were made through you. You are worthy of the worship of angels, yet you laid aside your crown and took on our flesh in order to destroy our darkness. Though you were the Light of the World, you were slain by darkness in order to satisfy the wrath of your Father as you paid for the sin of your people. Then bursting forth from the darkness of death, you rose again into the glorious light of day and victoriously carried our human flesh and blood into the courts of heaven. There in heaven, those you have redeemed will worship you forever as Savior and King.**

**Holy Spirit, draw our hearts from darkness to light. Show us the glory of our Redeemer and cause us to revel in his love and bask in the warmth and joy of his great pleasure in us. Cause us to hate the darkness of our sin and flee to the brightness of his love, which welcomes us as treasured family members and carries us as honored guests to the table of celebration. We come in his holy name, amen.**