Lord’s Day, March 12, 2023

3rd 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 Col. 1:13 ESV

*“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son…”*

Welcome/Announcements Sue Milligan

Ministry Minute Upcoming YFC Fundraiser George Considine

Prelude

Call to Worship Heb. 12:18-29

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *He Will Keep You*

 *His Mercy is More*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 11

Q.29. Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

**A. Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.**

Q.30. Do those who look for their salvation and security in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

**A. No. Although they boast of being his, by their deeds they deny the only savior and deliverer, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.**

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 #461 “Not What My Hands Have Done”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #638 (v. 2)

**O'er the blest mercy seat, pleading for me,**

**upward in faith I look, Jesus, to thee:**

**help me the cross to bear, thy wondrous love declare,**

**some song to raise, or prayer, something for thee.**

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

Scripture Rom. 3:21-31 p. 1118-9

Sermon: “Understanding the Journey to the Cross: Redemption”

\*Hymn #650 “I Will Song of My Redeemer”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of March 13 – March 17**

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. 3/12 John Selby and Danielle Breneman

3/19 Kristen Nichols and Karl Mangels

3/26 Susan Bowen and Carol Bronakoski

4/2 Sue Milligan and Debbie Sisson

**Tech Team for 3/19: Zach Mangels and Sam Maddox**

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)

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

12:30 p.m. **New Member Class**

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

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

7:00 p.m. **Session Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

**\*PRESBYTERY\***

11:45 a.m. **Lenten Luncheon**

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

5:30 p.m. **The Gathering**

5:45 p.m. **TOPS**

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

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Hannah Circle** *The Forgotten God*

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study** *Spiritual Disciplines…*

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

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

**Friday, March 17, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Lydia Circle** *Remembering the Forgotten God*

**Sunday, March 19, 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

12:30 p.m. **New Member Class**

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

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**FRONTIERS: JONAH OF NINEVEH**
Here are the prayer requests we received from Jonah of Nineveh:

1. Please join us in prayers for Jennifer's heart health to improve.

2. Pray for Jonah as he provides leadership, teaching, pastoral care from a
distance and travel. Distribution of Scripture, Promoting Books that are
most suitable to those who are interested in knowing the Truth of the
Gospel.

3. We are planning to place Bibles, New Testaments in the hands of those
people who promise to read faithfully.

4. Our team is discussing with one Christian Radio in London to broadcast my Zoom messages on their Radio. This way, our out-reach will expand to many more people. We are looking at all the pros and cons of all these matters and will make a final decision in the light of all facts, both negative and positive. Please join us in prayer for the Lord's wisdom as we discuss all
of this.

5. We ask for prayers for a young Christian girl who has been
severely burnt with acid because she would not change her religion and marry this man. Of course, the man who did this will never be brought to justice.

6. Thank you for continuing to pray for our children and grandchildren. That
they will focus on what is True and the grace that is available to us all
the time.

**PRAYING FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD: ENGAGING OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE**

Each year we encourage prayer for the Muslim World, especially during Ramadan, the 30 days from March 18 to April 17, when they are focused on fasting and religious observation.

For several years we have made available copies of a prayer guide, *30 Days of Prayer*, a helpful tool for learning more about Muslims and their beliefs.  Daily segments focus on different areas of the world and provide suggested items for prayer.

Barbara Reed has ordered 20 copies of this prayer guide and has been distributing them to the people who requested a copy.  She still has 8 or 9 copies left, so if you would like to participate in this global prayer effort, please see her today so that you will be prepared  for the first day of Ramadan, Saturday, March 18.

**Church News**​

**LENTEN LUNCHES**

Don’t forget that during Lent, we will be having our Lenten Lunches every week on Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., followed by teaching from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. If you are unable to attend the lunches, the same session will be taught on Tuesday evenings during the Gathering. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS**

Our New Members’ Class starts today and will meet for three weeks (today, March 19, and March 26).  These classes will focus on Who We Are, What We Believe (and Why), and How We Worship & Work at LRPC.  We meet after worship and provide lunch to all attending.

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

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

**YOUTH FOR CHRIST FUNDRAISER**

**Metro Maryland Youth for Christ** will be holding their annual fundraising banquet on Tuesday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. at Martin’s West. The guest speaker will be Terry Crews and the musical guest Tasha Layton.

We are seeking sponsors, table hosts, and guests.  If you are interested in sponsoring or attending this informative celebration of how God is working to disciple kids 11-19 years old, please reach out to George Considine at George@OldhamMurdockProperties.com  or call 410-663-2450.

**TRUSTEES’ SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY**

Mark your calendars! The trustees are planning a workday for the morning of Saturday, April 1. More information on specific projects to come. Talk to Jeff Oskamp if you have any questions.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Bryan Nichols has moved. His new address is now: 911 Saxon Hill Dr., Cockeysville, MD 21030. Please update your directories at home.