Lord’s Day, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row to your left. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Please place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate 1 Jn. 3:2 ESV

*“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”*

Welcome/Announcements Sue Milligan

Mission Report Katie Milligan

Prelude

Call to Worship Rev. 5:5-14

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *Cornerstone*

 *Your Will Be Done*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 12

Q.31. Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

**A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our case with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

Q.32. But why are you called a Christian?

**A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

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 #648 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Baptism of Naomi Dirscherl

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #638 (v. 4)

**All that I am and have - thy gifts so free -**

**ever in joy or grief, my Lord, for thee;**

**and when thy face I see, my ransomed soul shall be,**

**through all eternity, offered to thee.**

Scripture Rev. 21:1-8 p. 1233-34

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

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

\*Hymn #327 “One Day He’s Coming”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of March 20 – March 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. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today. 3/19 Kristen Nichols and Karl Mangels

3/26 Susan Bowen and Carol Bronakoski

4/2 Sue Milligan and Debbie Sisson

4/9 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

**Upcoming Tech Team**

**3/26 Zach and Sam**

**4/2 Alan and Jeff**

**4/7 Zach and Andrew**

**4/9 Melissa and Patrick**

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 19, 2023**

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

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

**Monday, March 20, 2023**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

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

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

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

11:45 a.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, March 23, 2023**

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

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

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

**Friday, March 24, 2023**

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

 **Saturday, March 25, 2023**

11:00 a.m. **Memorial Service for Mike Geraghty**

**Sunday, March 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

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

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**BALM: KRISHNA KANDEL, HOUSE CHURCH PLANT**
Here are the prayer requests and praises we received from Krishna Kandel:

Praises:

1. Praise God that we were able to have a big Christmas celebration at our home with 30 people.

2. Praise God for His great provisions to feed them with Nepali dishes, Christmas gifts and Bibles.

Prayer requests:

1. There are seven families who have responded to the gospel well and are interested in Discovery Bible Studies. So please pray so that we can do this in our gatherings.

2. Please pray for the resources to buy Nepali grocery food to feed them in our gatherings.

3. Pray so that I can have time to give them rides to get to grocery stores, hospitals and other necessary rides, and for the gasoline.

4. Please pray as we want to invite 30 plus people for an Easter program, and for the necessary needs on that day.

5. Pray for me so that I can have more time for reaching out to the Nepalese community with the gospel and lead them to our home Church and main Church.

**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 still has six copies left, so if you would like to participate in this global prayer effort, please see her today..

**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 DONORS NEEDED**

The Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at LRPC on Friday April 21, from 1:00 -6:00 p.m. In addition to donating blood yourself, please invite others to donate as well. You can schedule an appointment by going to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), clicking “Make an Appointment,” and then scrolling down to locate Loch Raven Presbyterian Church); or you can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS**

Our New Members’ Class started last week and will meet today and next week.  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.