Lord’s Day, April 16, 2023

*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 Acts 17:1-3 ESV

*“Now when they …came to Thessalonica…Paul went in…and… reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, ‘This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ’.”*

Welcome/Announcements Nancy Stagge

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 115:1-8, 18

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *May the People Praise You*

 *He Will Keep You*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 16

Q.40. Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

**A. Because God’s justice and truth demand it: only the death of God’s Son could pay for our sin.**

Q.41. Why was he “buried”?

**A. His burial testifies that he really died.**

Q.42. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

**A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.**

Q.43. What further advantage do we receive from Christ’s sacrifice and death on the cross?

**A. Through Christ’s death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.**

Q.44. Why does the creed add, “He descended to hell”?

**A. To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.**

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 #273 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

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

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

**praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 1 pp. 1172

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

Sermon “Good Gospel Grounds to Give Thanks”

\*Hymn #591 “Jesus Calls Us”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of April 17th – April 21st**

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. 4/16 Diane Insley and Carolyn Clark

4/23 Brian Duty and Ellen Metzger

4/30 TBD

5/7 Jean Bender and Edie Milligan

**Upcoming Tech Team**

**4/23 Ethan and Carol**

**4/30 Gina and Brian**

**5/7 Alan and Jeff**

**5/14 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, April 16, 2023**

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

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

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

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

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

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

7:00 p.m. **Hannah Circle**

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

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

1:30 p.m. **Men and Women’s Bible Study** *Acts*

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

**Friday, April 21, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Lydia Circle**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

9:30 a.m.

**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-NEXT): ERIC & ANNA GRAHAM, COLOMBIA, S.A.**

Eric shared the following items for prayer.

1. In February he accidentally cut his middle finger in his left hand, severing a tendon and nerve. He reports that the finger is doing much better.  Since the cast was removed two weeks ago, he has been regaining strength, mobility, and feeling in the hand. Pray that his hand will be totally healed and strengthened.
2. He reports that his back pain has returned and has become more intense. Pray that his pain will lessen.
3. Pray that God will provide adequate support for them. Currently they have a deficit in their account.  In July they will be in the States for a retreat with missionary kids.  While here, they will do some support raising.
4. Pray for the children. He says they are doing fine, but that discipline is “really hard.”  Jules will be starting kindergarten in August/September. They will be doing a co-op with other families, both Colombian and American, so it will be bilingual schooling.

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

We encourage you to continue praying 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.

**Church News**​

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

**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 by calling him at 410-663-2450 or by email at George@OldhamMurdockProperties.com.