Lord’s Day, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

*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 Ps. 118:14 ESV

*“The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.”*

Welcome/Announcements Nancy Stagge

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps 118:1, 26-29

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *Jesus is Alive*

*In Christ Alone*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 14

Q.35. What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

**A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David’s true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.**

Q.36. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

**A. He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God’s sight my sin – mine since I was conceived.**

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 #235 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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 Matt 21:1-11 pp. 981-982

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

Sermon: “A Paradoxical Parade”

\*Hymn #295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of April 3rd – April 7th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: office closed for Good Friday

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today. 4/2 Sue Milligan and Debbie Sisson

4/9 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

4/16 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

4/23 Brian Duty and Ellen Metzger

**Upcoming Tech Team**

**4/7 Zach and Andrew**

**4/9 Melissa and Patrick**

**4/16 Ronnie and Sam**

**4/23 Ethan 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)

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, April 3, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

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

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

**NO GATHERING**

**NO ESOL**

7:45 p.m. **Missions Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Service at Aisquith**

**Friday, April 7, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Good Friday Service at LRPC**

**Saturday, April 8, 2023**

10:00 a.m. **Blanket Fleece Group**

**Sunday, April 9, 2023**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service followed by potluck

**No Children’s Sunday School Classes Easter Sunday**

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*  **not meeting on Easter**

12:30 p.m. **Easter Egg Hunt**

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

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**ONE COLLECTIVE: KAREN HANSEN, HEADQUARTERS**

Pray for the people who attended orientation in January and training in February.  Pray for the team of four who are already serving and for the one woman who will deploy in May.

Pray for Karen as she continues to coach those in the fundraising process.  Pray that God will continue to comfort Karen as she adjusts to Rich’s death.  Pray that she will find a place to serve in the local church she attends.

**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 at [George@OldhamMurdockProperties.com](mailto:George@OldhamMurdockProperties.com)  or call 410-663-2450.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Children in elementary school and younger are invited to hunt for Easter eggs after the worship service on Easter Sunday. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place by the playground. Parents, please stay with your children. We will gather by the lobby sitting area and head out as a group after the worship service. Bags will be provided for children to collect eggs. Thank you to all who filled our 250 eggs with goodies!

**MORE DONORS NEEDED FOR APRIL 21 BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross Blood Drive that will be held in a few weeks needs more donors. If you plan to donate, please sign up by going to the Red Blood website at  [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org/). From there, click on *Make an Appointment* and scroll down to Loch Raven Presbyterian Church. Or, if you prefer, you can also call 1-800-733-2767, or email  [LRPCHealthMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:LRPCHealthMinistry@gmail.com). Please invite family and friends to donate as well. If you need any help with registering or have any questions, you may call Charlotte Eliopoulos at 410-615-1559.

**NO GATHERING ON APRIL 4**

We just wrapped up our series for Lent, led by Bryant Park. We will take a week off for Easter, and not meet this coming Tuesday, April 4. We will resume the R.C. Sproul study on April 11.