Lord’s Day, April 23, 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 20:28 ESV

*“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”*

Welcome/Announcements Nancy Stagge

Prelude

Call to Worship Rom. 10:9-17

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs *Death was Arrested* *Turn Your Eyes*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 17

Q.45. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

**A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.**

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 #442 “Arise, O God”

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 2 pp. 1172-73

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

Sermon “The Work of the Gospel in Ministry and Life”

\*Hymn “Speak, O Lord” see PowerPoint

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of April 24th – April 28th**

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, 4/23 Brian Duty and Ellen Metzger

4/30 Erin Beerli and Brea Duty

5/7 Jean Bender and Edie Milligan

5/14 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

**Upcoming Tech Team**

**4/30 Gina and Brian**

**5/7 Alan and Jeff**

**5/14 Melissa and Patrick**

**5/21 Zachary and Sam**

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 24, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

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

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

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

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

**Thursday, April 27, 2023**

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/Prayer Conference Line**

**Friday, April 28, 2023**

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

**Sunday, April 30, 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**

**REFUGEE MINISTRY – THE SALAAM CENTER**

The Salaam Center has been serving and showing God’s love to immigrants, refugees, and international visitors from many North African and Middle Eastern nations at their Baltimore location since 2016. They provide friendship, English language tutoring, food, clothing, and used furniture to the refugees who have those needs.

Pray for Reda Narouz, director of the center, and the volunteers who participate in this ministry.  In the past year they were able to purchase a larger store front area next to their first location.  Pray for them as they continue to transition to this larger space. Praise God that BALM (Baltimore Antioch Leadership Movement) has partnered with them to help with the renovation of this new space.  Praise God that a team of volunteers from several churches was able to perform demolition on the second floor to ready the area for the renovation work. Pray that God will provide the necessary funding to complete this construction.

**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](mailto:George@OldhamMurdockProperties.com).

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4. There will be bookmarks in the lobby that you can take, either for a reminder for yourself or to hand out to others.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SIGN-UP**

The next two Sundays, 4/23 and 4/30, there will be an information/sign-up table in the lobby about the Strawberry Festival. Be sure to stop by and sign up for any of the activities for the festival. We need many workers doing many easy tasks to make this OUTREACH ACTIVITY a success! Be sure to mark your calendar for June 3, from 4 to 7 p.m.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE/OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

For the last seven years, Franklin Graham, President and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) and Samaritan's Purse, has been bringing the gospel message to various areas of the United States of America through the God Loves You tour.  The 2023 God Loves You Tidewater Tour is free with special musical guests and will include several venues in Maryland:

* Southern Potomac River Region: Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., Charles County Fairgrounds, 8440 Fairground Road, La Plata, MD 20646
* Baltimore Region: Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD 21093
* Tri-State Region: Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., Fair Hill Fairgrounds, 4640 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921
* Eastern Shore Region: Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., TidalHealth Stage, 115 East Carroll Street, Salisbury, MD 21801 (Located at East Carroll & South)

For more detailed information, please go to their web page:  <https://godlovesyoutour.com/>

Please also continue to keep Operation Christmas Child in your prayers and to start shopping for bargains to help you pack a shoebox for our churchwide campaign this fall.