Lord’s Day, July 9, 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 On Ps. 86:5 ESV

*“For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.”*

Welcome/Announcements Joe D’Avella

Prelude

Call to Worship 1 Peter 1:3

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs  *Majesty How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

\*The Confession of Faith

 *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 28

(Please note: because of the length of the Confession of Faith this week, it is printed on the inner page of the bulletin.)

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 #254 “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #432 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”, v. 2

**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.**

Scripture Eph 2:1-10 p. 1159-60

Sermon “From Death to Life”

\*Hymn #261 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of July 10th – July 14th**

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.

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**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 7/9 Erin Beerli and Marlene Wawrzyniak

7/16 Anel Coss and John Selby

7/23 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

7/30 Brea Duty and Danielle Breneman

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

7/16 Zach and Sam

7/23 Robbie and Carol

7/30 Gina and Brian

8/6 Alan and Jeff

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)

**GROW Conference 2023: Our Great God**

Calling all disciple makers! Please plan to attend the GROW Conference this August 4th and 5th. Friday night, August 4th, watch online from home from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday morning, August 5th, come to church to watch, grow, and pray together as a church family. Please save the date, especially if you serve in the nursery, Children's Church, Sunday School, Gathering Kids, ESOL Kids, and/or VBS. There will be breakfast and giveaways! More details to come.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, July 10, 2023**

**VBS**

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

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

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

**VBS**

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

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

**NO GATHERING**

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

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**VBS**

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

**VBS**

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

**Friday, July 14, 2023**

**VBS**

**Sunday, July 16, 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: *Union with Christ*  Room 203

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

**NEW EMAIL FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Please note that Brea Duty now has a new email address for Children's Ministry: LRPCKids@gmail.com. Please use this address for anything children (or youth) related.

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**JAARS (JUNGLE AVIATION AND RELAY SERVICES): ADAM & STEPHANIE GREENHOW**

Adam works with the maintenance team at JAARS and helps host the visiting mission teams that come to help with different projects at the Waxhaw center. He noted in a recent newsletter that JAARS just celebrated its 75th anniversary. He also indicated that the acronym has changed slightly and reads as follows: Jungle Aviation and Relay Services. LRPC teams the last two summers got to know him and Stephanie as they performed the tasks assigned to them.

Please pray for them as they interact with the different teams this summer. They have had teams from Friend Christian Church in Friend, Nebraska; Derry, New Hampshire; Compassion Church, Savannah, GA; and a team of 34 who drove all the way from Wisconsin. Praise God for two new teachers now helping out at the MK Station. Praise God for good health and for several projects accomplished by the mission teams.

**MTW EAST COAST MISSIONS CONFERENCE**

On July 14th and 15th, MTW (Mission to the World, the PCA's international missions committee) is hosting a Missions Conference at Korean Central Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, VA. There's an evening session on Friday night (7 - 9 p.m.) and an all-day session on Saturday (10 a.m. - 9 p.m.). If anyone is interested in attending (either session or both), please email Bryant with your intention at bparklrpc@gmail.com. Thanks!

**Church News**​

**VBS 2023: JULY 10th- 14th (9 AM – 12 NOON)**

Scottish Sleuths Vacation Bible School! Children ages four to those entering sixth grade are invited to experience Loch Raven Presbyterian Church's 2023 Vacation Bible School - The Scottish Sleuths and the Case of the Mystifying Miracles! Super Bible Sleuth Angus McTavish and Professor Dabney Thornwell are returning with an all-new adventure to lead your children on a Bible case and help them to become investigators of God's Word. Registration is now closed.

**The Confession of Faith (Lord’s Day 28)**

Q.75. How does the Lord’s Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ’s one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?

**A. In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command he gave this promise: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.**

**Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ’s body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.**

Q.76. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?

**A. It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and by believing to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life.**

**But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ’s blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as members of our body are by one soul.**

Q.77. Where does Christ promise to nourish and refresh believers with his body and blood as surely as they eat this broken bread and drink this cup?

**A. In the institution of the Lord’s Supper: “The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”**

**This promise is repeated by Paul in these words: “Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”**