Lord’s Day, August 6, 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 Mark 8:29 ESV

*“And he asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Christ’.”*

Welcome/Announcements Gina Sheets

Ministry Minute ESOL Rachel Stenger

Prelude

Call to Worship Isa. 40:1-5

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Your Words Are Wonderful*

 *Behold Him*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 32

Q.86. We have been delivered from our misery by God’s grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

**A. To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

Q.87. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and impenitent ways?

**A. By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like is going to inherit the kingdom of God.**

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 #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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 heav’nly host:**

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

Scripture Mark 1:1-8 p. 994

Sermon “The Beginning of The Gospel”

\*Hymn #165 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of August 7th – August 11th**

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, 8/6 Kristen Nichols and Cindy Walshe

8/13 Susan Bowen and Carole Williams

8/20 Sara Feazell and Debbie Sisson

8/27 Brenda Mangels and Carolyn Clark

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

8/13 Ethan and Patrick

8/20 Robbie and Sam

8/27 Melissa and Carol

9/3 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/)

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Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

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**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, August 7, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

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

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

6:45 p.m. **ESOL Planning Meeting**

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

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

7:00 p.m. **Prayer Conference Line**

**Sunday, August 13, 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.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**CHINA OUTREACH MINISTRIES (COM): DR. BEAU MILLER, DIRECTOR OF CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS, & MID-ATLANTIC AREA**

Please pray for COM’s campus ministries in the mid-Atlantic as they prepare for and greet incoming Chinese students/scholars. Pray for new contacts, favor, and outreach opportunities among new Chinese at UMD, JHU, Penn State, and Philadelphia institutions.

**Iris Maurer** expressed thanks for LRPC’s financial support. She also asked for prayer for the UMD outreach: “Please pray that many Chinese students and scholars will come to UMD, and that God will prepare them to become open to the Gospel. Also, pray that we can pick up at the airport many more than last year and that we can maintain contact with them throughout the year. They typically arrive during August. Pray that we’ll be very efficient these next weeks as we prepare for airport pickups.” Especially pray for young COM staff to join our team at UMD.

**Church News**​

**NEW NURSERY LOCATION**

The nursery has been (temporarily) relocated upstairs in room 201 until further notice. Nursery is available year-round for infants through age 3 during the 11:00 Worship Service. Children age 4 and above are welcome to the nursery if needed during worship, as there is no Children's Church for summer break. Contact Brea Duty with any questions.

**CHURCH BARBEQUE - VISITING WITH PAUL & CHRISTY DUBOIUS**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 2, at 4:00 p.m. Paul and Christy Dubois are missionaries that the LRPC missions team worked with at JAARS the past two summers and they will be visiting us Labor Day weekend. We look forward to welcoming them with a picnic/barbeque on Saturday evening. The whole church is invited! Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Weather permitting, we will have outdoor games set up.