Lord’s Day, September 3, 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 Jn. 4:34-35 ESV

*“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, “There are yet four months, then comes the harvest”? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest’.”*

Welcome/Announcements Jeff Oskamp

Prelude

Call to Worship Isa. 55:1-3, 6

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs  *Rejoice*

*The Power of the Cross*

The Confession of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 36

Q.99. What is God’s will for us in the third commandment?

**A. That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders. In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess him, pray to him, and praise him in everything we do and say.**

Q.100. Is blasphemy of God’s name by swearing and cursing really such serious sin that God is angry also with those who do not do all they can to help prevent it and forbid it?

**A. Yes, indeed. No sin is greater, no sin makes God more angry than blaspheming his name. That is why he commanded the death penalty for it.**

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 #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 John 6:27-29 p. 1059-60

Sermon “Labor Day and the Bread of Life”

\*Hymn #441 “Jesus Shall Reign”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of September 4th – September 8th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (slight change in hours)

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (slight change in hours)

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 9/3 Diane Insley and Becky Spangler

9/10 Brian Duty and Anel Coss

9/17 Erin Beerli and Marlene Wawrzyniak

9/24 Jean Bender and John Selby

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

9/10 Melissa and Patrick

9/17 Zachary and Sam

9/24 Gina and Carol

10/1 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)

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

12:30 p.m. **\*KICK-OFF SUNDAY AND POTLUCK\***

**Monday, September 4, 2023**

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

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

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

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

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

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study**

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

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

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

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

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

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**\*CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS\***

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *John’s Letters* 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**

**BALTIMORE ANTIOCH LEADERSHIP MOVEMENT (BALM)**

Pray for Craig and Maria Garriott and Stan Long as they lead BALM in various activities: church planting, church renewal, the Baltimore Underground Network, and teaching at Metro Baltimore Seminary. Maria shared the following Information/requests in her Tuesday prayer email:

In these waning days of summer, we are trying to squeeze in a bit of rest and gear up for a busy fall.

* Pray for safe travels for Pastor Stan this weekend as he helps his son move back to the Eastern Shore.
* Pray that God would raise up additional students in the Church Planting & Renewal track and the Urban Ministry track at Metro Baltimore Seminary. Praise God for several recent MBS graduates who have been preaching in the Baltimore area this summer, including Gerry Sutter, Derek Pulliam, and Shvan Zangana.
* Pray for wisdom about our next Missionary Pathway Microchurch Training class, scheduled to begin this month. If we don't have seven couples/singles sign up, we will postpone the event until January.
* Pray for Maria's two Parakaleo Alongside groups for ministry wives, which begin this month. Pray that women would be encouraged, strengthened in their roles, and pointed to Jesus!

**Church News**​

**MEN AND WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY STARTING UP AGAIN SOON**

The weekly Bible Study for men and women which meets on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. will resume its study after the summer break on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. We will continue our study of the Book of Acts. The invitation is open to all men and women of the church, so prayerfully consider coming to join us. For further information call Nadim Warsal at 443-425-3880.

**SAVE THE DATE**

If you are interested in finding out about becoming a member of LRPC, please plan to come to our Enquirers’ Class on Sundays, September 17, 24, and October 1. The class will be at 12:30 p.m. immediately following the service, and lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office to let them know by either calling 410-661-5777 or emailing the office at [lochravenpca@gmail.com](mailto:lochravenpca@gmail.com) .

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!**

Beginning on September 17, 2023, the Session will lead a Sunday School class on healthy communication among church members. The class will be offered for the whole church (children excepted), and it will be held for 12 weeks. We will be using the resource *Respect the Image*, by Timothy Shorey. If anyone has any questions about the class, please reach out to your Shepherding Elder. We are ordering some copies of the book and will have them available for purchase should you desire. Looking forward to growing with you in this important and God-honoring subject.

**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - THURSDAYS, 9:30 AT THE CHURCH**

Join the new Women’s Bible Study on Thursday for a study of 1 Peter - A Living Hope in Christ, with video teaching by Jen Wilkin, starting Thursday, September 14 and running through November 30. For more information, contact Carol Russell at [cjrussell74@yahoo.com](mailto:cjrussell74@yahoo.com), Linda Reter at [lreter87@gmail.com](mailto:lreter87@gmail.com) , or Charlotte Eliopoulos at [charlotte@womenafire.com](mailto:charlotte@womenafire.com) .

**ESOL ENGLISH CLASSES - FLYERS AVAILABLE**

The LRPC ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Ministry will be having their student registration Tuesday, September 19! Flyers are available at the welcome desk in English, Spanish, Korean, Arabic and Chinese. You can take copies to distribute in your neighborhood, to your favorite local businesses, friends, and co-workers. Students can pre-register online at <http://lochravenpca.org/esol> . This will be our seventh year and we are giving God all the praise because this is His ministry! We ask and are grateful for your prayers as God continues to work through LRPC ESOL.

**GRIEFSHARE WORKSHOP AT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN**

For anyone who might be interested, Valley Presbyterian PCA is conducting a 14-week GriefShare workshop, starting September 12. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact Valley Presbyterian at [church.office@valleypca.org](mailto:church.office@valleypca.org) . You can also call their office at 410-828-6234.