Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, PCA

Verse to Meditate on Isaiah 7:14 ESV

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Gathering

Prelude

Call to Worship/Prayer of Invocation Luke 1:46-55

\*Praise Songs *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

 *Behold Him*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music *What Child Is This* Jenna Duty

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-5

\*Hymn #195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

**C**hristmas Eve, December 24, 2023, 7:00 PM

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-4

\*Hymn #194 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-21

Christmas Offering/ Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

Offertory Special Music *Brightest and Best*

 Josh and Rachel Stenger

Scripture Matt. 1:18-25

Sermon “God With Us”

Lighting of the Candles

\*Hymn #210 “Silent Night! Holy Night!”

Benediction

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*If you purchased a poinsettia, please take it home either tonight or by next Sunday, December 31.*

Welcome to Loch Raven Presbyterian Church (PCA) – especially those who are visiting us for the first time tonight. We are glad that you have joined us as we worship the One True and Living God who is revealed in Scripture and came to earth as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We especially desire to invite into God’s presence all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who sin and need a Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; and all who hunger and thirst for righteousness. It is the Love and Peace and Joy of God that we would offer you; come and be filled, come and find rest. Come and worship!

May I take a moment to introduce the church to you and invite you to come back in the New Year and worship with us at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings?

We are a church which strongly and wholeheartedly believes that the Bible is God’s Word. We joyfully confess that God is sovereign—that is, that God is BIG (bigger than us and bigger than our problems), and in control of all things. He is perfectly merciful and loving, as well as perfectly just and fair. He won’t let sinners go unpunished, but He has provided the only way of salvation through Jesus Christ.

It is our delight to share the Good News that anyone can know real and lasting peace with God. Life can be filled with vibrant hope and joy, even when the world around us is sometimes bleak and depressing.

At LRPC we don’t gloss over sin. We know the reality of evil and the power of temptation. But we never allow that to be the last word. God has given us the privilege of proclaiming the Gospel—that there is forgiveness for our sins!

Being God’s family in this place is a big deal to us and we want to welcome you in to experience the blessing of being part of God’s people. We pray that at our church the opportunity for you to be blessed and to be a blessing to others is real.

Please don’t hesitate to call (410-661-5777) or visit us on our website (LochRavenPCA.org). We’d love to talk to you!

In His Service,

Pastor David Milligan