

Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship devoutly, leave gratefully, and serve Christ faithfully.

Worship Preparation

Today is the First Sunday of Advent

Take time to meditate upon *Isaiah 11:1*

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.” NIV

Welcome/Announcements †

Choral Introit “Sing Out a Song”

Morning Worship

Call to Worship/Invocation Isaiah 11:1-2

The Lighting of the Advent Candle John and Carol Bronakoski

*Praise Songs

* Confession of Faith *The Nicene Creed* Powerpoint

Worship through the Giving of Tithes & Offerings/Prayer

Offertory “Advent Prayer”

*Offertory Response “Doxology” Hymn #731

Choral Anthem “Remember Me”

*Children’s Church is available for children from Grades 1 thru 5.
Please exit to the back of sanctuary after the Anthem*

Scripture

Genesis 3:15

Sermon “God Keeps His Christmas Promise”

*Hymn #221 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (vv. 1-2)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Hymn #221 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (vv. 3-4)

Prayer of Blessing

*Benediction

Postlude

LRPC Orchestra

**Congregation Stands – if you are unable to stand, please remain seated.*

† *Please sign the Attendance Register, and pass it down the row.*

Cards for visitors can be found in the Attendance Register.

Please place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate.

We welcome your prayer requests.

Worship Time Child Care

Cribbery: Sandy Magsamen and Marie Gray

Pre-K & K: Sharon Mariani and Hilda Lijewski

Children’s Church: Kathy and Bob Fagan

NEW ADULT ELECTIVE CLASS TO BEGIN

A new Sunday morning elective class will start on December 27. Moderated by Keith Wawryzniak, the discussion classes will be centered on the book *The Meaning of Marriage* by Timothy Keller. Participants are encouraged to purchase the book online (\$13.37) or at a nearby Christian bookstore. Consult with Keith or Brenda Mangels if you have questions.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you would like to show your appreciation for the efforts of the staff of LRPC this year, you may do so by making a contribution for Staff Christmas Gifts. Make all checks payable to LRPC; however, please CLEARLY note on the envelope and check that it is designated for the Staff Christmas Gift. You may place your gift in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or give it to an elder by Sunday, December 20. Thank you for your consideration.

Church Office Hours

WEEK OF November 30 – December 4, 2015

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday and Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday and Friday – office closed

Worship, Growth and Fellowship Opportunities

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting** in the Narthex

6:15 p.m. **TOPS** meeting in the Church

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

7:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting** in the Choir Room, Elder Keith Wawryzniak,
Prayer Emphasis – *Outreach and Evangelism Committee*

Thursday, December 3, 2015

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team Rehearsal** in the Choir Room

7:45 p.m. **Choir Practice** in the Choir Room

8:00 p.m. **Praise Band Rehearsal** in the Sanctuary

Friday, December 4, 2015

7:00 p.m. **Women's Ministries Christmas Tea** in the Sanctuary

Next Sunday, December 6, 2015

9:00 a.m. PRAYER TIME in the Church House Living Room

9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Adult Classes:

Berean Class (Women) – *1 & 2 Peter and Jude*– Library

Men's Class– Church Kitchen – *Parables*–

Austin Kenly (Teacher)

Young Adult Ministries – *Hebrews* - Church House–

Michael Kersten (Teacher)

Inquirers Class – Choir

Room – Pastor Milligan (Teacher)

Youth Classes:

Cribbery – TBD

Pre-K – Room 102 – Leland Knight and Brenda Mangels

Grades K-5 – Room 101 – Carol Morrison & Wendy Keller

Middle School – Church House – JoAnn Beck

Youth Group (Grades 9-12) – 1st Floor of Church House – *1 Peter* –
Carol Sweeney (Teacher)

10:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Worship

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – BUILDING VOTE

The Session calls a congregational meeting **for Saturday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m.** to vote on Phase 3 of the building expansion. The total cost of the project is \$1,492,495. LRPC's available cash on hand (as of October 31) is \$856,836. The total amount of funds pledged by the congregation is currently \$348,000; the amount of pledges outstanding (as of October 31) is \$287,249. The mortgage loan would be \$360,000 or less.

LRPC BUDGET MEETING

The annual LRPC Congregational Budget Meeting will be held on **Friday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.** for the purpose of reviewing and approving the income and expenditures forecast for 2016. This forecast will become the working 2016 budget with congregational approval.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS TEA

The annual Women's Ministries Christmas Tea is almost here. Please use the green insert or the small folded invitations in the narthex to invite family and friends. If you can bring a couple dozen homemade Christmas cookies, come with them by 6:30 p.m. that evening so they can be put on the trays or you can drop them off at the church office when it's open this week. Card tables are also needed. If you have one that can be used, please identify it with your name written on the underside and bring it to the narthex before 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 3. Helpers (particularly men to move the chairs) are needed to set up for the tea on Thursday evening and again at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning to reset the sanctuary for Sunday's worship and to wash and put away tea cups.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT & PRAYER EXCHANGE

We encourage you to bring an ornament (handmade or purchased) with your name on it. You can place it on the tree that is in the narthex. After Christmas, we will ask you to take someone else's ornament with you as a reminder to pray for that person. This is another opportunity to strengthen the prayer ministry at LRPC.

NEWSLETTER

The December edition of the *Loch Raven Press* is available in the narthex and online.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND WHITE GIFT SERVICE

Please mark your calendars! The Christmas Concert and White Gift Service will be held Sunday, December 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Music selections will range from traditional hymns to contemporary praise songs and include both instrumental and vocal arrangements. Many pieces will feature congregation participation. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served following the performance.

Do you play an instrument? Did you play an instrument? Do you want to play the triangle? Please consider joining the first-ever LRPC Christmas Band. All instruments are welcome. If interested, please email Melissa: trumpetgetch@yahoo.com no later than December 6th. I will select the song after I know what our instrumentation will be. Practice for the Christmas Band will be on Wednesday, December 16th, from 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. and the dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to the music, I am also in need of speakers during the concert. The speakers will read select scriptures that highlight the Christmas story. If you feel led to be a speaker/reader, please email Melissa.

Lastly, if you can assist with the hot chocolate and cookies, please let Melissa know. Melissa's email: trumpetgetch@yahoo.com

The concert will be followed by our annual **White Gift Service**. It has been a tradition for years to bring offerings of canned goods for the Christian Community Center and to wrap them in white tissue paper or to give cash in an envelope. Tom Homans has asked that we not wrap the cans because the folks at the Center just have to unwrap them in order to distribute them in their Christmas baskets. Additional items that would be welcome besides the canned goods are paper towel, toilet paper, and tissues.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

The annual LRPC Christmas Card Exchange is underway. As you prepare cards, **please only send cards to folks who regularly attend LRPC**. There will be a collection box where you can place your donation to the youth fund in lieu of paying for postage stamps. **Please check for cards addressed to you before or after the service.**