

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2016

8:00 p.m.

Gathering Thought: God is with us.

## ENTRANCE

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Silent Night*

- Gruber, arr. Keveren

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Christ is born; give him glory!

*People:* Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!

\*Hymn of Praise

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

UMH 234 (vs. 1,2,3,6)

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

UMH 881

\*The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles (*congregation seated*)

Opening Prayer (*seated & in unison*)

Almighty God, bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift to all people,  
so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us,  
and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

Pew Bible p. 555

The Christmas Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Jesus, Light of the World*

- Elderkin

\*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, as we dedicate our offerings,  
we devote ourselves to your service.  
Help us to live faithfully,  
growing in wisdom in the light of the miracle of Christmas.  
Thank you for giving us opportunities to bring tidings of joy to our neighbors  
through the ministries of this congregation. Amen.

\*Hymn of Preparation

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

UMH 230

Second Lesson

*Luke 2:1-20*

Pew Bible p. 832

Christmas Sermon

*What's Christmas All About*

Rev. Cliff Webner

## CANDLELIGHTING

\*Litany

*Leader:* The people living in darkness have seen a great light;  
*People:* A light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.  
*Leader:* Jesus says, "You are the light of the world.  
A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."  
*People:* In the same way, let your light shine before all people,  
so that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

\*Lighting of the Christmas Candles

*Tip unlighted candle to receive the flame from one already lit,  
and pass the light to others in your pew the same way. As your candles are lit, we will sing:*

\*Hymn

*Silent Night*

See Insert

\*Prayer of Dedication

*Please extinguish your candle following the prayer of dedication.*

## SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Commitment

*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*In Dulci Jubilo*

- J.S.Bach, arr. Paxton

*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*

*TFWS: The Faith We Sing*

*UMH: U.M. Hymnal*

***Bold print: in unison***  
*W&S: Worship and Song*

Welcome! Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests.

*If you presently have no church home,  
we hope you will consider making Loch Raven Church your home.*

Thank you for signing the pew registration book.

(Addresses, phone numbers, & email addresses help us to personally thank you for your visit.)

Please call the Church Office if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you.

**We appreciate the services today of:**

**Greeters:** Dorothy Thompson

**Acolyte:** usher

**Liturgist:** Patti Ferguson

**Advent Candle lighter:** Patti Ferguson

**Ushers:** Jen Dorsey, Joycelyn Williams, Amanda Brown

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

**Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.**

**Altar Flowers**

The bowl is given by Rob & Jen Weaver in celebration of the sixth birthday of their daughter, Ali.

**Ministries of Loch Raven Church**

**PRAYERS:** Please pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those on the Prayer List. The member to remember this week is: Ms. Ruth Weygand.

**PRESENCE:** December 18, 2016: 113

Offering: \$16,065.50

**LRUMC Mission Statement**

“Loch Raven United Methodist Church is a multicultural community of faith, called by God to be a living witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving as stewards of God's gifts and blessings. We minister through worship, learning, fellowship and mission to the community.”

**MINISTERS & EVANGELISTS:**

The People of Loch Raven United Methodist Church

**PASTOR:** Rev. Cliff Webner

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**PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**

Rev. Wayne Harting

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:**

Anne McCorkle Garrett

*Myra Wagner is currently on leave of absence.*

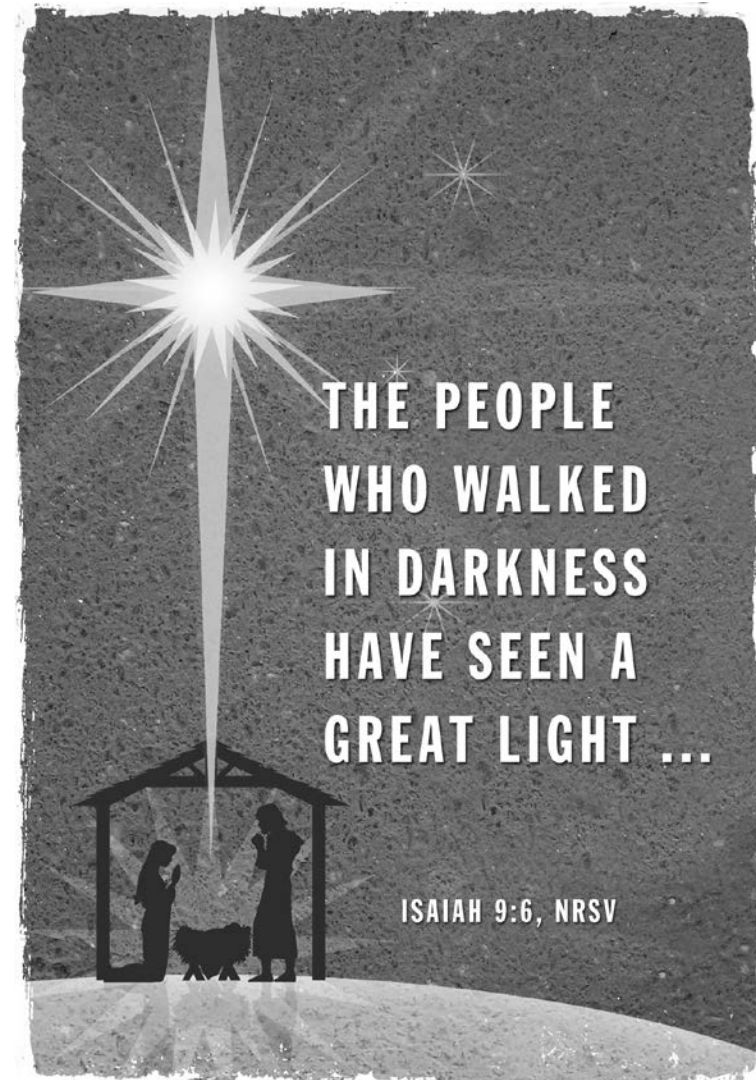
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**

Samuel Chin

**ORGANIST:**

Patricia Gould

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## **LOCH RAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## SHARING, CARING, AND STUDYING OPPORTUNITIES

Our **Advent sermon series “Time’s Up!”** concludes on Christmas Day.

The **2017 LRUMC Officer Lists** are available in the narthex.

The **2017 Offering Envelopes** are on a table in the Arcade (downstairs hallway). Please pick yours up today!

### Food Collections

During this December missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Jelly, Rice, and cereal. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

Many thanks to our **Altar Guild and their helpers** for making our sanctuary so beautiful for Christmas.

### Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, you may call the church office on Sunday morning to determine whether church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is 410-825-0900.

The **January/February Upper Room** is available in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Christmas Day	<i>no Sunday School</i>	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Christmas Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<i>no Fellowship Time</i>	
11:30 a.m.	St. Paul’s Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Dec. 26 to Jan. 3	Pastor Cliff on vacation <i>For pastoral emergencies, please call Rev. Wayne Harting, 410-663-0421, or the church office.</i>	
Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	The Learning Garden Preschool	Rooms 122, 116
Monday	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Tues. – Thurs.	<b>9 to 12</b>	<b>Church Office Hours</b>
Tues.	9:30 a.m.	<b>Sandwich Making for Essex UMC</b> Kitchen
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	<b>Spire Assembly</b> Fellowship Hall
Friday	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Room 128
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal Room 210

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	after worship	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
Jan. 2		<i>Church Office Closed</i>	



### **New Prayer Requests**

Terry Stowe *(by Patti Ferguson 12/19)*

Evan Horn *(by Yvonne & Gary 12/18)*

The family of Dellroy Harrison *(12/15)*

### **Recent Prayer Requests**

The family of Lee Hammond who passed 9 December *(by Judy Zahren 12/20)*

Dontae Pendleton *(by Jan Hoener 12/11)*

David Pearce *(by Sharon Neumann 12/11)*

James Edmonds *(by Rebecca Mickey 12/6)*

The family of Ralph Bartram *(by Bob Bartram 12/4)*

Michele Nelson and family of Eleanor *(Marcia Smith 11/27)*

Ray Weiss *(Marcia & Gary Smith 11/27)*

Georgia Fredette *(Cecelia Miller 11/27)*

James Wagner *(Myra Wagner 11/27)*

*Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.*