

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

GATHERING THOUGHT: "It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself." --Charles Dickens

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Thomas

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing and rejoice, O Daughter Zion!
People: For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.
Leader: Many nations will join themselves to the Lord in that day,
People: and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.

*HYMN OF PRAISE Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates UMH 213

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

Stir up your power, O God, and with great might come among us;
and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-6 Pew Bible p. 558

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY One Communion Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94

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, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us in wisdom and mercy.
Help our church's ministries to demonstrate your love for the world.
We dedicate our tithes and offerings to bless people in our community
who are searching for Christ's abiding peace.
We pray in his name. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH 216

SECOND LESSON II Corinthians 9:10-15 Pew Bible p. 942

SERMON God's Indescribable Gift Rev. Cliff Webner

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and
seek to live at peace with one another. Today, we will be serving by intinction.

The Great Thanksgiving Musical Settings TFWS p. 2257
The Lord's Prayer Samuel Chin, saxophone W&S 3068

Breaking the Bread
Giving the Bread and Cup

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT Away in a Manger UMH 217

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE Carol of the Bells - M. Leontovich

*GOING FORTH

*Please rise in posture or spirit
TFWS: The Faith We Sing UMH: U.M. Hymnal Bold print: in unison
W&S: Worship and Song

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SHARING, CARING, AND STUDYING OPPORTUNITIES

Our **Advent sermon series** called “**Time’s Up!**” continues.

CHRISTMAS FOR EDDIE GROZIER: Please help us with a few dollars to purchase Christmas gifts for Eddie. If you can assist with this ministry, please mark your envelope “Christmas for Eddie.” Thank you for your kindness.

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.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER UPPER ROOMS are available in two places in the Church – in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2nd floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These bi-monthly daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

Send a Christmas Blessing: What could be better? Send your church family a group Christmas card and donate the money you would have spent on more cards to Lifewater Canada. Last year the money raised helped provide clean drinking water in towns where people got sick and some died from water related disease. Just sign one card and post it on the big board in the arcade, starting first week in December. Make your donation by using the envelope in your pew marked “Christmas cards.” Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo “Missons.” Thanks for being a blessing to others.

Today	11:15 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
		<i>GROW Worship meeting is cancelled.</i>	
	11:30 am	St. Paul’s Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – Friday	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM	The Learning Garden Preschool	Rooms 122, 116
	6:30 AM – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:30 p.m.	Women in Christ Circle	Nancy Williams’ home
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Phyllis Downes Circle	Nancy Gillotti’s home
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees meeting	Parlor
Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Friday	10:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Mtg.	Parlor
	10:30 AM	Al-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 11		Spire deadline for January/February issue Cookie & Candy Sale	
Dec. 29	9:00 am	Spire Assembly	



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS ALIVE AT LOCH RAVEN

Christmas Cookie Sunday

December 11, 2016 after the church service

New Prayer Requests

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*)

Recent Prayer Requests

The family of Cheri Potter (*sister-in-law of Judy Zahren 11-22*)
Dontae Pendleton (*by Jan Hoener 11-20*)
Cardiac Staff at St. Joseph's (*by Merrill Harrison 11-20*)
Alfonso Cox's birthday (*11-20*)
Jim & Myra Wagner, Michael Francis, Velma Boykins, flood victims,
Renee Newton, Gary & Shirley Messman (*by Sheila Wyche 11-20*)
Dorothy Blamah (*mother of Doris Ndlovu 11/8*)
Birth of Logan to Tim Shelton & Jaclyn Bandell (*by Cheryl & Michael Koogler 11/6*)
Brian Myers (*Lacrosse coach by Marcia & Gary Smith 11/6*)
Birthday of son Miles (*by Jan Hoener 11/6*)

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

Buy cookies and candy



Make a holiday craft



Enjoy a cup of cider



Fill up your holiday cookie and candy jars without the mess of baking. Loch Raven's Fundraising Committee elves have been busy baking a variety of delicious cookies and candy. Purchase your favorites for your holiday enjoyment or as a gift for your Christmas shopping list for only \$8 a pound.

Manger Display and Tree Decorating Month

December is the month nativity displays are set up in the sanctuary and trees are decorated in Fellowship Hall and the arcade. To add your manger scene to this display, and/or to assist with tree decorating, contact Debi Wynn, Patti Ferguson, or Edward Smith.