

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:** Cheryl Wagner-Koogler  
**Ushers:** Jon Cuthbert, Amanda Brown, Jen Dorsey, Joycelyn Williams  
**Advent Candle Lighters/Readers:** The Cuthbert Family

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

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

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The bowl is given by Judy Zahren in memory of loved ones at Christmas.

The vases are given by Jim Harvill in thankfulness for his wife Nancy.

#### 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 Mrs. Shirley Messman.

**PRESENCE: December 17, 2017:** 144

**Offering:** \$11,448.00

#### 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  
**LEAD PASTOR:** Rev. George Winkfield, 301-379-4616 cell, PastorWinkfield@gmail.com

**PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** Rev. Wayne Harting, 443-966-0244 cell

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:** Myra Wagner office@lrumc.org

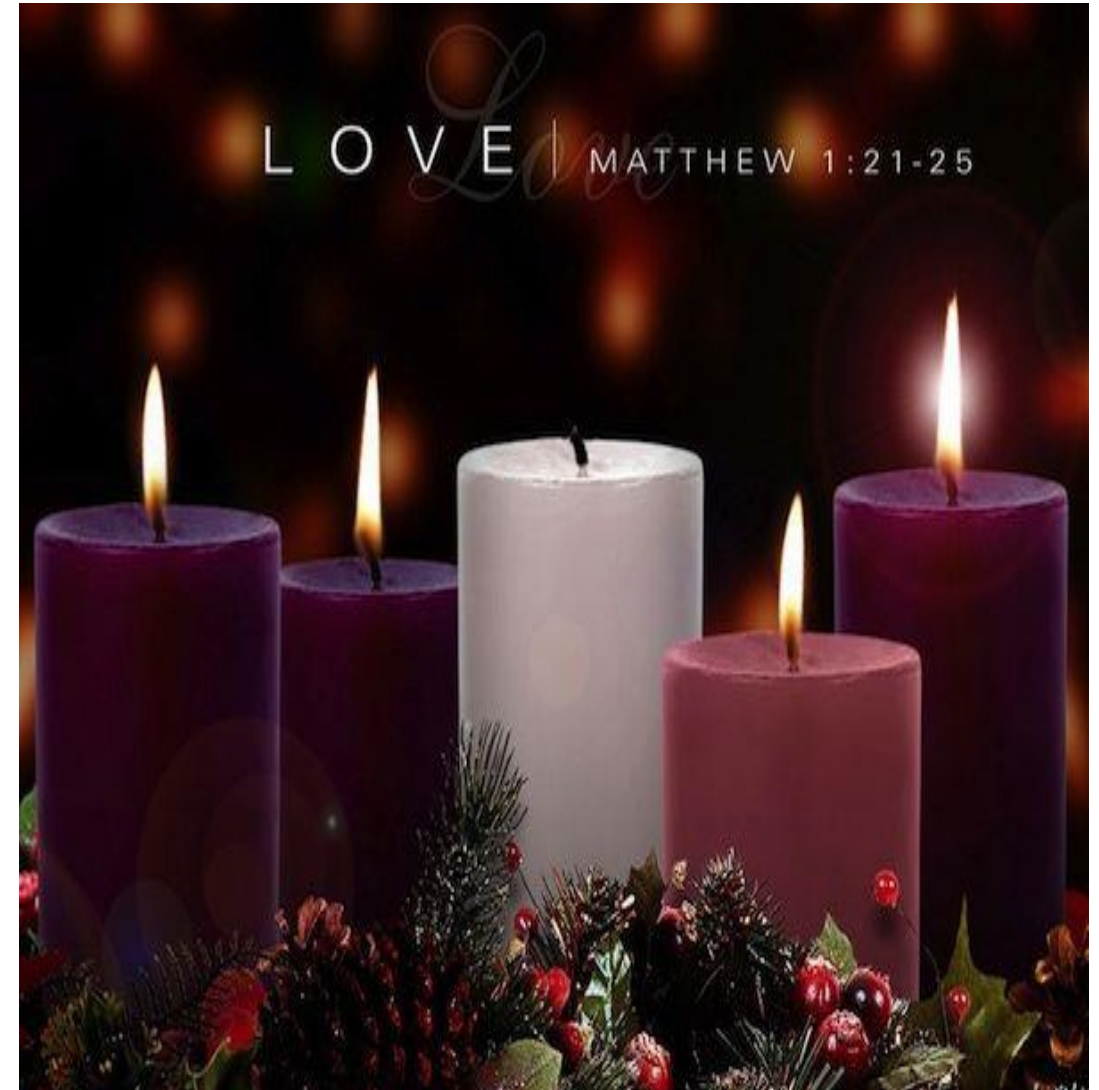
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Samuel Chin

**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** Amy Price

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017



### Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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## The Order of Worship

**CENTERING WORDS:** Let those who ponder the last-minute gift, those perplexed by holiday details, those overshadowed in any way – let them pause this hour, to see visions and hear good news from far beyond our time and place.

### ENTRANCE

#### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Adeste Fidelis*

Wade, arr. Broughton

Lighting of the Altar Candles

#### MUSICAL INTROIT

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
LRUMC Memorial Handbell Choir

arr. Thompson

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* May our souls magnify God.

*People:* **May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.**

*Leader:* God gives rest from all that afflicts us.

*People:* **God goes with us wherever we go.**

*Leader:* This is God of mysteries, of prophecies and promises.

*People:* **This is the God who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.**

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#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

UMH 234

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Modern Affirmation*

UMH 885

#### OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Before your Word becomes flesh, O God, connect us with the wild, the ancient, the urgent. Connect us to your words uttered in human voice, from tent and tabernacle, full of fear and mercy. Connect us to your words uttered in angelic voice, from the holy Name. Attune our minds and hearts to you, O God of mystery and greatness. Amen

#### ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING *(in unison when requested)*

The Cuthbert Family

Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love shown to us perfectly in Jesus. You have given us so much: help us to give even a little to those who need our gifts. Help us today and every day to be grateful, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing joy with others. We ask it in the name of the one born for us. Amen.

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
Chancel Choir

Goodyear

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Patti Ferguson

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*

Pew Bible p. 245

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church Choir

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL 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

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
LRUMC Memorial Handbell Choir

arr. Thompson

#### \*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!

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Mighty God, we offer these gifts to fulfill the great works you do. As you lift up the lowly, as you fill the hungry and fulfill your promises, make us your servants – servants who rejoice in your work. Amen.

#### SECOND LESSON

*Luke 1:46-56*

Pew Bible p. 832

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

UMH 216

#### SERMON

Rev. George Winkfield

### SENDING FORTH

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

UMH 218

#### \*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

#### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Fantasy on "Il est ne, le Divin Enfonat"*

Hudson

#### \*GOING FORTH

*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*

***Bold print: in unison***

*TFWS: The Faith We Sing*

*UMH: U.M. Hymnal*

*W&S: Worship and Song*

## Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

*THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR GUILD AND THEIR HELPERS  
FOR MAKING OUR SANCTUARY SO BEAUTIFUL FOR CHRISTMAS.*

**There will be NO Fellowship time after the Worship Service today.**

**JOIN US TONIGHT FOR OUR FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AT 10:30 PM AND  
CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 11:00 PM.**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK in the arcade for  
Christmas cards addressed to you.** If you see cards for a homebound member(s) who lives close to you, please take their envelopes to them.

**And read the lovely cards posted on the Lifewater Canada Board.**

**YOUR 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Arcade. Please pick up your envelopes. If you see envelopes for a homebound member(s) who lives close to you, please take their envelopes to them. Thanking you and Blessings.

**PASTOR GEORGE WILL CONTINUE HIS BIBLE STUDY THE WEEK OF January 8 with *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright.** Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs for Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings.

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

**BILL THOMAS AND PASTOR GEORGE ARE INTERESTED IN THE  
POSSIBILITY OF GETTING A GROUP TOGETHER FOR A HISTORIC TRIP OF  
THE METHODIST CHURCH TO LONDON, ENGLAND FOR THE SPRING OR  
FALL OF 2018.** If you are interested in this trip, please sign the sign-up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board.

**FOOD COLLECTIONS -** During December, donations of **boxes of macaroni and cheese** are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

**LECTIONARY READINGS for the December 31, 2017:**

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40.

**Loch Raven United Methodist Church will be closed  
from December 26 - 29 for floor refurbishing.  
Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

## Church Calendar for the Week of December 24

Today	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School for All Ages</b>	
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
	<b>10:30 PM</b>	<b>Festival of Music</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>11:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

**Monday, December 25**

**Christmas  
Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, Dec. 26 – Friday, Dec. 29 Church Building Closed for Floor Refurbishing**

Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
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### Upcoming Events

Dec. 31		<b>New Year's Eve</b>	
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School for Adults</b>	
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	

Jan. 1		<b>New Year's Day</b>	
		<b>Church Office Closed</b>	

Jan. 3	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Parlor</b>
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## *Prayer List*

### *New Prayer Requests*

Carol & Al Kennedy *(by Judy Zahren – 12/18)*

### *Recent Prayer Requests*

Belinda Garcia *(by Judy Zahren – 11/28)*

Debbie Griffin *(by Debi Wynn – 11/28)*

Dave Jackson *(11/26)*

Gordon Siebold *(by Peggy Kelly's – 11/27)*

James Edmonds and Family *(12/13)*

Family of Betty Hess *(by Peggy Kelly – 12/8)*

Gary Messman and Family *(12/10)*

Chuck Ridgeway *(by Judy Zahren – 12/12)*

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