

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.

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

Sunday School & Worship Times

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Sunday School (adults) at 9:00 AM

Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Fellowship Time following Worship

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Sunday School (all ages) at 9:00 AM

Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Fellowship Time following Worship

LRUMC VISION 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. George Winkfield

Pastor of Congregational Care: Rev. Wayne Harting

Administrative Secretary: Myra Wagner

Music Director: Samuel Chin

Organist: Patricia Gould

Child Care Provider: Amy Price

Christmas Eve Candlelight Servie

December 24, 2017

11:00 PM



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: All nights can look the same. . . if we don't know how to look. Jesus was born on a night not unlike this one. Love took flesh in the watches of the night. The light of that birth continues to shine in the darkness. All nights can look the same. . . if we don't know how to look. What do we see on this night?

ENTRANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Adeste Fidelis* Wade, arr. Broughton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**

Leader: We are that people. Christ is that light.

People: **For a child has been born for us. God's own Son has been given to us.**

Leader: He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: **His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace through his glorious reign.**

Leader: Let the trees of the forest shout for joy. Let heaven and nature sing.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238

***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.**

OPENING PRAYER *(seated & in unison)*

Holy and glorious One, we have come to sing our praise with the trees and the forests for the birth of your Son this night. As the earth rejoices, let all people shed tears of joy, for Christ judges the world with righteousness and the peoples with truth. We offer our thanksgiving for the child who leads us – our Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING *(in unison when requested)* The Gillotti/Price/Webster Family
God, we thank you for your great gift of Jesus. Help us to spread hope, peace, joy, and love in the world by the way we live and give, and in the things we do and say. 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 *O Holy Night* Adam
Samuel Chin, instrumentalist

***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

Light of light, and Love of love, shine through our offering this night, that the world may be filled with your light and be touched by your love. Join our hearts to the joy of the angels and shepherds, as we offer you our deepest gratitude for the blessings of your Son, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230

SECOND LESSON *Luke 2:1-20* Pew Bible p. 832-833

CHRISTMAS SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

CANDLELIGHTING

*CHRISTMAS EVE LITANY

Leader: In the midst of a silent night sky, a star beckons:

People: **Rise up, seekers, and follow.**

Leader: In the midst of a tranquil field, an angel proclaims:

People: **Rise up, shepherds, and follow.**

Leader: In the midst of our loneliness and pain, God calls:

People: **Rise up, children, and follow.**

Leader: With the promise of new life, Christ whispers:

People: **Rise up, beloved, and follow.**

*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** Rev. George Winkfield
Please extinguish your candle following the prayer of dedication.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Joy to the World* UMH 246

*BENEDICTION

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

Please rise in posture or spirit* **Bold print: in unison