

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:** Myra Wagner  
**Ushers:** Jon Cuthbert, Amanda Brown, Jen Dorsey, Joycelyn Williams

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers are given in celebration of  
Christian Thomas Smith's 23rd birthday by Marcia, Gary (and James) Smith.

**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. Evelyn Dorfler.

**PRESENCE:** Thanksgiving Eve - November 22, 2017: 33      **Offering:** \$383.17  
November 26, 2017: 106      **Offering:** \$6641.00

**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  
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**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould  
**CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** Amy Price

# First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017



*"But about that day or hour  
no one knows, neither the angels  
in heaven, nor the Son,  
but only the Father."*

*Mark 13:32, NRSV*

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## The Order of Worship

**CENTERING WORDS:** Pay attention! There's something happening here. God is speaking.  
Christ is coming. God is with us even now.

### ENTRANCE

#### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *The Lord's My Shepherd, with "Largo"* Irvine/Handel, arr. Berry  
Lighting of the Altar Candles

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Watch and wait, Christ is coming soon.

*People:* **Christ is with us now.**

*Leader:* Look and see, God's creative power is close at hand.

*People:* **God's power is with us here.**

*Leader:* Stop and notice, God has a plan to form our lives anew.

*People:* **God is re-creating us each and every day, re-forming us in the image of love.**

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we turn away from you or neglect your presence, O God, don't rage against us or turn away in silent wrath. When we sin and fall short of the people you would have us be, don't hide your loving presence from us. Speak to us anew, that we may hear your voice and notice your presence in our lives. Shine upon us with your grace and mercy, that we may return to you and return to love. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

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

Creator God, thank you for forming us in your image at the day of our creation, and for re-forming us anew each and every day. Help us be attentive to your presence. Open our ears to hear you. Open our eyes to see you. Speak to our hearts and shine in our lives and that your love may emanate from us, now and forevermore. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING *(in unison when requested)* Miller Family

Loving God, as we remember and anticipate the arrival of Jesus in the world, we rejoice in the gift of hope. Help us today and every day to be grateful, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 64:1-9* Pew Bible p. 606

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

#### PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*A Classic Communion*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Althouse

#### \*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!

UMH 94

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Bless these gifts with your loving presence, O God. Make your face shine through our offering this day. Shine the light of your love through our ministries and our lives, that all may know and notice that you are here, on this very earth and in our very lives. Amen.

#### SECOND LESSON

*Mark 13:24-37*

Pew Bible p. 826

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Change My Heart, O God*

TFWS 2152

#### SERMON

Rev. George Winkfield

### 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

UMH 15

#### 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.

#### Breaking the Bread

#### Giving the Bread and Cup

### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

TFWS 2173

\*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J. S. Bach

\*GOING FORTH

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*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*

**Bold print: in unison**

TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*

UMH: *U.M. Hymnal*

W&S: *Worship and Song*

# *Prayer List*

## *New Prayer Requests*

Betty Hess (by Peggy Kelly – 11/27)

Dave Jackson (11/26)

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

Belinda Garcia (by Judy Zahren – 11/28)

## *Recent Prayer Requests*

Tom Judy (Myra Wagner's brother-in-law – 11/19)

Melody McSweeney (by Joseph and Melva Scruggs – 11/19)

Family of Carol Ricks (by Debi Wynn – 11/20)

Bill Delmar (by Debi Wynn – 11/13)

Walter Doyle (Isabelle Burrell's son-in-law – 11/9)

Lynn Jean (11/12)

Bob Makin (Ron Ferguson's uncle – 11/12)

Amaryllis Mersey (Merrill Harrison's sister – 11/12)

Jerry Connolly (by Dan and Jen Dorsey – 11/5)

Miracle Crawley (by Hilary Geyton – 11/5)

Lawanda Jones (by Hilary Geyton – 11/5)

For all those affected by the shooting  
at First Baptist Church in Texas (11/6)

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

## Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

**THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK** is in the Arcade for all those who would like to exchange Christmas greetings.

**PASTOR GEORGE IS FACILITATING AN ADVENT STUDY** on Thursdays, through December 21 at 10:30 AM. Meeting in the Chapel for Devotions and moving to the Parlor for Bible Study, we will be studying *Christmas From the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE IN JANUARY** with *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright.

**NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE** The deadline for the January Spire is Sunday, Dec. 10. Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy Williams at njk.williams@yahoo.com. **Committee chairpersons may submit monthly newsletter articles so that the congregation is aware of your activities and hard work.** Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter by email instead of snail mail, please notify Myra Wagner at mbwagner@lrumc.org.

**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 we 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. Make your donation by using the envelope in your pew marked "Christmas Cards." Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo "Missions." Thanks for being a blessing to others.

**DECEMBER 10: Join us for our annual CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND CANDY DAY FUNDRAISER.** Stop by Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service to buy some of your favorite cookies or try a few new ones. **WE WILL HAVE A PIZZA AND SALAD LUNCH WITH CAROLING AFTER THE COOKIE EXCHANGE.**

**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.

**TIME CHANGE FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE:** This year, the service will be held at 11:00 PM, with the Festival of Music at 10:30 PM.

**CHILI COOK OFF** On January 21, we will come together after worship for The First Annual Loch Raven Chili Cook Off!! Contact Cheryl Wagner-Koogler if you wish to enter your chili. Prizes will be awarded!

**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 First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017:** Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

## Church Calendar for the Week of December 3

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b> <b>Sunday Worship</b> St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Monday – Friday		IMPROVE Before & After Care	Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM 6:30 PM	Aerobics <b>Women in Christ Circle</b>	Auditorium Nancy W's Home
Tuesday	10:00 AM 6:15 PM	<b>Phyllis Downes Circle</b> Aerobics	Nancy G's Home Auditorium
Wednesday	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Improve Step-Dance Class <b>Trustees Meeting</b>	Auditorium Parlor
Thursday	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics <b>Advent Bible Study</b> Aerobics <b>Handbell Rehearsal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	Auditorium Chapel/Parlor Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:30 AM	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

### Upcoming Events

Dec. 10	11:15 AM 11:15 AM	<b>Spire Deadline</b> <b>Blood Pressure Screening</b> <b>Cookie and Candy Fundraiser</b> <b>Pizza/Salad Lunch/Caroling</b>	Education Office Fellowship Hall
Dec. 11	7:00 PM	<b>Missions Meeting</b>	Sandi's Home
Dec. 15	10:00 AM	<b>UMW Executive Meeting</b>	Parlor

*The Christmas season is a wonderful time to remember our members who are unable to join us in worship. Please take a moment to send a card to let them know that you are thinking about them.*



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