

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: Nancy Gillotti

Acolyte: Usher

Liturgist: Adrian Palazzi

Advent Candle Lighter: Melvin and Cathy Miles

Ushers: Richard Neumann, Joycelyn Williams, Amanda Brown

Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex for children ages 3 - 12.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in celebration of
Delroy's second heavenly birthday by Merrill Harrison.

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. Albertha Sinkler, 821 Beaumont Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21212.

PRESENCE: December 9, 2018: 99

Offering: \$7153.00

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Myra Wagner office@lrumc.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin

ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Emmanuel, God is with us. God is in our midst. This is the promise of Advent. This is the reality of life in Christ. Emmanuel God is with us.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Still, Still, Still* arr. Ritter

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Surely God is in our midst.

People: **God is our strength and our shield.**

Leader: Christ is with us now.

People: **Rejoice and give thanks for this gift!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT *Carols of Western Europe (Part 1)* Hayes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Gather us in Emmanuel, as we come to worship and rejoice together. Be with us now, as you have always been with us. Prepare our hearts to receive your presence, and prepare our lives to produce the fruit of your justice and righteousness. Gather us in Emmanuel, that we might be strengthened to go forth as your beloved children. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING *(Join in the Candle-Lighting Liturgy)*

Leader: The Lord your God is in your midst, rejoicing over you with gladness, renewing you in love. I will bring you home and restore your fortunes, says the Lord.

[The first & second Advent candles are relit.]

People: **In this new light, we give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: With joy you will draw waters from the wells of salvation.

People: **We will rejoice in the Lord always.**

Leader: We light a third candle to reveal the pathway to faithfulness.

[The third Advent candle is lit.]

All: **As a covenant people we will seek to live in the joy of the Lord.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor George

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Zephaniah 3:14-20* Pew Bible, p. 767

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 *Happy Hallelujah Christmas Song*
Children's 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!**

*OFFERING PRAYER

O God, our salvation and our joy, spread joy through the gifts we now bring. Spring forth with salvation for all the earth, that your good news may be proclaimed and that all may rejoice with us as we proclaim your great deeds. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Luke 3:7-18* Pew Bible p. 834

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *There's a Song in the Air* UMH 249

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE *Carols of Western Europe (Part 2)* arr. Hayes

*POSTLUDE *Rejoice and Be Merry* Kendall

*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

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from the Week of December 9

Family of Grace Boner

Paulette Brammer (*req. by Sheila Wyche*)

Joseph and Melva Scruggs

Recent Prayer Requests

Harold Gowie (*12/2*)

Family of Gugsu Yohannes (*Dereje Gugsu's father – 12/2*)

Mary Ellen Brown (*Myra Wagner's aunt – 11/25*)

Family of Harriet Cole (*11/25*)

Paul Donnelly (*req. by Marcia Smith – 11/25*)

Sona Hoisington (*Georgette Sinkler's friend – 11/25*)

Danielle, Deonna, and Dakota Oster (*Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's niece and grandnieces – 11/25*)

Donald Rickels (*Nancy Lacy's son – 11/25*)

Daniel and Verna Roman (*11/25*)

Mario Scotto (*req. by Marcia Smith – 11/25*)

Bill Thomas (*11/25*)

James Baker (*req. by Audrey Moltz – 11/18*)

Michael Koogler (*11/18*)

Ronnie Johnson (*req. by Phil Scott – 11/18*)

Kathy Rawlings (*req. by Peggy Kelly – 9/16*)

Mike Ransom (*req. by Gary & Marcia Smith – 9/9*)

Prayer requests will be listed for one month unless requested otherwise.

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

JOIN THE BECOMERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR AN ADVENT STUDY, "ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS," BY JAMES MOORE. Sundays through December 30 at 9:00 AM in Room 202.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK is in the Arcade for all those who would like to exchange Christmas greetings within the LRUMC Family. **Remember to check the rack weekly.**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HOSTESS FELLOWSHIP TIME ONCE A MONTH. Training will be provided! Please contact Linda Cole (410-666-5222) or the church office if you are interested or for more information. **Without volunteers, Fellowship Time may end.**

THE 2019 FLOWER CHART IS POSTED IN THE ARCADE. Same prices as 2018. Contact Judy Zahren (410-933-0936) with any questions.

DECEMBER COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Jars of Pasta Sauce
Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

For the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018:

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Advent Giving

SEE THE INSERT LISTING OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. You may wish to send them Christmas Greetings. (This week's insert has 2 additions and a deletion from last week's.)

SEND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY A GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD AND DONATE THE MONEY YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT ON MORE CARDS TO LIFEWATER CANADA. 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." **See a picture of the well we helped build last year on the Missions bulletin board.** Thanks for being a blessing to others.

THE RED CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR THE BOARD OF CHILD CARE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Thank you for supporting the children at the Board of Child Care.

FOR MANY YEARS WE HAVE ADOPTED EDDIE GROSZIER AT CHRISTMAS. We ask the congregation to give toward his shopping spree. If you would like to donate toward this ministry, please put your donation in the offering plate, marked "Eddie's Christmas."

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 PM – Family Service

10:30 PM – Festival of Music

11:00 PM – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols/Candlelight Service

Church Calendar for the Week of December 16

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following Worship 12:30 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Monday – Friday	6:30 – 9:00 AM 3:00 – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE Before-School Care IMPROVE After-School Care	Rooms 208, 214 Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM 6:30 PM	Aerobics IMPROVE Step Class	Auditorium Auditorium
Tuesday	9:30 AM 11 AM - 1 PM 6:15 PM	Sandwich-making for Essex UMC Food Pantry Aerobics	Kitchen Fellowship Hall Auditorium
Thursday	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Spire Assembly Aerobics Sign Language Class Aerobics Bell Choir Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Auditorium Parlor Auditorium Sanctuary Choir Room
Friday	10:30 AM 6:30 PM	AI-Anon IMPROVE Dance Class	Fellowship Hall Auditorium
Saturday	10:00 AM 12:00 Noon	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210 Room 210

Upcoming Events

Dec. 24 & 25

Office Closed

Dec. 24 **4:00 PM**
10:30 PM
11:00 PM

Christmas Eve Family Service
Festival of Music
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sanctuary
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Dec. 26 – 28

Office Open 9 – 12, daily