

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:** Adelaide Wilson  
**Ushers:** Joycelyn Williams

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

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flower bowl is given by Jim Harvill in gratefulness for his wife Nancy.

The vases are given in honor of Nick Webster's graduation from Towson University by his family.

**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 15, 2019:** 102

**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. Dr. George Winkfield

**PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** Rev. Wayne Harting

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:** Myra Wagner

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Samuel Chin

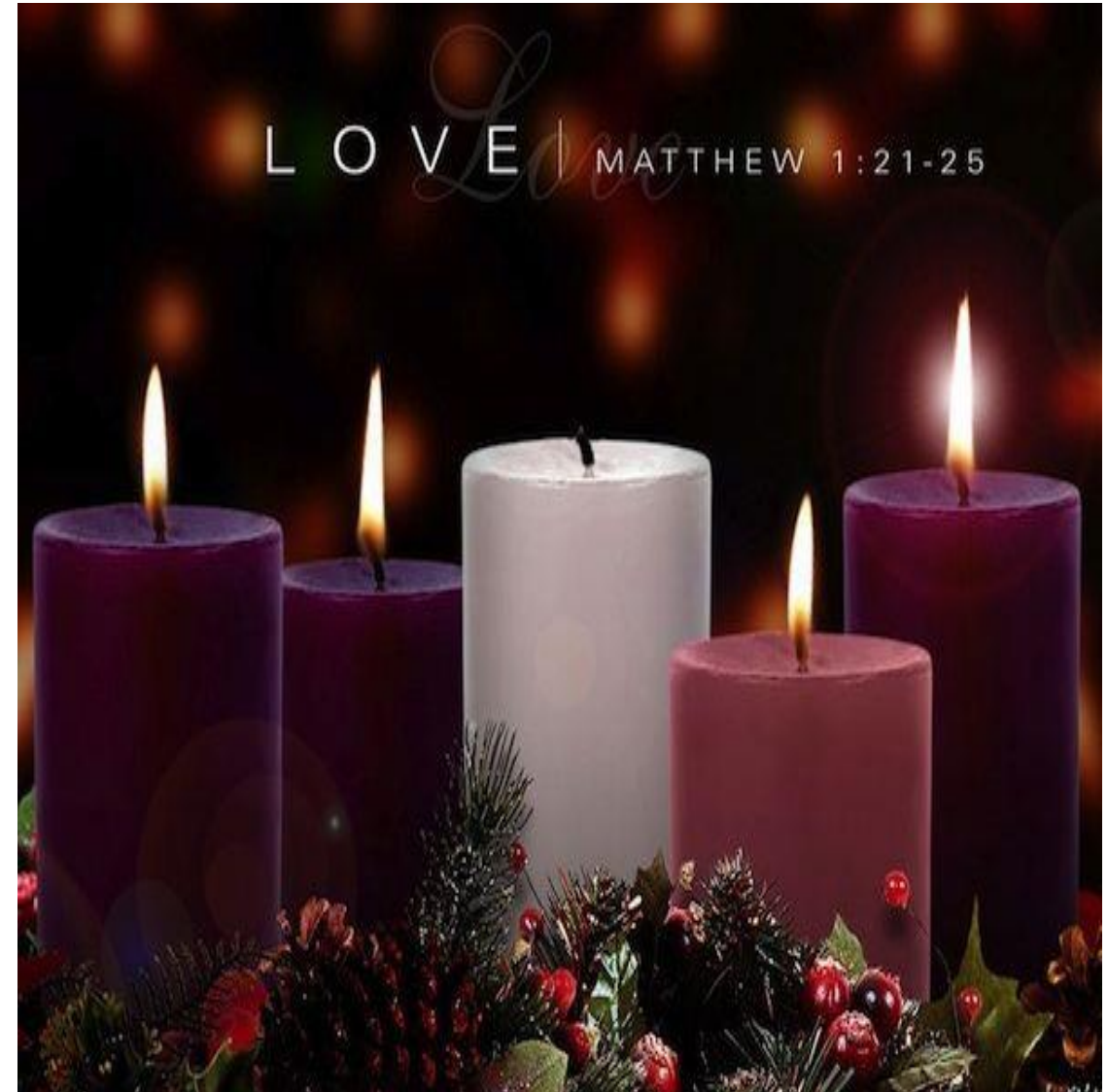
**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** Amy Price

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

10:00 AM



## Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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## The Order of Worship

**CENTERING WORDS:** "Faith is a place of mystery, where we find the courage to believe in what we cannot see and the strength to let go of our fear of uncertainty."  
– Brene Brown

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** *An Advent Introit* Birchwood  
**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* When an angel of the Lord appeared to Mary, Mary said yes, even in the midst of the unknown.

*People:* **When an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph, Joseph said yes, even in the midst of uncertainty.**

*Leader:* When we consider the origins of our Christian faith in the midst of mystery and glory, we say yes to God.

*People:* **When we celebrate the birth of Christ, we proclaim God is with us, Emmanuel.**

*All:* **Come! Let us worship.**

### \*GUEST WELCOME/HOLY WAVE

\***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH 220

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

### INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

**ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING** The Gould Family

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Matthew 1:18-25* Pew Bible p. 783

### 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.**

**CANTATA** *The Living Light* See insert  
By Ruth Elaine Schram

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** Phil Lee

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

### OFFERTORY

\***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

**In this season of giving, O God, Emmanuel, receive our gifts and transform them into gifts that help others know your presence in their lives today. May we welcome weary sojourners; may we provide shelter for those in need; and may our lives be gifts to all your children. Amen.**

\***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Jesus, the Light of the World* W&S (green book) 3056

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

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** *In the Town* Scott

*\*Please rise if you are able*

**Bold print: in unison**

*TFWS: The Faith We Sing*

*UMH: U.M. Hymnal*

*W&S: Worship and Song*

# *Prayer List*

## *Prayer Requests from December 15*

Family of Eugene  
Gregory (*Rebecca's friend*)  
Jane (*req. by Judy*)  
Family of Christian (*Dolores's nephew*)  
Family of John (*Mary Lou's brother*)  
Peggy (*Isabelle's friend*)  
RJ  
Family of Willard (*req. by Cheryl*)

## *Recent Prayer Requests*

Jane (*Myra's mother – 12/8*)  
Kobi (*Adelaide's brother – 12/8*)  
Virginia (*req. by Nancy – 12/8*)  
Brian (*12/8*)  
JoAnn (*Judy's neighbor – 12/8*)  
Keith (*req. by Marcia – 12/1*)  
Victor (*Beverley's father – 11/24*)  
Rick (*11/24*)  
Family of Vernon (*11/17*)  
Family of Marina (*the Wynn's cousin – 11/17*)  
Family of John (*Patti's uncle – 11/17*)  
Jean (*11/17*)  
Venetia (*Marcia's sister – 11/10*)  
Dontae (*Jan's godson – 7/21*)  
Adrian (*7/21*)

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

# Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

**THANK YOU TO THE ALTAR GUILD FOR OUR ADVENT DECORATIONS AND TO ALL WHO PURCHASED POINSETTIAS.** See the insert for those who gave in honor or in memory of others.

**LOCH RAVEN UMC HAS BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE SAM CHIN LEAD OUR MUSIC MINISTRY FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS.** There will be a farewell reception for Sam and his family today following the worship service.

**THE UMW WISHES TO THANK all those who participated in their gift card fundraiser.** You bought \$10,185 worth of gift cards for a profit of \$639.36 which will be given to various charities.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES NEXT WEEK. Sunday School will resume January 5.**

**YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES IN THE ARCADE.**

**PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS begins Tuesday, January 14 at 7 PM and Thursday, January 16 at 10:30 AM and will run through May on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs. Books are available in the office.

**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2020 HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE ARCADE.** Prices are listed on the chart. Signup to reserve your date. Thank you to everyone for your participation in 2019.

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY UPPER ROOMS are available in two places in the Church** – in the Narthex 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.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 24**

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 25**

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 29**

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

# Church Calendar for the Week of December 22

## Giving Opportunities

**THERE IS A CHRISTMAS CARD RACK IN THE ARCADE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION. Remember to check the rack for cards addressed to you!**

**SEND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY A GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD AND DONATE THE MONEY YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT ON MORE CARDS TO LEFWATER CANADA.** Sign one card and post it on the big board in the arcade. Make your donation by using the envelope in the pews. Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo "Lifewater Canada." **Thanks for being a blessing to others.**

**IN THE NARTHEX YOU CAN PICK UP A BOARD OF CHILD CARE CHRISTMAS STOCKING FOR 2019.** Twenty quarters will fill the stocking and your donation will go directly to help the children at the Board of Child Care. Please return filled stockings in the offering plate. Your generosity helps continue this life-changing ministry. Thank you for your support

**MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Baked Beans and Soup**  
Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" outside Fellowship Hall.

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|-----------|-----------------|--|------------------------|
| Today     | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday School</b>                             |                        |
|           | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Worship Service w/ Cantata</b>                | <b>Sanctuary</b>       |
|           | <b>11:30 AM</b> | <b>Reception for Sam Chin</b>                    | <b>Fellowship Hall</b> |
|           | 12:30 PM        | St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church                | Sanctuary              |
| Tuesday   |                 | <b>Christmas Eve<br/>Church Office Closed</b>    |                        |
|           | <b>4:00 PM</b>  | <b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b>              | <b>Sanctuary</b>       |
|           | <b>10:30 PM</b> | <b>Festival of Music</b>                         | <b>Sanctuary</b>       |
|           | <b>11:00 PM</b> | <b>Christmas Eve Candle Light Service</b>        | <b>Sanctuary</b>       |
| Wednesday |                 | <b>Merry Christmas!<br/>Church Office Closed</b> |                        |
| Friday    | 10:30 AM        | Al-Anon  | Fellowship Hall        |
|           | 7:00 PM         | St. Paul's Prayer Meeting                        | Room 210               |
| Saturday  | 10:00 AM        | St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal                       | Room 210               |
|           | 12:00 PM        | St. Paul's Prayer Meeting                        | Room 210               |

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 29 **No Sunday School Classes**

Jan. 1 **New Year's Day  
Church Office Closed**