

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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Today's Lectionary: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: What if we live in a constant state of preparation for something great to happen? What if we truly believe God's reign of justice will come.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Tessman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Rejoice in our God. Let us give thanks, whatever life brings.

People: **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and our world for the Prince of Peace, who is coming.

People: **May all who weep come home with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight the path for God's arrival.

All: **In prayer, song, and service, let us prepare for the birth of love.**

OPENING HYMN *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, your love renews us and restores our strength. With gratitude, we offer you a portion of what you have given to us. Receive our gifts, our prayers, and our service, that your church may become a source of hope for the world. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Carol of the Bells* Leontovich, arr. Smith

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

WE OFFER A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR GUILD FOR THE LOVELY ADVENT DECORATIONS IN THE SANCTUARY.

WE ARE NOW LIVESTREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Sundays at 10 AM on our Facebook and YouTube pages. You may call in to hear the service. If you do not receive that information from us, inform the church office that you want to be added to the call-in list.

JANUARY SPIRE ARTICLES ARE DUE TODAY. Please submit your articles to Nancy W. If you are not receiving the Spire newsletter via email or snail mail, please contact the church office (410-825-0902).

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. See the emailed list of our homebound members.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 20, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

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 Albertha Sinkler.

PRESENCE: December 6, 2020: Zoom Service - 57
Online Service - 14

OFFERING: \$7,025

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 13
(All meetings to be held on Zoom unless otherwise noted)

Today	Spire Deadline	
	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	9 AM
	Livestream Worship Service	10 AM
Tuesday	Food Pantry (parking lot)	11 AM – 1PM
Thursday	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 20	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	9 AM
	Livestream Worship Service (Facebook and YouTube)	10 AM
Dec. 22	Spire Assembly Pick-up	1:30 PM
Dec. 23	Spire Assembly Drop-off	1:30 PM
Dec. 23	Becomers Sunday School	7 PM

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from December 6

Dawn (*Cheryl's sister*)
 Dolores C.
 Family of Evelyn
 Hannah (*Judy F's niece*)
 Jose and David (*Jan's friends*)
 Linda (*Req. by Yvonne*)
 Margaret T.
 Michael K.
 Robin (*Linda C's sister*)
 Sharon

Recent Prayer Requests

Baltimore County Public Schools (*req. by Amy – 11/29*)
 Edward (*11/29*)
 Gladys' father (*11/29*)
 Jamie, Stephen, and Ron F. (*11/29*)
 Family of Janet (*Judy Z.'s cousin – 11/29*)
 Jane (*Myra's mother – 11/29*)
 Jon C. (*former member – 11/29*)
 Dontae (*Jan's godson – 11/22*)
 George (*Franklin's uncle – 11/22*)
 Jamie (*11/22*)
 Jan (*11/22*)
 Judy F.'s coworker (*11/22*)
 Kay (*Food Pantry client – 11/22*)
 Family of Lee (*Doris's ex-husband; Tendai's father – 11/22*)
 Michael (*11/22*)
 Nicole (*community member – 11/22*)
 Rick and Ruby (*Maria's friends – 11/22*)
 Rosalind's brother and sister-in-law (*11/22*)
 Ruth C. (*11/22*)
 Wendy (*Reynold's friend – 11/22*)
 Family of Ernestine (*Melvin's mother – 11/15*)
 Connor (*nephew of Adiaha's friend-11/15*)
 Jane (*cousin of Myra's mom – 11/15*)
 Mark (*Judy Z.'s neighbor – 11/15*)
 Pat and Lynne (*Nancy G.'s friends – 11/15*)
 Tommy (*brother-in-law of Peggy's daughter Amy – 10/4*)
 Those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic (*4/12*)
 Those fighting the disease – Those who have lost loved ones
 Those who have lost their jobs – Local, state and national leaders

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