

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: O my soul, magnify the Lord. God is worthy to be praised.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God looks kindly on us when we are at our lowest.

People: **Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: God has done great things for us in times past. God will do great things for us in days to come.

People: **Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Christ's mercy is upon us, offering hope in times of despair.

People: **Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Christ's love has made us whole.

People: **Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: The Spirit's power disarms our pride and prejudice.

People: **Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: The Spirit's power strengthens our mercy and compassion.

People: **Rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: Even as we are filled this day, may we go forth to nourish a world in need.

All: **Rejoice in God our Savior.**

OPENING HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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

Just as our souls magnify the Lord, may our offerings glorify God. Surely, we are blessed. We rejoice in the mercy that you have shown us from generation to generation. We remember the powerful promise you bring: hope to the hopeless and strength to the weak. With joy, we pray in gratitude and praise. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jesus, the Light of the World

W&S 3056

SERMON

Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Regent Square

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Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

**WE WISH TO THANK THE ALTAR GUILD
FOR SEASONALLY DECORATING 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: To place an order for altar FLOWERS, beginning in January, please email or call Judy Z. at least one week before the desired date. She will respond to confirm & for the bulletin wording. Send payment directly to the church office with FLOWERS & the date for which they are requested in the memo. **Prices are \$40 for the bowl & \$55 for the two vases.** Call the church office to make arrangements to pick up your flowers.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 27:
Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of Dellroy Harrison's fourth heavenly birthday.

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 Doris Therit.

PRESENCE: December 13, 2020: Livestream Service - 201

OFFERING: \$4,987

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, 301-379-4616 cell, PastorWinkfield@gmail.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 20

Today	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	9 AM
	Livestream Worship Service	10 AM
Tuesday	Spire Assembly Pick-up	1:30 PM
Wednesday	Spire Assembly Drop-off	1:30 PM
	Becomers Sunday School	7 PM
Thursday	Livestream Christmas Eve Service	5 PM
	Church Office Closed	
Friday	Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 27	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	9AM
	Livestream Worship Service	10 AM
Dec. 30	Becomers Sunday School	7 PM
Jan 1	Happy New Year! Church Office Closed	

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from December 13

The Cain Family (*req. by Jen*)
Julie (*Jen's friend*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Dawn (*Cheryl's sister – 12/6*)
Dolores C. (*12/6*)
Family of Evelyn (*12/6*)
Hannah (*Judy F's niece – 12/6*)
Jose and David (*Jan's friends – 12/6*)
Linda (*Req. by Yvonne – 12/6*)
Margaret T. (*12/6*)
Michael K. (*12/6*)
Robin (*Linda C's sister – 12/6*)
Sharon (*12/6*)
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*)
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.