

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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Today's Lectionary: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Wilderness, exile, tribulation, rejoicing: Your way runs through all of these, O God. May we prepare this way anew.

PRELUDE *The Angel Gabriel* Thompson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear.

People: **Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading: This is how God will come.**

Leader: The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

People: **Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God's new day.**

Leader: Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

People: **Even as we wait, let us make a way for God: In our hearts and in our world.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 40:1-11*

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

O God, who restores and makes new, let these gifts prepare the way: for good news proclaimed, for people comforted, and for the earth tended. Through our giving, may all partake of an abundant yield of peace. We believe it will be so. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 1:1-8*

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402

SERMON Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus with He Shal Feed His Flock*
Prichard/Handel, arr. Page

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

LRUMC OFFERS TWO WAYS TO WORSHIP WITH US:

- 1) **ZOOM:** Sundays at 8:30 M
- 2) **ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE or YOUTUBE:** Later in the day, Sundays

For more information regarding either of these options, please contact the Church Office.

JANUARY SPIRE ARTICLES ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY – December 13. 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).

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE wishes to thank all those who gave towards the purchase of gift cards for ACTC this year. Thanks to all the gifts of food, dollars, time and labor they received, **ACTC shared the ingredients for holiday meals with almost 3,000 families.**

CONTINUING A TRADITION AT LRUMC: Instead of sending individual Christmas cards to your church friends, Missions suggests that you consider donating the money you would have spent on cards to **Lifewater Canada**. One card will be emailed/sent to all members listing all who give this year. Make your checks payable to Loch Raven UMC and write “Lifewater Canada” on the memo line. Please send to the church office by December 11.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 6, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

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

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 Ruth Weygand.

PRESENCE: November 29, 2020: Zoom Service - 52

OFFERING: \$3,159.00

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 6

(All meetings to be held on Zoom unless otherwise noted)

Today	Zoom Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	10 AM
	Online Worship Service	after 11 AM
Monday	Women in Christ/Phyllis Downes Circles	7 PM
Thursday	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 13	Spire Deadline	
	Zoom Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	10 AM
	Online Worship Service	after 11 AM
Dec. 15	Food Pantry (parking lot)	11 AM – 1PM
Dec. 17	Becomers Sunday School	7 PM

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from November 29

Baltimore County Public Schools (*req. by Amy*)

Edward

Gladys' father

Jamie, Stephen, and Ron F.

Family of Janet (*Judy Z. 's cousin*)

Jane (*Myra's mother*)

Jon C. (*former member*)

Recent Prayer Requests

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*)

Eugene (*Adelaide's nephew – 11/8*)

Carol & Jim (*Linda C. 's aunt and uncle – 11/8*)

Dan (*Cheryl's ex-husband – 11/8*)

David & Melissa (*Merrill's nephew and his wife – 11/8*)

Miles Family (*11/8*)

Students, Educators & Parents (*11/8*)

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.