

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: Judy Feustle
Ushers: John Christopher, Rebecca Mickey, Jennifer Webster

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

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given in loving memory of my Dad, Theodore R. Thomas, and my sister, Debra R. Thomas, by Marcia, Gary, Christian (and James) Smith.

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. Minnie Webster.

PRESENCE: January 21, 2018: 104

Offering: \$5178.75

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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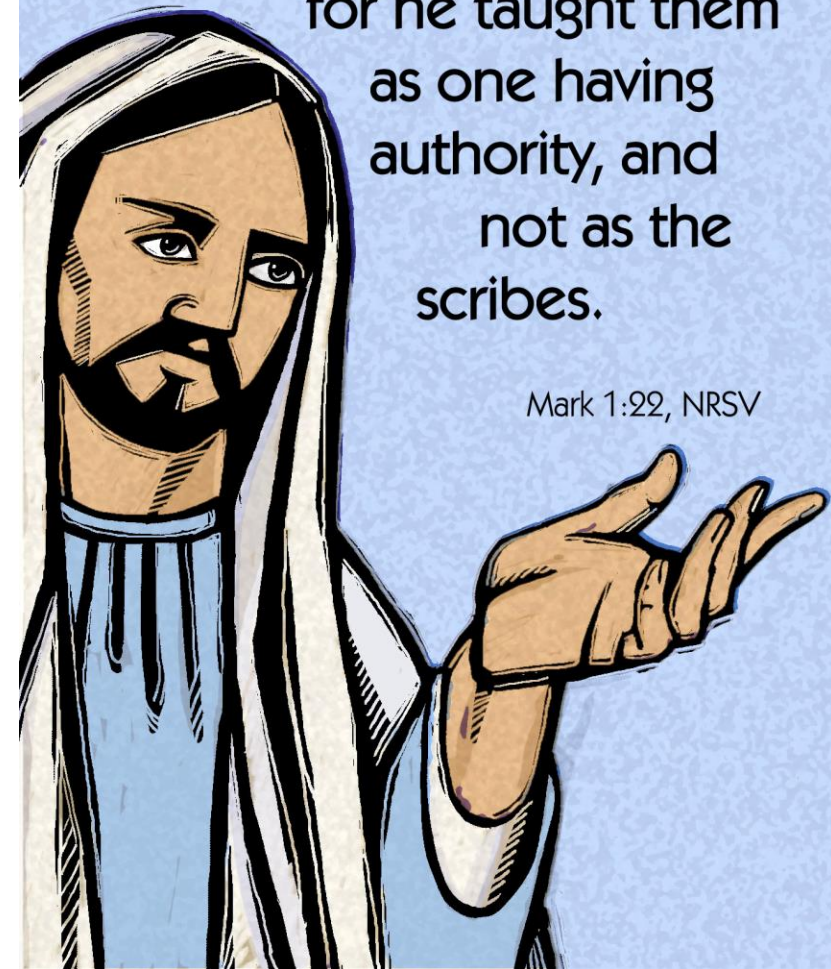
CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 28, 2018

They were astounded
at his teaching,
for he taught them
as one having
authority, and
not as the
scribes.

Mark 1:22, NRSV



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: What do we fear, what do we seek? Do we fear being separated from God? Do we seek an intimacy with God so profound that we might fear our lives? Could we handle the Israelites' intimacy with God as they fled Egypt? Would we be better prepared to handle our fear and trembling than they? As we enter God's presence this day, what do we fear, what do we seek?

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *We Bow Down*

Paris, arr. Hayes

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and sit at the feet of our teacher.

People: **Christ reveals the ways of God.**

Leader: Come and see that God's kingdom has drawn near.

People: **God sets the captives free and fills the needy with good things.**

Leader: Come and praise our source of courage and strength.

People: **The Spirit leads us in wisdom and truth.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Lord, Speak to Me* UMH 463

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

God of mystery and might, when your presence overwhelmed your people, you sent prophets, teachers, and guides to call them back to life; when we wandered in the shadows, you sent your Son, Jesus, to open our eyes, that we might see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds this day, that we might understand your holy mysteries and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor George

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Deuteronomy 18:15-20* Pew Bible p. 153

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 *Lord, Listen to Your Children* arr. Schrader
Chancel 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

God of splendor and might, you lead us across the wilderness of our lives, setting our hearts aflame; you teach us the ways of life and death and send us prophets to bless us with understanding and wisdom. May these offerings show our commitment to grow ever deeper in your ways, through the one who leads us into life. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Mark 1:21-28* Pew Bible p. 812-813

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Awesome God* TFWS 2040
(Sing 3 times)

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Light of the World* Ritter

*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*

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEEK. We are studying *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright. Feel free to join us Tuesdays at 7:00 PM or Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

MANY OF THE EVENTS FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY ARE FAMILIAR TO YOU. But you may find it helpful to study them in order, gaining a bit of perspective from each of the four Gospel writers. To help you attain a more well-rounded perspective of what God was doing in that week that changed our world, the **Becomers Adult Class** will study *Jesus' Final Week* beginning **Sunday, February 11**. Please join us at **9:00AM in room 202**.

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 6:30 PM: Come out to have Breakfast for Dinner and learn about Shrove Tuesday.

We will celebrate ASH WEDNESDAY with a Worship Service on February 14 at 7:00 PM.

LECTIONARY READINGS for February 4, 2018:

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR THE BOARD OF CHILD CARE. There will be a box outside Fellowship Hall for donations from Feb. 4 until Feb. 25. Thank you for helping.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2018 IS IN THE ARCADE. Please sign up to beautify the altar. **The Altar Guild will prepare them for you to take home immediately following the service.** If you wish to donate your flowers, please let Judy Zahren know ahead of time. Thank you.

YOUR 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Arcade. Please pick up your envelopes. If you see envelopes for a homebound member(s) who lives close to you, please take their envelopes to them. Thanking you and Blessings.

FOOD COLLECTIONS - During February, donations of **potatoes (canned or boxed)** are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

Church Calendar for the Week of January 28

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	
	10:00 AM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
	Following Worship	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
	11:30 AM	Membership Team Meeting	Parlor
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary

Monday – Friday		IMPROVE Before & After Care	Rooms 208, 214
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Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:30 PM	IMPROVE Step-Dance Class	Auditorium

Tuesday	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 PM	Pastor's Bible Study	Room 128

Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	10:30 AM	Pastor's Bible Study	Room 128
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday	10:30 AM	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	IMPROVE Step-Dance Class	Auditorium

Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
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Upcoming Events

Feb. 4		Blanket Sunday	
Feb. 5	7:30 PM	Women in Christ Circle	Room 202
Feb. 6	10:00 AM	Phyllis Downes Circle	Fellowship Hall/Parlor
	5:30 PM	Directory Meeting	Office
Feb. 7	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor

Prayer List

New Prayer Requests

Darryl Brown (*David Brown's son*)

Doreen Brown (*by Joyce Johnson*)

Alfonso Cox

Danielle and Zachary (*Edy Pratt's daughter and yet to-be-born grandson*)

Lynn Fleming (*Amy Price's godfather*)

Danielle Oster (*by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler*)

Carmen Spencer (*Beverley Mignott's mother*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Family of Grace Davies (*1/14*)

Cheryl Dickens (*by Marcia Thomas-Smith – 1/14*)

Jane Ferguson (*1/14*)

Family of Ernest McRae (*Marcia Thomas-Smith's uncle – 1/14*)

Family of Dane Phillips (*by Reynold Small – 1/14*)

Family of Tessa Roberts (*mother of Marcia Thomas-Smith's friend – 1/14*)

Vicki Shorter (*by Judy Zahren – 1/14*)

Laura Stinemire (*Marcia Thomas-Smith's co-worker – 1/14*)

Donald Trump (*1/14*)

Rob Weaver (*1/14*)

Family of Robert Wagoner (*by Judy Zahren – 1/14*)

Young people returning to college (*by Jean Oberia – 1/14*)

Family of Janet Nelson (*by Linda Cole and Sandi Cuthbert – 12/31*)

Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.