

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:** Helen Blakey  
**Ushers:** John Christopher, Rebecca Mickey, Richard Neumann, Jen 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 to the glory of God.

**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 Mr. John Davis, 615 Chestnut Avenue, Apt. 307, Baltimore, MD 21204.

**PRESENCE:** December 24, 2018, 11 PM Service: 70      **Offering:** \$791.00  
December 30, 2018: 66      **Offering:** \$4558.83  
**End-of-Year Offerings:** \$30,000.00

**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  
**LEAD PASTOR:** Rev. George Winkfield, 301-379-4616 cell, PastorWinkfield@gmail.com  
**PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** Rev. Wayne Harting, 443-966-0244 cell  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:** Myra Wagner office@lrumc.org  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Samuel Chin  
**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould  
**CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** Amy Price

# Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019



## Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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# The Order of Worship

**CENTERING WORDS:** Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of God's goodness and grace has risen upon you that you may show God's love in all that you do. Arise, shine, for your light has come.

## GATHERING

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* arr. Keveren  
**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God's goodness and grace has risen upon you.

*People:* **We come like the Magi, following the star of the Christ child.**

*Leader:* Arise, shine, for your moment has come, and the glory of God's love and mercy flows through you into the world.

*People:* **We come like Paul, to share the good news that Christ lives among us.**

*Leader:* Arise, shine, for you are called to be God's people, and to bring good news and great joy to a world that yearns for wholeness and peace.

*People:* **Let us worship the God who calls us.**

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader:* Holy Protector of all who are in need, the words you place within our hearts shine like a guiding star, calling us to show the world your goodness and your grace.

*People:* **Heal us with your steadfast love when we close our minds and shutter our hearts, refusing to let your brightness shine through us.**

*Leader:* You call us to protect widows and orphans, and to care for all who have no helper.

*People:* **Restore us in your mercy when we put our own comfort before the needs of others, and when we are unwilling to stop the oppression and violence done in our name.**

*Leader:* You promised to reveal your glory through us, and proclaimed that we will shine like the sun when the world is plunged into shadows.

*People:* **Renew us in the power of your Spirit when we refuse to follow the star you have placed before us.**

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

## OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Bright, shining Maker of visions and dreams, the good news of your love lights up the world with radiant glory. We see you in rain and snow, in sunrise and sunset, in the smiles and hugs and celebrations that greet the new year. Like the Magi who followed a star to welcome the newborn Christ, help us to follow the star of your love and bring gifts of wholeness and peace to a world that is broken and in pain; Share with us the boundless riches of your grace, that we might be bearers of your goodness, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, now and in the days to come. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Pew Bible, p. 602

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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

**Bright, shining Maker of visions and dreams, accept the gifts we bring you this day, that they may shine like a star, brightening all the world with your grace. Amen.**

### SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Pew Bible p. 783-784

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*We Three Kings*

UMH 254

### SERMON

Rev. George Winkfield

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live at peace with one another. Today, we will be serving by intinction.*

#### The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

#### 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.**

#### Breaking the Bread

#### Giving the Bread and Cup

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*There's a Song in the Air*

UMH 249

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

#### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Light of the World*

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#### \*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

**NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE** The deadline for the February Spire is **Sunday, January 13**. Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy Williams at [njk.williams@yahoo.com](mailto:njk.williams@yahoo.com). **Committee chairpersons may submit monthly newsletter articles so that the congregation is aware of your activities and hard work.** Also, if you are not currently receiving the Spire by mail or email, please notify Myra Wagner at [office@lrumc.org](mailto:office@lrumc.org).

**WE WILL BE INSTALLING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMITTEES ON JANUARY 20, DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

**YOUR 2019 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.

**PLEASE CHECK THE CHRISTMAS CARD RACK IN THE ARCADE FOR REMAINING CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.** Please also check for those addressed to a homebound member who may live near you.

**THE 2019 FLOWER CHART IS POSTED IN THE ARCADE.** Same prices as 2018. Contact Judy Zahren (410-933-0936) with any questions.

**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.

**MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Soup, Canned Fruit, Pasta Meals, Tuna Fish**  
Please place your items in the box labeled “Missions Collections” outside Fellowship Hall.

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 13, 2018:**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## Church Calendar for the Week of January 6

Today	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>Following Worship</b>	<b>Fellowship Time</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	
Monday – Friday			
	6:30 – 9:00 AM	IMPROVE Before-School Care	Room 208
	3:00 – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE After-School Care	Room 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:30 PM	IMPROVE Step Class	Auditorium
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Women in Christ Circle</b>	<b>Room 202</b>
Tuesday	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Phyllis Downes Circle</b>	<b>Room 202</b>
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Bell Room</b>
	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>Choir Room</b>
Friday	10:30 AM	AI-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
	12:00 Noon	St. Paul's Prayer Meeting	Room 210

### Upcoming Events

January 13	<b>Spire Deadline</b>		
<b>Following Worship</b>	<b>Outreach Committee Meeting</b>		<b>Parlor</b>
January 16	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
January 20	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Installation of Officers</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

## *Prayer List*

### *Prayer Requests from the Week of December 30*

Family of Ethel Ankeny (*wife of Edwin Ankeny, a former District Superintendent*)  
 Family of Mary Ellen Brown (*Myra Wagner's aunt*)  
 Family of Bernard Harnek (*Kristopher Seets' father*)  
 Eddie Rosen  
 Vanetia Russell (*Marcia Smith's sister*)  
 Minnie Webster

### *Recent Prayer Requests*

Mal Corrigan (*Judy Zahren's neighbor – 12/23*)  
 Edith Glass (*friend of Rebecca Mickey & Sandra Edmonds – 12/23*)  
 Bob Bartram (*12/16*)  
 Charlie Corson (*req. by Helen Blakey – 12/16*)  
 Leslie Kight and family (*Owen & Nancy Williams' sister-in-law – 12/16*)  
 Taryn Mackey (*12/16*)  
 Seth Thomas (*12/16*)  
 Bill Thomas (*12/16*)  
 Family of Grace Boner (*12/9*)  
 Kathy Rawlings (*req. by Peggy Kelly – 9/16*)  
 Mike Ransom (*req. by Gary & Marcia Smith – 9/9*)

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