

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

Long Green and Kanawha Rds., near Glen Arm, MD

December 23, 2018

Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:10 am

Large print hymnals are available, please see an usher

This room is equipped with a sound loop for the hearing impaired

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

*“Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved”
(Psalm 80:1-3, NRSV)*

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) “The angel Gabriel” 180

Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the advent candle LGV Youth Group

*Hymn “Away in a manger” 194

*Opening Prayer

Scripture Luke 1:46-55 (NIV)

Returning our Tithes and Offerings
(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Micah 5:2-5 (NRSV)

Sharing a joy, a concern, a word of testimony or praise
(please be brief, and aware of God’s listening presence)

Hymn “Breathe on me, breath of God” 356

Prayer

Scripture 1 John 4:7-21(RSV)

Message Jeff Wolf

*Hymn “The King of love my shepherd is” 170

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit

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sermon is embedded in/posted at
<http://rockhay.tripod.com/sermons/2018/18-12-23.htm>

Announcements:

invitation: Christmas Eve Invitation

The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held on **Monday, December 24th** beginning at 7pm. Enjoy a time of fellowship, song, scripture, and celebration. Come to this special candle lighting worship service and celebrate the birth of Christ. All attending is asked to bring a snack, cookie tray, or treat to share.

upcoming events: Pantry Sunday

The first Sunday of every month is designated as Pantry Sunday. Please bring an offering of nonperishable food to restock a local food pantry **Sunday, January 6th**.

Pancake Breakfast

The monthly community outreach pancake breakfast will be served on **Saturday, January 12th** from **8-11am** in the fellowship hall. Join us for a home cooked meal of pancakes, eggs, breakfast meats, hot & cold drinks and more. The cost of this meal is a free will offering. All are invited, invite a friend! Interested in helping out? Contact Mike Hanna.



Compelling Vision Conversations

The Compelling Vision Process Team (CVPT) seeks to engage as many people as possible in the process of conversation and discernment to arrive at a compelling vision for our denomination. This is an opportunity for you to give voice to your passions and concerns, listen to one another, and work together to identify common threads and themes that might point to a shared and compelling vision. The CVPT Team will then report as a district to the denomination at this summer's Annual Conference. Your last opportunity to join in the conversation is **Saturday, January 12th** from 10am-noon at Pleasant Ridge CoB located in PA. This session will be led by Paul Munday.

Special offering: Mutual Aid Offering

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month. During months with five Sundays, a special deacon (Mutual Aid) offering is collected to help build our Mutual Aid Fund. This fund is used to help folks in our fellowship during financial crisis. If you are able, please give towards this special offering. Your well-marked gift can be placed in the offering plate.

With love: Keeping warm during church

If you get a little chilly during the worship service, we have got you covered. The sanctuary can become a little drafty during the winter months. **Beth Kagarise** made lap blankets for the congregation to use during worship as a service project for Girl Scouts. There is a shelf with bins in the back corner of the sanctuary area – please borrow for the service and return to the bins afterwards. Thank you, Beth, for your service project that provides warmth, and was made with love!

Financial: Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2019 will be available in the church lobby at the end of the December. If you are in need of envelopes or would like to start using the envelope system for your offering, please complete the following and place in the offering plate. Thanks, Ken Bowman

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I/We need offering envelopes for 2019.

Name (please print)
