



SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany

**Worship Schedule: 10 AM
In-person and livestreamed**

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Pastor's Ponderings

Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, your mind and your soul.

**We will love God with an intensity
such that no substitute will suffice,
the very mention of God's name will be precious
as we cleave to our time of communion with the sacred.**

Love your neighbor as yourself.

**We will respect the wisdom of our elders.
We will protect the lives and the reputations of
those around us.
We will cherish the relationships entrusted to us.
We will not take what is not ours.
We will learn the value of enough.**

Love the Lord your God.

Amen.



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JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JANUARY 16, 2022

Our pastor's contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Pastor Holy is available for conversation and prayer. Also, please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests.

Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.

Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!

We give thanks for the worship leadership of Rourke Moore!

We pray for Tom Craven as he recovers from surgery and grieves the loss of his bother, Davis H. Craven, on January 3, 2022.

We are grateful to be reminded that there are those among us who are still confined to their homes for various reasons, and that we should reach out to them when we can, and pray for them always.

We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for heat, shelter and food, and pray for those who must do without.

We pray for the safety of all during this latest surge of Covid.

We pray for those on the IPNC and the COMC who are working diligently to identify an interim paster so that LBPC may move on the next phase of our transition.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Pledged Giving:	\$185,064
2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$210,000
2022 YTD Contributions	\$ 19,751

WORSHIP LINKS

January 16, 2022

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



**Pledge
2022**

We are still accepting pledges for 2022! At this time we are \$24,936 away from reaching our goal of \$210,000. **Simply email your 2022 pledge commitment to Linda Natali at finance@lowerbrandywine.org.**

We cannot know what lies ahead of us, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church can keep doing what love requires of us by nurturing life-giving, joyful ministries both inside and outside our church.



A reminder that weekly Sr. Choir rehearsals resume this week, although the choir will *not* sing at the January 23rd worship service.

Beginning February 2, community members will be invited to come to LBP's choir rehearsals to begin preparing Paul Winter "Missa Gaia" for our Fifteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert. As in past years, we will begin our Wednesday rehearsals with 45-60 minutes on the Memorial Concert music. At the end of that time we will rehearse music for the Sunday services. All those who wish to participate are kindly asked to be vaccinated and wear masks during rehearsals.



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th, LIFT will once again be collecting canned goods for the "Souper Bowl of Caring". Collection baskets will be located in the Sanctuary and in the Social Hall. Proceeds benefit the Delaware Food Bank.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

**will be held immediately following
the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
on
Sunday, January 30, 2022**

At the meeting we will receive the Annual Reports, elect Elders for the Class of 2025 and to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2023, and at-large members of the Church Nominating Committee, and transact such other business which shall properly come before the meeting.

Those joining the meeting via live stream will be able to participate through YouTube chat.

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Legacy
Giving

Leave Gifts to Benefit Lower Brandywine Presbyterian

Please consider making a gift to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian that tells the story of your hope in Christ. Each will is unique and must be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of the individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan. Our Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officer (MRO) can guide you through this important giving process:

[Olanda Carr, Jr. 5141 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210 olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org)

Legacy Options. You can leave a gift to your church in the following ways: • A bequest in your will • Retirement plan beneficiary • Life insurance beneficiary • Proceeds from the sale of real estate or property • Other ways that suit your situation.

Consult with an attorney or professional advisor before making changes to your estate plans.

For more information visit: <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/>



Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution or electronically through our website? Visit the Giving tab on our website to see how!

Stock Transfers – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **272-118389**.
If needed – Fidelity Investments – 4001 Kennett Pike Ste. 120, Greenville, DE 19807, our Account Executive is Daniel Glazer 302-428-3776 ext. 78869.

Please remember to advise Linda Natali at finance@lowerbrandywine.org of your donation, so that we may credit your giving account promptly.

Donations of Required Minimum Distributions from Retirement Accounts

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account to tax exempt charities, such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and your donation will be tax exempt?

Here's how it works. If a person is at least age 70½, they must take at least a minimum distribution from their IRA or incur a penalty equal to one-half of the otherwise required minimum distribution amount. They may take more than the minimum at their discretion. These individuals may instruct their IRA account manager to distribute any amount of their choosing to one or more tax exempt charities such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian.

When that is done, it is considered to be a tax-exempt contribution. Lower Brandywine would acknowledge to the giver the receipt of that contribution from their IRA. Also, this contribution is tax exempt even if the individual does not itemize deductions for income tax purposes because the IRA account manager would not identify this to the IRS as reportable income in accordance with the tax code.

For more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions, check out the Internal Revenue Service Publication 590-B, “Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)” or speak with your tax advisor.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 17TH—JANUARY 30TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
01/17/2022	7:00 PM	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
01/19/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
01/20/2022	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	6:00 PM	LIFT
01/23/2022		Third Sunday after Epiphany
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
01/24/2022	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
01/26/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
01/27/2022	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
01/29/2022	10:00 AM	Special Session Meeting - Confirmation
01/30/2022		Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
		Youth Sunday - Confirmation
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Annual Meeting

In May of 2020, the confirmation class chose to pause its meetings during a time where the youth were feeling overloaded with school by Zoom and the other moving pieces in their lives. Little did we know that it would be over a year before time brought us back together. We are delighted to announce that all six candidates from the Confirmation Class of 2020 have decided to complete the confirmation process! Pastor Nona and the LIFT leaders plan to spend the month of January assisting the confirmands in completing their faith statement/projects so that we may confirm all six on Sunday, January 30th. We look forward to welcoming the following youth into the membership of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church:



Owen Coats
 Kate Connelly
 Michael Connelly
 Arabella Hirs
 Emma Main
 Molly Main

January 2022 Readings

Second Sunday of Christmas—January 2

Jeremiah 31:7–14

Psalm 147:12–20

Ephesians 1:3–14 John 1:(1–9) 10–18

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 9

Isaiah 43:1–7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14–17

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Sunday, January 16

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalm 36:5–10

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

Sunday, January 23

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Luke 4:14–21

Sunday, January 30

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Psalm 71:1–6 1

Corinthians 13:1–13

Luke 4:21–30

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/02	Jacob Jury
01/03	Kristin Armstrong
01/03	Erin Walther
01/04	Paul Kenton
01/06	Alex Schwendeman
01/07	Hunter Witmer
01/09	Dara Main
01/15	William Martinez
01/16	Molly Kenton
01/16	Adrienne Underwood
01/18	Susan Latimer
01/21	Janis Kumpf
01/22	Dennis Witmer
01/24	Hanna Firment
01/24	Hunter Firment
01/24	Marilyn Roberts
01/26	Xande Robertson
01/26	George Salmons
01/27	Paul Haldeman
01/28	Carey Kaiser
01/29	Carolyn Hooper

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01/01	Joan & Doug Cummings
01/01	Jonathan & Barbara Sypher
01/29	David & Barbara Heckman

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