



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022	
Third Sunday of Advent	
Senior Choir Christmas Cantata	
10:00 AM	Sunday Worship
10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
11:00 AM	Fellowship

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Pastor's Ponderings



Messages of Joy are abundant in our worship this coming Sunday as:

we light the pink candle for Joy on our Advent Wreath

we receive the gift of music through the Senior Choir's offering
of the Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio

we hear the news the angels bring to Mary and Joseph,
messages which overcome fear and doubt.

And may it be so for us as we gather:
that the deep joy of Advent may take root within us
and then be carried by us into
the world.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM DECEMBER 4, 2022

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!

Some time ago we prayed for Bruce Ringstrom's cousin's wife, Mary, who was beginning treatment for cancer. He wants to let the congregation know that the first round of treatment went well and she will have surgery in January but they expect that she will fully recover. He is very grateful for the support of the church in prayer.

Cindy Faulkner asks prayers for her brother, Carl Keller, who has been admitted to the hospital with liver failure.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$233,441
2022 YTD Giving:	\$227,328
2023 Pledge Goal:	\$190,000
2023 YTD Pledged:	\$ 50,334

WORSHIP LINKS

December 4, 2022

- ◇ [Audio/Video link](#)
- ◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW


LBPC MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Christmas Giving Tree

It's that time of year again!

Please consider supporting the Missions Committee Giving Tree by purchasing a **Walmart Gift Card** in any amount. This year's recipients are youth from **The Garage Youth Center** in Kennett Square.

The Garage serves middle and high school students by empowering them to pursue their potential academically, relationally, and spiritually.

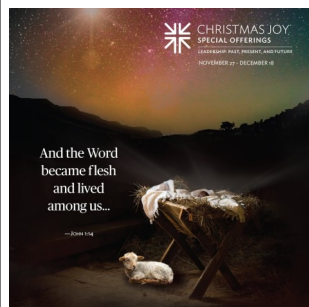
Any amount is appreciated!! Please return your gift cards to the church no later than: **DEC 11**



Click [HERE](#) to learn more about

The Garage!

LAST WEEK!

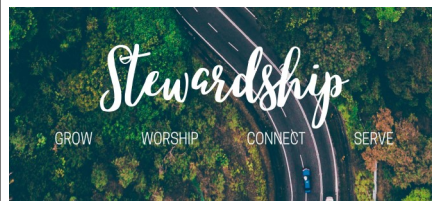


Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us—past, present and future—who have pointed us to God.

We honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much.

Please offer your support! The Christmas Joy Offering is received on December 18th and December 24th.

Click [HERE](#) to give online!



We are now accepting pledge cards for 2023. If you have not received a pledge card, please contact Linda Natali at finance@lowerbrandywine.org. You may submit your completed pledge card by mailing it to the church office, putting it in Linda's box, or dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If you have questions about your giving status for 2022, please contact Linda Natali.

ALSO, don't forget to submit your Time, Talent and Treasure survey to Becky!



LIFT would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to the congregation for their support of their summer mission trip through yesterday's Pancake Breakfast! You generously donated \$507! Thank you!!!

Also, LIFT will meet December 8th and 15th for holiday activities. Participants will be contacted with times and locations. If you have other questions or inquiries, please contact Candace via email or phone, candacesmithevents@gmail.com/ 302-897-2469.

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LBPC SR. CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saens

Come enjoy the sounds of the season as the Senior Choir of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church presents Camille Saint-Saens' *Christmas Oratorio*, also known as *Oratorio de Noël*. This beautiful cantata, written in 1858, will be accompanied by organ and string quartet. You don't want to miss this magical performance!



Lower Brandywine Senior Choir Presents:

Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saens

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM
During the 10:00 am Worship Service

Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church
101 Old Kennett Road, Wilmington, DE 19807 (Route 52 at Old Kennett Road, across from Winterthur)
www.lowerbrandywine.org

LBPC YOUTH MUSICAL DRAMA

Calling All Angels by Helen Kemp



Although God's messenger angel, Gabriel, has already spoken to Mary to tell her she will deliver a son, she is now being given the awesome task of announcing to the world that the Holy Child has been born. Gabriel calls upon the hosts of angels to help come up with a glorious event for accomplishing this assignment. One young angel thinks she has a "just right" idea - to fly through the sky singing...

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Lower Brandywine Youth Present:

Calling All Angels by Helen Kemp

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM
During the 10:00 am Worship Service



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The Christian Ed Christmas Pageant is December 18th followed by the Sunday School Christmas party in the LIFT/ youth room next to the social hall. (During social hour)

There will be no Sunday School during the Christmas day service, nor during the New Year's Day service, however, there will be holiday activity sheets and sticker crafts for any children in attendance.

Christmas Eve: 4:30 PM Caroling, 5:00 PM Service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary

Childcare provided

Christmas Day: 10:00 AM Worship in the Social Hall

We will gather for an informal service suitable for all generations. Wear your comfy clothes (or pjs) and bring your leftover Christmas cookies to share if you like!

No childcare, no livestreaming

New Year's Day: 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Childcare provided



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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 \[olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org\]\(mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org\)](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/>



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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 **772-118389**.

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

DECEMBER 5TH - DECEMBER 18TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
12/05/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
12/06/2022	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
12/07/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
12/08/2022	6:00 PM	LIFT Thursday
12/10/2022	9:00 AM	Sr. Choir Cantata Rehearsal
12/11/2022		Third Sunday of Advent 
		Sr. Choir Christmas Cantata
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
12/12/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
12/13/2022	10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at Brew Ha Ha
12/14/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
12/15/2022	6:00 PM	LIFT Thursday (Christmas Party)
12/17/2022		Children's Christmas Cantata Dress Rehearsal
12/18/2022		Fourth Sunday of Advent 
	9:00 AM	Children's Christmas Cantata Dress Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Cantata (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Children's Christmas Party

December 2022 Readings

Second Sunday of Advent—December 4

Isaiah 11:1–10
 Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19
 Romans 15:4–13
 Matthew 3:1–12

Third Sunday of Advent—December 11

Isaiah 35:1–10
 Psalm 146:5–10 or Luke 1:46–55
 James 5:7–10
 Matthew 11:2–11

Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 18

Isaiah 7:10–16
 Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19
 Romans 1:1–7
 Matthew 1:18–25

Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve—December 24

Isaiah 9:2–7
 Psalm 96
 Titus 2:11–14
 Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]

Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day—December 25

Christmas Dawn

Isaiah 62:6–12
 Psalm 97
 Titus 3:4–7
 Luke 2:[1–7] 8–20

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7–10
 Psalm 98
 Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12]
 John 1:1–1

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Jason Casper
 12/03 Holly Middleton
 12/04 Judy Thorpe
 12/05 Jaqueline Balderas-Castro
 12/05 Betsy Ernst
 12/05 Patrick Lannon
 12/06 Hilary Faulkner
 12/07 Jane Cantera
 12/10 Dee Beech
 12/12 Crystal Bennett
 12/13 Barbara Walsh
 12/14 Megan McGraw
 12/16 Christa Kaiser
 12/16 William Kaiser
 12/18 Barbara Bowker
 12/19 Fabiola Balderas-Castro
 12/20 Carla Major
 12/28 Patricia Dewey

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/12 Thomas & Francine Craven
 12/28 Denis & Heather Gomez





To make a Christmas poinsettia dedication, please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check for \$18.00 per plant. Make checks payable to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and mark your check, "*for poinsettias.*" You may return your dedication by email to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org , by dropping it in the offering plate during worship, or by mailing it to the church office. (101 Old Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807)

In loving memory of _____

To the Glory of God

Dedications must be received by Thursday, December 21st.

Name

Phone Number

*You may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service.



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