



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School
 Following Parable Time
 11:00 AM Fellowship

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Pastor's Ponderings



Shine, Jesus, Shine . . . This little light of mine . . . You are the light of the world

So often we are reminded in worship that we are to shine with the light of Christ. We are told each one of us is uniquely gifted to shine in a particular way and our life's work is to discover just how God created us to shine. And then to shine!

Each time we celebrate a baptism, we proclaim the giftedness and belovedness of the one baptized. As a community we promise to nurture the light within them, within each other, as we honor one another's baptism.

Maybe today we can each pause for a moment to remember our baptism, to claim our own gifted and beloved self, and to consider how it is we are sharing our own light with the world in Jesus' name.

Grateful for the lights which together shine as LBPC –

*Peace, Be Well -
Pastor Nona*

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JANUARY 15, 2023

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, CRE, while Pastor Nona was away on study leave. Thank you, Rourke!

We pray for the family of Marilyn Roberts, who completed her baptism on Sunday, January 15, 2023. Marilyn's family is currently making plans for how best to honor her life. We will announce the details when they become available.

We continue to pray for Art Beebe who is still in the hospital awaiting radiation, and for Carol Young who is at home battling an extended illness.

We pray for healing for Brud Reese who was in church yesterday following hip surgery this past week!

Today we remember and give thanks for the courageous leadership of the Rev. Martin Luther King and his important contributions to the civil rights movement.



2023 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2023 Pledge Goal:	\$190,000
2023 YTD Pledged:	\$187,836

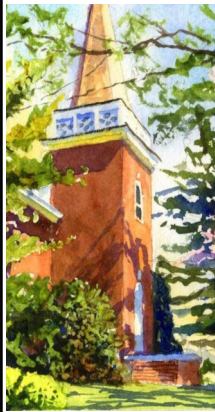
WORSHIP LINKS

January 15, 2023

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

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



Say YES to what God is doing at LBPC!

2023 Pledge Goal: \$190,000
Current Pledges: \$187,836

98.86% to Goal
or \$2,164

That's only an additional \$44 per week for the remaining 49 weeks, or \$11 per week for four people or families!

THANK YOU to all who have submitted a pledge for 2023!!

We are very nearly there!!! At this time we are only \$2,164 away from reaching our goal of \$190,000.

You may email your pledge to Linda Natali at finance@lowerbrandywine.org.

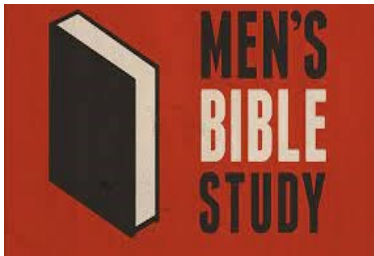
Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church can keep doing what love requires of us by nurturing life-giving, joyful ministries both inside and outside our church.

WORSHIP

CONNECT

SERVE

GROW



Jeff Anderson from Green Hill Presbyterian Church wants to let the LBPC men know that there is a location change for the Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study. The new location is J's Café in Janssen's market. 3801 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807. The day and time remain the same | Every other Tuesday at 10:00 AM. Future dates are as follows: 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21.



The office is compiling the 2022 annual report which will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on **January 29, 2023**. If you are a staff member or chairperson that heads a group or committee, you are responsible for submitting a report that summarizes your activities for the year 2022. All submissions are due in the office by **THIS Thursday, January 19thth**. Reports should be emailed to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org. If you have questions or need some help, please contact either Linda Natali or Becky Kennedy in the church office. Thank you for sharing the goodness of your ministry! Blessings to all!

**Join us every Wednesday
at 6 PM
in the Social Hall
for
Dinner with the Word**

Enjoy a simple meal with friends while we relate scripture to important matters of faith raised by the news of the week.

The WiredWORD™

Then...
Gather for rehearsal with Jr. Choir,
Handbells or Sr. Choir.

If you would like to receive The Wired Word lessons prior to the meetings, please contact Pastor Nona or Candace Smith to be added to the distribution list.

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A new sign-up sheet has been posted in the Social Hall!

If you would like to dedicate flowers on a Sunday morning in memory of or in honor of someone special, please fill out the sign-up sheet. You may also call the office at 302-658-2326 or email lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org with your dedication.

The suggested donation is \$40 and each dedication is printed in the Sunday bulletin.

LBPC IS TRADING SPACES

AND CREATING A PLACE FOR EVERYONE!




SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 (TBD)

We meet at 10:00 AM to move some furniture, and do some organizing, painting, and general sprucing up in order to get the most out of our beautiful building and...create a home for EVERYONE!
LUNCH PROVIDED

WHO, ME?

Yes! And if you are a student who needs service hours for yourself and your friends, this is a GOLDEN opportunity! There will be a job for everyone, so put on your work clothes and join us in clearing the cobwebs to prepare for what God has in store for LBPC!

Please consider giving some of your time to this project! Even if you only have 1 or 2 hours to spare, every bit helps.

No tools or supplies are needed, everything we need is already at the church.

We'll bring in some pizzas for lunch. Hope to see you there!

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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/>



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 16TH—JANUARY 29TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
1/16/2023		**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
	7:00 PM	Alateen
	7:00 PM	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alanon
1/17/2023	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
1/18/2023	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
1/20/2023		Church Office Closed
1/21/2023	10:00 AM	Trading Spaces
1/22/2023		Third Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 AM	Trading Spaces (TBD)
1/23/2023	7:00 PM	Alateen
	7:00 PM	Alanon
1/23/2023	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
1/24/2023	10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe
1/25/2023	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
1/27/2023		Church Office Closed
1/29/2023		Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:15 AM	Annual Meeting

January 2023 Readings

First Sunday of Christmas—January 1, 2023

Isaiah 63:7–9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10–18

Matthew 2:13–23

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 8

Isaiah 42:1–9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34–43

Matthew 3:13–17

Sunday, January 15

Isaiah 49:1–7

Psalm 40:1–11

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

John 1:29–42

Sunday, January 22

Isaiah 9:1–4

Psalm 27:1, 4–9

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Matthew 4:12–23

Sunday, January 29

Micah 6:1–8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Matthew 5:1–12

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/02 Jacob Jury

01/03 Kristin Armstrong

01/03 Erin Walther

01/06 Alex Schwendeman

01/07 Hunter Witmer

01/09 Dara Main

01/16 Molly Kenton

01/18 Susan Latimer

01/22 Dennis Witmer

01/24 Hanna Firment

01/24 Hunter Firment

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

01/29 David & Barbara Heckman





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