



SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Youth Sunday**

**Annual Meeting**

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## Pastor's Ponderings

“Who are your people?” Where my mama grew up in a small Georgia town, that’s the “get to know you” question. It’s how people figure out who you are, by placing you in a family, among your people.

It’s what the gospel writer is doing in the first chapter of Matthew when he traces Jesus’ genealogy from Abraham to Joseph and Mary, some forty-two generations. He wants us to know who Jesus’ people are, where he came from, because that will help us to know who Jesus is.

This Sunday in worship six young people who have been nurtured in this congregation will be confirmed. They will profess their intention to live as followers of Jesus. With these membership vows, they will be saying, “These are my people – the ones who follow Jesus.”

And I believe that they are also saying to you, LBPC, that you are their people. That this community of faith is a place where they feel valued, welcomed, included. This congregation is for them a place where they are comfortable continuing their journey of faith with all its certainty and all its questions.

As we gather this Sunday, we will celebrate the life of this church - with Confirmation and the Annual Meeting. Let us rejoice in together being Jesus’ people!

Peace, be well –

Nona

Pastor Nona

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM JANUARY 23, 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!*

Dennis Witmer asked for prayers for a colleague whose family recently lost their home in a fire.

We lift up Keeley Lannon and the Lannon family as she prepares for surgery this week.

We pray for Ed Nass and Dot Kent, both who are feeling under the weather this week,



### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Pledged Giving:	<b>\$185,064</b>
2022 Budgeted Giving:	<b>\$210,000</b>
2022 YTD Contributions	<b>\$ 20,001</b>

### WORSHIP LINKS

**January 23, 2022**

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



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.

## ANNUAL MEETING

If you plan to join the Annual Congregational Meeting online, please note the following instructions: **The *worship* livestream will be ENDED immediately following the worship service. A NEW livestream will be started at approximately 11:15 AM. Access the new livestream exactly the same as you accessed the worship service. Open the meeting livestream and register your attendance by entering your name in the chat field. If you have any questions you want answered, please type your question in the chat field and the livestream monitor will relay the question to the moderator. To register your vote, type "yes" or "no" in the chat field. The recorded version of the meeting will be deleted from YouTube upon the meeting's conclusion.**



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.



# CALENDAR

## JANUARY 24TH—FEBRUARY 6TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
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
<b>01/30/2022</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b>
		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
01/31/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
02/01/2022	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group
02/02/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
02/03/2022	12:00 PM	Brown Bag Bible Study
	6:00 PM	LIFT
<b>02/06/2022</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b>
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering
	8:00 AM	Adult Topical Study (Zoom)
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	Fellowship

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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