



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Musical**

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:00 AM Fellowship

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Pastor's Ponderings



Mary, young mother of Jesus, fills my thoughts this week. Last week we briefly considered the angels who came as God's messengers to Mary and to Joseph. This Sunday we will give our attention to this young woman who receives a message from God which will change her life, and indeed, the life of the world. How she responds to what she hears, how she understood what God was asking of her – well, it has filled volumes and inspired hearts and song. Here are links to two songs written to capture some of her experience.

Breath of Heaven - Amy Grant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWo3qlqyW1c>

Mary, Did You Know? - Kathy Mattea <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXK50lsrdq4>

As we come to the 4th Sunday of Advent, God invites us to ponder the messengers sent to us, to take to heart the message of hope, peace, love and joy of Advent, and to look honestly at our our response to God's call upon our own lives.

May the courage and faithfulness of Mary, strengthen and inspire you,

Peace, Be Well -
Pastor Nona

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM DECEMBER 11, 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!

Ed Nass and Deb Ventura ask prayers for Deb's sister Denise and her husband, Charley Gaebel. Charley has recently received some difficult news regarding a cancer diagnosis.

Carol Young shared a joy that she has received good news concerning her test results!

We lift up Dave Roberts who is juggling many family responsibilities but wants LBPC to know how much he appreciates the congregations prayers and support.

We continue to pray for those who are in treatment and dealing with illness: Art Beebe, Joan Cummings, Georgia Coats' father George, and Cindy Faulkner's brother Carl.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Budgeted Giving:	\$233,441
2022 YTD Giving:	\$232,474
2023 Pledge Goal:	\$190,000
2023 YTD Pledged:	\$111,484

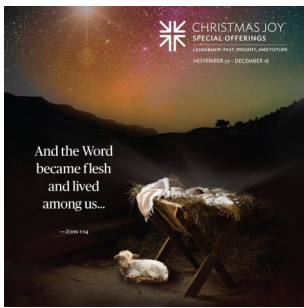
WORSHIP LINKS

December 11, 2022

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

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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!

Calling All Angels

God’s messenger, Gabriel, fulfills her spreading of the message by sending all of her (our little LBPC angels) angels flying through the sky. They will sing Gloria in Excelsis Deo and you will know you have been inspired when you join in to sing Gloria, too... Be watching for Archangels Michael and Raphael to lead you into being Heralds of the Message, too! You will help bear the good news of the Holy Child.

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



Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church

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

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Also, LIFT will meet December 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, candacesmith-events@gmail.com/ 302-897-2469.



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 on this Sunday

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

Childcare provided



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!



December 18th during Fellowship

Bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to swap with your friends

Contact Candace Smith for more details or to sign up!

Candacesmithevents@gmail.com

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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

DECEMBER 12TH - DECEMBER 25TH

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
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
12/15/2022	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	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
	12/19/2022	7:00 PM
12/20/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
12/21/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
12/24/2022	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	4:30 PM	Seasonal Concert and Congregational Carols
	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons and Carols
12/25/2022		Christmas Day
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person Only)



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



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