

Lincolnia United Methodist Church

6335 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, Virginia 22312

Our Mission is "To Share Christ's Love for All People Everywhere"

Sunday, February 2, 2025, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Service at 11:00 A.M.



1. Prelude : (Organ Music)

2. Greetings and Welcome: (Worship Leader)

3. Call to Worship: (Responsively)

L: In you, O Lord, let us take refuge,

P: So we might never be put to shame.

L: In your righteousness, O Lord, let us find deliverance,

P: So we might experience your saving power.

L: In your presence, O God, let us place our trust,

P: So we might find confidence in you alone.

L: You are our rock and our refuge, Our fortress and shield

P: We turn to you again this day. Amen.

4. Opening Hymn: "Savior, Blessed Savior" (MHB - 672)

1. Savior, blessed Savior, listen while we sing,
hearts and voices raising praises to our King.
All we have we offer, all we hope to do,
body, soul, and spirit, all we yield to you.

Refrain:

**Savior, blessed Savior, listen while we sing,
hearts and voice raising praises to our King.**

2. Great and even greater, are your mercies here,
true and everlasting are the glories there,
where no pain or sorrow, toil or care is known,
where the angel legions circle 'round your throne.

[Refrain]

3. Clearer still and clearer, dawns the light from heav'n,
in our sadness bringing news of sin forgiv'n.
Life has lost its shadows, pure the light within;
you have shed your radiance on a world of sin.

[Refrain]

5. Opening Prayer: (By all)

Holy, loving God, we look to you this day to return us to the force of love. In our worship and witness, our works and our ways, may we be marked by the contours of your divine love. Remind us that our songs and words, prophecies and gifts, are nothing if not done in love. Pour out your Spirit this day, empowering us with the radical force of love. Amen.

6. Prayer of Confession: (By all)

Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable, and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome. But your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one. Soften our hearts to those we rage against. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Renew us with your abundant mercy and love, which know no end. **Amen.**

7. Words of Assurance: (Pastor)

Pastor: (In the name of Jesus your sins are forgiven)

People: **(Amen thanks be to God)**

8. The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: (Worship Leader)

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

9. Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10

4 The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." 6 "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." 7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. 9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words

in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Reader: (This is the word of God)
People (Thanks be to God)

10. Hymn: “Rescue the Perishing” # 591

11. New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13

¹If I speak in the tongues¹ of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child; I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Reader: (This is the word of God)
People (Thanks be to God)

12. Sermonic Hymn: “I Need Thee Every Hour” # 397

13. Gospel Lesson: Luke 4: 21 – 30

21 He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”
22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from

his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked. 23 Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’” 24 “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy[a] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.” 28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Reader: (This is the gospel of Christ)

People: (Praise to Christ our Saviour)

14. Sermon: “The Saviour We Need” Rev. Raymond Max-Jones

15. Announcements: (Worship Leader)

16. Offering of Our gifts and ourselves: (Stewards)

17. The Doxology: # 94 (By all, please stand)

18. Blessing of our gifts and ourselves: (Pastor)

19. Pastoral Prayer: The church, world, home, sick and all sorts and conditions of mankind.

20. Closing Hymn: “Take My Life, and Let It Be” #399 (Remain seated)

21. Closing Prayer and Benediction: (Pastor)

22. Postlude Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” # 557

Announcements from the Church Office
Sunday, February 2, 2025

1. SPRC Meeting: SPRC will meet today, February 2, 2025 immediately after the Divine Service in the room across from the church office. Members who should be in attendance are: Raymond Max-Jones, Mattu Bockarie-Davis, Stephen Amara, Augusta Davies, Festus Musa, Emile Davis, Alfred Smith, and Thomas Bangura.

2. Attention All: The Church Office has observed that not all church members are in a small group forum or have an email address in our database, thus they cannot receive timely information that needs to be disseminated across our entire membership in the event of inclement weather or church closure or any other emergency. Thus, such members are encouraged to make time to visit the church website from time to time, it contains all such information. The website is found at the back of the bulletin. The Church Office is very sorry for any inconvenience this gap in communication may have caused.

3. 2024 Contribution Statements: Please request 2024 Contribution Statements by sending an email request to lincolniaumchurch@gmail.com or by adding a notation on your offering envelope.

4. Midweek Devotional: Midweek Devotional Worship continues every Wednesday evening at 7:30.p.m. Via Zoom, **ID: 94326293441, Password: 6cbm6p.** A blessed and refreshing time awaits you all in Jesus name.

5. Small Groups: Leaders of Small Groups and Committees or their representatives are welcome to make their announcements as well.

6. Offerings: Offerings can be given via Zelle. The Zelle info to use to contribute is **(703-967-5719)** (the office cell). You can also access the Zelle info via the Church Website.

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Lincolnia U M C Worship Services on Sunday is at 11:00. A.M

Church Office Hours: 10:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.

Mondays through Fridays

Missionary Church of Christ

Sunday - 2: 30.P.M - 5: 30.P.M @ the Fellowship Hall

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 6: 30.p.m- 9: 30.P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Till We Meet Again Stay Blessed and Safe.

Corona Virus Is Real!

Protect Yourself and Save Others