



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 17, 2019 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the tear-off card in the back of your bulletin to share important information with us. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you **silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship** so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God.*

**CHILDCARE:** *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to the crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon that are provided for children each week.*

## Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

\* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast forever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

**All: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. To him belongs eternal praise!**

\* Hymn of praise

"Rejoice in All Your Works"

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,  
every eye that searches through the dark for light,  
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;  
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Refrain:* Oh rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;  
with the mountain, sky, and sea we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,  
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,  
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;  
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips  
with the chorus of creation join in praise  
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,  
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

*text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

Romans 3:23-24 and 1 John 1:8-9

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

### Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

**Leader:** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**All:** **Therefore, be glad and rejoice! For the LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.**

## \* Hymn of assurance

“'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

*Refrain:* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

*continued*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*  
*text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882*

## **Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings**

### **Offertory hymn**

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.  
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### **\* Scripture reading from Acts 8:4-8, 26-40**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Caroline Barnes (9:30)  
Barbara Wingard (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

### **Sermon**

“Useful in the Hands of God”  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

### **Pastoral prayer**

### **\* Hymn of response**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

*text by Frances Havergal, 1874; music by Henri César Malan, 1827*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**Launch presentation**

*\* Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Esther Ellis** – piano  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Hope Plating** – vocalist  
**Laura Ann Risley** – flute  
**Rebekah Risley** – vocalist

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Martha Webb**

June 6, 1918 – November 9, 2019

## Acts 8:4-8, 26-40

<sup>4</sup>Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. <sup>5</sup>Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. <sup>6</sup>When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. <sup>7</sup>With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. <sup>8</sup>So there was great joy in that city.

<sup>26</sup>Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup>So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup>and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup>The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." <sup>30</sup>Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. <sup>31</sup>"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" <sup>38</sup>And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

**The rosebud in the chapel today** is for the birth of Robert Campbell Edens, Jr., born to Abby and Rob Edens on November 11.

**The rosebud in the sanctuary today** is for the birth of Boaz Reed Wharton, born to Stephanie and Ben Wharton on November 12.



**SERMON NOTES**

“Useful in the Hands of God”

*Acts 8:4-8, 26-40*



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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY IS LAUNCH SUNDAY, WHEN WE PRESENT THE 2020 BUDGET** and prayerfully ask for pledges from our members and regular attenders for next year. We are praying that we will have 80% of the budget pledged by December 31, 2019. If you are ready to pledge for 2020, please go ahead and do so. This year, you can submit your giving plans in three different ways:

- under the “Giving” tab on your Realm profile
- online at [lmpc.org/giving-2020](http://lmpc.org/giving-2020)
- completing a giving plan card and placing it in an offering plate or submitting to the church office

Find out more about pledging, ways to give, and the 2020 budget at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).

**LMPC IS NOW COLLECTING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS** in room E204 in the chapel breezeway through Wednesday evening, December 4, for Hope for the Inner City’s Christmas Store. For a list of suggested items visit [lmpc.org/christmas-store](http://lmpc.org/christmas-store). Join us for Family Night on December 4 as we eat pizza, play bingo, and hear from our friends at Hope for the Inner City. We’ll finish the evening by loading the trucks with our donations to be transported to the Christmas Store.

**THE CHILDREN’S CHOIRS OF LMPC** will present “Come with Thanksgiving,” a musical program of praise and thanksgiving, this Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome, and nursery is provided.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HYMN SING** on Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us as we celebrate the incarnation through the singing of hymns, listening to vocal and instrumental ensembles, and the reading of God’s Word. Following the service, Christmas treats will be served in the Reception Room. Nursery is provided.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

# MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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NAME

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive email from LMPC

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*email address*

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- Serving at LMPC
- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
  - men's
  - women's
- Prayer opportunities

*If you are a first-time or repeat visitor, please fill out your information on the other side of this card so we can follow up with you.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

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Include request in the Prayer List?

Yes  No

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

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PHONE  DAY  EVENING

*Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by.*

## WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

I AM A:

- First time visitor  
 Repeat visitor

NAME

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

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SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL\*

*\*By supplying your email address(es), you consent to receive email from LMPC.*

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, November 17*

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	chapel
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your needs	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with communion	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- Gain access to our online church directory
- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

You can find more details on how to join and use Realm at [lmpc.org/realm](http://lmpc.org/realm). For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at [onrealm@lmpc.org](mailto:onrealm@lmpc.org).

### OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in the morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.