



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack in front of you 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

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* 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 457

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

* 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 523, vv. 1, 2, 4

"My Hope Is in the Lord"

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

Offertory

"Give Me Jesus"

Chancel Choir

O, when I am alone, O, when I am alone give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die,
O when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.
arr. Larry L. Fleming

* Doxology 731

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* **Scripture reading from Acts 8:4-8, 26-40**
p. 1704 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Rob Witcher (9:30)
Ed Salter (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"
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 585** "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

Launch presentation

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

IN MEMORIAM

Martha Webb

June 6, 1918 – November 9, 2019

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
- 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.

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. 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

Acts 8:4-8, 26-40

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

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷So 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, ²⁸and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." ³⁰Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²The 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. ³³In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" ³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰Philip, 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

To be useful in the hands of God, we should be:

1. Humble

God’s ways are higher than our ways. (Isaiah 55:9, Acts 8:4-8, 26)

2. Alert

Divine appointments are everywhere. (Acts 8:27-28)

3. Caring

Listen and ask questions. (Acts 8:29-35)

4. Expectant

God’s purposes are greater than we can imagine. (Acts 8:26-40)

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 17

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

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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*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.

Devices to amplify sound during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.