



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24, 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

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

based on Isaiah 40 and Jeremiah 32

Leader: The sovereign LORD sits enthroned above the circle of the earth. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

All: He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Leader: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

All: Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds!

* Hymn of praise

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

text by Folliot Pierpoint, 1864; music by Conrad Kocher, 1838

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2 and Isaiah 55

Leader: We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of
imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.
Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy,
envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave
pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation,
now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

All: **Let us seek the LORD while he may be found; let us call on him
while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man
his thoughts. Let us turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on us.
Let us turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.**

Hymn of confession “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow’r.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
 in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all. *Refrain*
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music from Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

* **Hymn of assurance** “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood (3x), has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x), thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”
text by John Newton, 1774; music by Laura Taylor, 2001

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

Offertory hymn

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose ev’ry promise is enough for ev’ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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*** Scripture reading from Acts 8:9-25**

text printed in the bulletin

Maryellen Mixon (9:30)

David Paschall (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Using God for Personal Gain”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love like mighty rivers poured unceasing from above:
heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and pow’r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

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Let me all thy love accepting, love thee, ever all my days;
let me seek thy kingdom only, and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou thyself hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.
text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

*** 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.**

*** Postlude**

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Bailey Adams – guitar
Marie Bowen – vocalist
Greta Erickson – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, you can submit your giving plans for 2020 online at lmpc.org/giving-2020 or at your Giving tab on Realm. You can also place a giving plan card in the offering plate or deliver it to David Fowler in the church office. We are praying that we will have 80% of the 2020 budget pledged by December 31, 2019. So far, 45% of the budget has been pledged. 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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/christmas-flowers to submit a request and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to make a request is Wednesday, December 11.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT, "The Creed and the Cradle," presented by the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists. The concert will take place in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. Please note: nursery is provided for the 4:00 concert only.

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, we will be offering our annual Communicant Class for middle school and high school students interested in joining the church. For more information and to sign up, visit lmpc.org/youth or contact Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org with the student's name, age, and grade.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/news

Acts 8:9-25

⁹Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, ¹⁰and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." ¹¹They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. ¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. ¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money ¹⁹and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! ²¹You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. ²²Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. ²³For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin." ²⁴Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." ²⁵When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

IN MEMORIAM

Jeanne Salyer

December 20, 1920 - November 21, 2019

SERMON NOTES

“Using God for Personal Gain”

Acts 8:9-25

MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

NAME

I WOULD LIKE TO:

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

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

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:

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)

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 24

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 prayer with time of thanksgiving	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

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

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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.