



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24, 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

"Sing Praises to the Lord"

Music Makers Choir

Let ev'rything that breathes sing praises to the Lord. Praise the Lord!
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The birds in the trees, the bugs and the bees,
The fish in the sea, and you and me!

text and music by Ruth Elaine Schram, based on Psalm 150:6

Welcome and greetings

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Introit

"We, Your Children, Praise You"

Children's Choir

We, your children, praise you, praise you, God of ev'ry nation!
We, your children, praise you, praise you, Lord our God forever.
Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of gladness filled with light
tell your goodness, tell your mercies, tell your glorious might.
We, your children, praise you, praise you, praise you evermore!

We, your children, praise you, praise you, God of ev'ry nation!
We, your children, praise you, praise you, Lord our God forever.
For your blessings, for your bounty, joyful songs to you we sing,
songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.

We, your children, praise you, praise you, praise you evermore!
text by Kate Page; music by Franz Haydn, arr. Hal Hopson

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

*“Come with Thanksgiving”
(Please stand and sing as directed)*

Choirs: Come with thanksgiving; rejoice for the gift of love.
Lift ev’ry heart and give thanks to the Lord above.
Now may we care enough to share our sorrow and joy as one,
that unified we glorify the love God has given through his Son.

Sing with thanksgiving; rejoice for the gift of song.
Lift ev’ry voice and give thanks to the Lord of all.
Now may we raise our grateful praise to whom all praise belongs,
That we may sing more perfectly in tune with the giver of our song.

**All: Live with thanksgiving; rejoice for the gift of life.
With ev’ry breath give your thanks to the Lord on high.
Now may we be more faithfully committed in our resolve
that we may give the lives we live completely in answer to God’s call.**
text by Pamela Stewart; music by Johannes Brahms, arr. Lloyd Larson

* Prayer of adoration

**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

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain; who_
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be-side; who_
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a-bove; whose
plumbed the depths of my dis-grace and gave me life a-gain. Who_
floods my weak-ness-es with strength and caus-es fears to fly. Whose
wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev-'ry thought is love. For_
crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness and clothed me in his light and_
ev-'ry pro-mise is e-nough for ev-'ry step I take; sus-
ev-'ry day I have on earth is gi-ven by the King. So_
wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r u-pon my heart.
tain-ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.
I will give my life, my all, to love and fol-low him.

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

Offertory

"Lauda Anima"

Chancel Choir

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

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Angels in the height adore him! Ye behold him face to face;
saints triumphant bow before him! Gathered in from ev'ry race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Amen, amen.

text by Henry Lyte, music by Mark Andrews

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

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

p. 1704 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Olivia Oster (9:30)

Hunt Davidson (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"

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 460**, vv. 1-4, 6

"Amazing Grace!"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

"Now Thank We All Our God" from Cantata No. 79

J. S. Bach, arr. C. H. Trevor

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – Director of sanctuary worship and music

Jennifer Mixon – Co-director of Kingdom Kids and Music4Missions

Stephanie Wharton – Director of Music Makers

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

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

1. Simon’s confession: profession of faith vs. possession of faith (vv. 9-17)
2. Simon’s obsession: manipulation of the Spirit vs. submission to the Spirit (vv. 18-25)

BIG IDEA: Profession of faith and possession of faith are vastly different things.

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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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- Gain access to our online church directory
- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

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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.

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.