



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 8, 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

based on Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

**All: The voice of the LORD is over the waters. The God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful and majestic. The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. It shakes the desert and twists the oaks.

**All: In his temple all cry, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people and blesses his people with peace.**

\* Hymn of praise

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.  
*traditional French carol*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Call to confession**

taken from Hebrews 4:14-16

**Leader:** Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

**All:** **Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

taken from Colossians 2

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

*"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"*

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

*continued*

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*Medieval Latin carol; German melody, 14th cent.*

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

**Offertory hymn** "See, amid the Winter's Snow"

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

*Refrain:* Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies:  
he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! *Refrain*  
*text by Edward Caswall, 1851; music by John Goss, 1870*

\* **Scripture reading from Isaiah 9:6-7**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

Margot Kapic (9:30)  
Bronwyn McEwen (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon** "Royal Names of the Royal Child: Mighty God"  
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response** "What Child Is This"

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.  
*traditional English carol, adapted 1865; English melody, 16th cent.*

\* **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.**

**Congregational meeting**

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Stephen Bearden** – flugelhorn  
**Genna Christie** – vocalist  
**Joel Christie** – vocalist  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist

**Erika Lines** – vocalist  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**John Reeder** – piano

**The rosebud in the fellowship hall today** is for the birth of Duncan Drake Wiggins, born to Bronwen and Newton Wiggins on December 3.

## Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

## Psalm 91

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup>I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." <sup>3</sup>Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup>You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. <sup>9</sup>If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge—<sup>10</sup>then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; <sup>12</sup>they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. <sup>14</sup>"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. <sup>15</sup>He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. <sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

### THE ROYAL NAMES OF THE ROYAL CHILD

**Wonderful Counselor:** The royal child is the exalted and eternal source of wisdom.

**Mighty God:** The royal child is God himself in flesh, victoriously at war against all of his and our enemies, both within and around us.

## SERMON NOTES

“Royal Names of the Royal Child: Mighty God”

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

1. The meaning of this royal title — Mighty God
  - Mighty God: The royal child is God himself in flesh, victoriously at war against all of his and our enemies, both within and around us.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - What does it mean to you that the royal child is Mighty God? (Psalm 91)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The fulfillment of this joyous promise
  - Jesus is the one who sovereignly fights for us and invites us to join him in the battle, fighting with all the strength he provides until final victory is fully realized. (Hebrews 2:14-15, Colossians 2:15, John 16:33)

**SERMON NOTES**

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*Isaiah 9:6-7*



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE** at the end of each service today for the purpose of nominating elders and deacons for the class of 2023. In addition, a brief meeting of LMPC, Inc. will be held to elect a trustee.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS HYMN SING TONIGHT** 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.

**THE ANNUAL LMPC HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESSIVE DINNER** will take place this Friday, December 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please RSVP to [christie@lmpc.org](mailto:christie@lmpc.org) by today. The cost is \$10 per person.

**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](http://lmpc.org/christmas-flowers) to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is this Wednesday, December 11.

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

**JOIN US FOR A TIME OF CAROLING** to members and friends of LMPC who cannot join us for Christmas services. On Sunday, December 22, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel before heading out to sing. All ages are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Judie Finch at 423-424-4094.

**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** will take place on Tuesday, December 24 at 3:00, 5:00, and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, with overflow in the chapel and fellowship hall. Please arrive early and join us for this special service of lessons, carols, and candlelight. Nursery will be provided at the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. services only. All are welcome.

**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](http://lmpc.org/youth) or contact Margaret Compton at [margaret@lmpc.org](mailto:margaret@lmpc.org) with the student's name, age, and grade.

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

## **2019 GIVING UPDATE** through December 2, 2019

**Annual Budget:** \$4.881 million

**2019 Giving YTD:** \$4.039 million

**Remaining gifts needed:** \$842,000

**Outstanding pledge balance:** \$549,000

**Unpledged giving needed:** \$293,000

- With the Christmas season upon us, we ask that you keep up the momentum in giving and prayerfully consider how much you can give as the year closes. You can find various ways to give at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).
- If you shop through Amazon Smile and choose LMPC as the charity of your choice, Amazon will give a small percentage of each purchase to LMPC. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to find out more.
- Please note that year-end gifts must either be received online or in the church office by Tuesday, December 31, or have a USPS postmark no later than December 30, to be deductible in 2019.

## **2020 PLEDGING UPDATE**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO**, you can submit your giving plans for 2020 online at [lmpc.org/giving-2020](http://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, 59.88% of the budget has been pledged. Find out more about pledging, ways to give, and the 2020 budget at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).

## **TOY COLLECTION REPORT**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Toy Collection for Hope for the Inner City's Christmas Store. Our collection this year yielded over 300 toys (including 30 bicycles)! Please remember there is still time to sign up to serve in their Christmas Store. Contact Stephanie Young in the missions office for more information.

# 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

CELL

EMAIL\*

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL\*

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, December 8*

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
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Hymn Sing	fellowship hall
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

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

### STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

- 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.*

### CONTACT US

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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.