



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 8, 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

"Once He Came in Blessing"
J. S. Bach

Welcome and greetings

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

*** 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 208, vv. 1-3**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*** 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 195, vv. 1, 3, 4

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

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

Offertory

"And the Glory of the Lord"

Chancel Choir

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
text based on Isaiah 40:5; music by George F. Handel from "Messiah"

* Doxology 731

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* Scripture reading from Isaiah 9:6-7

pp. 1072 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (9:30)

Bill Davis (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"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 213**

"What Child Is This"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

Congregational meeting

* **Postlude** "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
arr. Walter Pelz

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

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

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.

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 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 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 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

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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.

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.
- 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 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 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.

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)

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.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, December 8

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

For more events this week, visit 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. For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at 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.

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.