



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 15, 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

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** Call to worship**

based on Luke 1:68-75

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

All: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Leader: He has shown mercy to our fathers and remembered his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

All: **Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people!**

*** Hymn of praise**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
text by James Montgomery, 1816; music by Henry Smart, 1867

*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith

Hebrews 1:1-3

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Call to confession

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 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.

Hymn of confession

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

text by Phillips Brooks, 1868; music by Lewis Redner, 1868

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* Hymn of assurance "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." *Refrain*

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. *Refrain*
English carol and English melody, 18th century

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

Offertory hymn "The First Noel"

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star,
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a King was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
traditional English carol

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

Mary Kaufmann (9:30)
Rebekah Risley (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: Everlasting Father"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin's faith,
to the anguish and the shame of scandal, came the Savior of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the gift of God come down to man at the dawning of Immanuel!

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the Father's hands,
filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well;
yet his righteous steps give me hope again—I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, he was lifted on a cruel cross;
he was punished for a world's transgressions, he was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, he fights for me, loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
and with a shout our souls are free—death defeated by Immanuel!

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Now he's standing in the place of honor, crowned with glory on the highest throne,
interceding for his own beloved, till his Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
but the bride will run to her Lover's arms, giving glory to Immanuel!
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* **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:

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

Jennifer Mixon – vocalist

Mark Perry – vocalist

Jeremy Taylor – piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS will take a break over Christmas. There will be no classes on December 22 and 29. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5.

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF CAROLING to members and friends of LMPC who cannot join us for Christmas services. Next 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.

OUR NEW YEAR’S EVE SERVICE WITH COMMUNION will take place on Tuesday, December 31, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. 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.

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.

Everlasting Father: The royal child is the eternal One who, with father-like compassion, leads, protects, and provides for all who trust in him.

SERMON NOTES

“Royal Names of the Royal Child: Everlasting Father”

Isaiah 9:6-7

1. What does this royal title of “Everlasting Father” not mean?
 - Isaiah is not saying this royal child *is* God the Father (modalism); rather, Scripture tells us that the Son reveals the Father to us! (Matthew 11:27, John 14:5-9a)

2. What does this royal title mean?
 - Everlasting Father: This royal child is the eternal One who, with father-like compassion, leads, protects, and provides for all who trust in him.

3. How does Jesus fulfill this royal title? He is:
 - the federal head of his people (1 Corinthians 15:22, Romans 5:19)

 - the founder of our faith (Hebrews 12:2a)

 - the faithful Shepherd in whom we are eternally secure (Mark 6:34, John 10:27-28)

 - the friend who lays down his life for us (John 15:13)

2019 GIVING UPDATE through December 9, 2019

Annual Budget: \$4.881 million

2019 Giving YTD: \$4.166 million

Remaining gifts needed: \$715,000

Outstanding pledge balance: \$446,000

Unpledged giving needed: \$269,000

- 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, 67% of the budget has been pledged. Find out more about pledging, ways to give, and the 2020 budget at lmpc.org/give.

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)

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 15

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.	Christmas Concert (with nursery)	<i>sanctuary</i>
6:30 p.m.	Christmas Concert	<i>sanctuary</i>

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

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- 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.