



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 15, 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

*"Kling, Glöckchen"
("Ring, Bells")*

Girls Ensemble

Ring, bells, oh, ring-a-ling-a-ling, ring, bells, oh, ring!

Born the baby Jesus, in a stable lowly,
ring with glad rejoicing on this night so holy.

Shepherds on the hillside watching flocks by night,
suddenly they're frightened by a heav'nly light.

Go, the angels tell them, see the wondrous birth,
Bethlehem now hurry, Christ has come to earth!
text by Vicki Hancock Wright, traditional German carol

Welcome and greetings

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Introit

*"Hodie Christus Natus Est"
("Today Christ Is Born")*

Girls Ensemble

Hodie Christus natus est! Hodie Christus natus est!
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hodie Christus natus est! Hodie Christus natus est!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The angels sang to the shepherds three, as they knelt on bended knee,
"Christ is born this holy morn! Hurry to Bethlehem and see!"
The shepherds left the hillside bare, traveled over the meadows fair,
till in awe the child they saw, lying in a manger there.

May we, like those three shepherds poor, come, the Christ Child to adore;
may we here, ev'ry year, worship within the church's door.
Then may we, with joyful call, carry the news outside this hall;
thus we'll share, ev'rywhere, God's great gift to one and all.
text and music by Michael Bedford

*** 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 218, vv. 1, 2, 5**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*** 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 201, vv. 1, 4

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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 211**, vv. 1-3

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

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

Offertory

“The Infant Jesus”

When blossoms flowered ‘mid the snows upon a winter night
was born the child the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light.
Thee gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of love and light.
Let ev’ry voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell,
from paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.

text by Frederick H. Martens, music by Pietro A. Yon

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Isaiah 9:6-7**
p. 1072 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Stephanie Wharton (9:30)
Sandy Gardner (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"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 214** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude** "In Dulci Jubilo"
arr. Paul Manz

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director **David Tahere** – soloist
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

GIRLS ENSEMBLE

Amy Allison
Kaitlyn Allison
Katie Kanoff (assistant)

Joanna Kvale
Bethany Oster
Vivian Perry

Beata Shivy
Ruth Shivy
Victoria Wardell

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)

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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.

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

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.

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.