

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

* Call to worship Luke 2:8-14

Leader: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping

watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were

terrified.

All: But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town

of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Leader: "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths

and lying in a manger."

All: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the

angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and

on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

* Hymn of praise

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

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

God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb: very God, begotten, not created; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; glory to God in the highest; *Refrain Latin hymn, attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751; music from John Francis Wade's* Cantus Diversi, 1751

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith based on Colossians 1

Leader: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Leader: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

All: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 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.

Call to confession based on Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on John 3 and Colossians 1

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

All: We joyfully give thanks to the Father, for he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Hymn of assurance

"Once in Royal David's City"

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall: with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above, and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right had on high; when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around. text by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; music by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

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

Offertory hymn

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Stars were gleaming, shepherds dreaming, oh, the night was dark and chill; angel's story, manger glory, shepherds heard it on the hill. Ah, that singing, hear it ringing, earthward winging, praises bringing: Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you. *Polish carol, paraphrased by Edith M. G. Reed, ca.* 1925; traditional Polish melody

* Scripture reading from Isaiah 9:6-7

text printed in the bulletin

Melanie Ray (9:30) David Paschall (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: Prince of Peace" Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *Refrain text by Charles Wesley*, 1739; music by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

- * 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:

Brooke Adams – vocalist Charley Crichton – bass David Henry – guitar, vocalist Hannah Lutz – viola

Melanie Ray – vocalist John Reeder – piano John Wingard – vocalist

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.

Prince of Peace: The royal child is the eternally reigning King who secures our peace with God and guards us in the freedom he has won for us.

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Lucille Gray Hildebrand, born to Ellie and Jay Hildebrand on December 13.

SERMON NOTES

"Royal Names of the Royal Child: Prince of Peace" *Isaiah* 9:6-7

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1.	The meaning of this royal title - Prince of Peace
	• The royal child is the eternally reigning King who secures our peace with God and guards us in the freedom he has won for us.
2.	The fulfillment of this joyous promise: Jesus is the Prince of Peace
	• Fulfillment from 1st advent to 2nd advent
3.	The implications of this truth for us
	• Peace with God (Romans 5:1-2)
	• Peace with people (Colossians 3:15)
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	• Peace with self (Matthew 11:28-30)
	• Peace with the world (John 16:33)

2019 GIVING UPDATE through December 16, 2019

Annual Budget: \$4.881 million 2019 Giving YTD: \$4.308 million Remaining gifts needed: \$573,000 Outstanding pledge balance: \$342,000 Unpledged giving needed: \$231,000

- With 2019 quickly coming to an end, we ask that you keep up the momentum in giving and prayerfully consider how much you can give. You can find various ways to give at lmpc.org/give.
- 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, 70% of the budget has been pledged. Find out more about pledging, ways to give, and the 2020 budget at lmpc.org/give.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR A TIME OF CAROLING to members and friends of LMPC who cannot join us for Christmas services. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel before heading out to sing. All ages are welcome.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will take place this 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.

AT OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES we will collect an offering to replenish the Mercy Fund which serves members' needs for financial assistance. Generally, this involves immediate temporary needs such as housing, food, utilities expenses, and/or medical care. Please prayerfully consider if you might contribute to this offering.

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING LMPC? THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS will be a four-day class taking place on January 24, 25, 26 and February 2, 2020. This class is for those interested in joining LMPC or learning more about what we believe. If you are interested in signing up for the class, please confirm by emailing julie@lmpc.org or calling 423-424-5973 by January 13.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR UPCOMING SERMON SERIES ON PRAYER, we will hold a four-week class with Robert Row of *seeJesus* Ministries on Wednesday nights beginning January 15. This class will be from 6:10-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us! Normal Wednesday night nursery is provided.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/news

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

<u>Belva Bailey</u> by Don Bailey, Sr., Laura & Don Bailey, Jr., and Lori & Kevin Chilton <u>Dick Bodine</u> by Hilda and Marshall Jemison

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Brown by Katie and Don Morton, Hugh, Elizabeth and Peter

Mr. Hugh Michael Brown by Katie and Don Morton

Joseph Cadario by Janice and Wes Moore

Hardwick Caldwell, Jr. by Betsy Caldwell

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins III by their children, Wilford Caulkins IV, Betsy Caulkins Bookout, and Caroline Caulkins Bentley

Atticus Bartholomew Centurion Doe by the Doe Family

Margaret (Mrs. George) Fontaine by Katie and Don Morton

Jennie Moore Gregory by Janice and Wes Moore

Merilyn and Ross Hall by Stephanie and David Wharton

Evelyn and C.H. Halvorson by Marni and Steve Halvorson

Frank Jemison by Hilda and Marshall Jemison

Bunny and Ted King by Hilda and Marshall Jemison

Megan Grace Matthews by Janice and Wes Moore

The Very Rev. Norman and Tillie Ann Milbank by Marni and Steve Halvorson

Michael Mooney by his family

Westley A. Moore, Sr. by Janice and Wes Moore

Gary Morris "Pop" by Beth, Scott, McKinley, Anna-Blair and Wright Self

Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Bill Morton by Katie and Don Morton, Hugh, Elizabeth and Peter

Al Perry (Papa Perry) by Ann Henley & Doug Perry, Ash, Della, Clara Parker, Kappy, and Hennie and the Self family

Joe Persinger, Sr. by Pat, Joe, Jr. and Leeann, Steve and Karen, Meg and Oscar, and their families, and Little Buddy

Carol Robinson by Janice and Wes Moore

George Robinson by Janice and Wes Moore

Sharon and Bill Schaefer by Jen, James, Nathan, and Eden Schaefer

Bertha Stephenson by Janice and Wes Moore

<u>Frank Stephenson</u> by Janice and Wes Moore

Rachel Bode Tucker by Peggy and Jim Bode, Bode, Myers, Davis, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US! Lyndon, and Urban

Jean and Arthur Wharton by Daphne Wharton Haddad **Lex Williamson** by the Carrs and the Perrys

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Margaret Clark by Alice and Dick O'Ferrall **Barb and Joe Novenson** by Anne and Trey Carr **Shannon and Len Teague** by the Youth Staff

MEMBERS & VISITORS -

NAME			
IWOULD 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!

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Sunday, December 22

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8:10 a.m.	Worship service	chapel
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your ne	eds Brian Salter's office
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6:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling in the community	chapel

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.

TODAY AT LMPC

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