



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 29, 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

Joseph Wingfield, ruling elder

\* Call to worship

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

**All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name!**

\* Hymn of praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1680 (based on Psalm 103); music from Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from  
the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

**Call to confession**

Psalm 32:1-6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in  
whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through  
my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said,  
"I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"— and you forgave the guilt of  
my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be  
found.

**Hymn of confession**

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;  
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

*continued*

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;  
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

*text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

## **Silent prayers of confession**

### **Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

### **\* Hymn of assurance**

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*  
*text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; music from a Swedish folk tune*

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

**Offertory hymn**

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.  
*text by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150; Red Mountain Music, 2003*

\* **Scripture reading from Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 & 5:18-20**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

Sarah Huffines (9:30)  
Susie Courtney (11:00)

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

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

**Sermon**

“Let's Really Enjoy Life This Year!”  
Rev. David Arthur

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

*continued*

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody*

\* **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*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Stephen Bearden** – flugelhorn  
**Greta Erickson** – vocalist  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist

**Rebekah Risley** – vocalist  
**Colin Stayton** – guitar  
**Bob Wharton** – piano

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE WITH COMMUNION** will take place this 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](http://lmpc.org/youth) or contact Margaret Compton at [margaret@lmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**DIVORCE CARE IS A DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** where you can find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. LMPC is starting a Divorce Care group on Tuesday, January 21 and will be meeting weekly throughout the winter and spring. Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building unless otherwise noted. This ministry is open to all members and friends of LMPC. For more information contact Leon Sulser at [leonsulser@gmail.com](mailto:leonsulser@gmail.com); Rodney Miller at [rodney.miller@covenant.edu](mailto:rodney.miller@covenant.edu); or Julie Dean at [julie@lmpc.org](mailto:julie@lmpc.org).

**ALL ADULT WOMEN ARE INVITED** to our Winter Suppers on Thursday, January 30. The suppers will again be in women's homes, and each supper will include 8-12 women of all generations. You can sign up by emailing [women@lmpc.org](mailto:women@lmpc.org). The deadline to sign up is Thursday, January 23. If you are willing to host, please email [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

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

### **Ecclesiastes 2:24-26**

<sup>24</sup>A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

### **Ecclesiastes 5:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him—for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work—this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup>He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Richard Calvin Fowler, Jr.**

May 18, 1940 – December 24, 2019

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Linda Elizabeth Wagner**

March 24, 1947 – December 26, 2019



## **SERMON NOTES**

“Let’s Really Enjoy Life This Year!”

*Ecclesiastes 2:24-26, 5:18-20*

## **2019 GIVING UPDATE** through December 23, 2019

**Annual Budget:** \$4.881 million

**2019 Giving YTD:** \$4.421 million

**Remaining gifts needed:** \$460,000

**Outstanding pledge balance:** \$254,000

**Unpledged giving needed:** \$206,000

- 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](http://lmpc.org/give).
- Please note that year-end gifts must either be received online or in the church office by this 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 this Tuesday, December 31**. So far, 73.8% 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).

# 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 29*

- 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 needs *Brian Salter's office*  
11:00 a.m. Worship service *sanctuary & fellowship hall*  
6:00 p.m. Evening prayer with commissioning of Christy McGuffey *chapel*

*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.