



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 29, 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

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**Prelude**

*"Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol"*  
*Gerald Near*

**Welcome and greetings**

Don Kent, 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 53, vv. 1, 2, 5**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**\* 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 486, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5**

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

**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 44, vv. 1, 3, 4**

"How Great Thou Art"

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

**Offertory**

*"In Dulci Jubilo"*

*arr. Marcel Dupré*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #207)*

\* **Doxology 731**

\* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

\* **Scripture reading from Genesis 16:1-2, 15-16 & 17:1-14**

*p. 21 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

John Holland (9:30)

Tom West (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**     *"God Calls His People to Faithfully Live with the Gap Between Our  
Condition and His Calling"*

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 642**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

*"Threefold Amen"*

\* **Postlude**

*"Cold December Flies Away"*

*Catalonian carol, arr. K. Kolander*

In the hopeless time of sin shadows deep had fallen.

All the world lay under death. Eyes were closed in sleeping.

But, when all seemed lost in night,

came the sun whose golden light brings unending joy,

brings the endless joy of our hope,

highest hope, of our hope's bright dawning, Son beloved of heaven.

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

**Our organist** today is Joshua Knight.

## 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).

## 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).

## Genesis 16:1-2, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; <sup>2</sup>so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.

<sup>15</sup>So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne.

<sup>16</sup>Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

## Genesis 17:1-14

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." <sup>3</sup>Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup>The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God." <sup>9</sup>Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. <sup>10</sup>This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup>You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup>For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. <sup>13</sup>Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup>Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

### 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**

“God Calls His People to Faithfully Live with the Gap Between Our  
Condition and His Calling”

*Genesis 16:1-2, 15-16 & 17:1-14*

1. We must admit the gap between our condition and his calling.
2. We must accept God’s provision to address the gap between our condition and his calling.

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, December 29*

8:10 a.m.	Worship service .....	<i>chapel</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service .....	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</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 &amp; fellowship hall</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer with commissioning of Christy McGuffey.....	<i>chapel</i>

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

### **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.

### **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.

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.