



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 16, 2020 | **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**

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 103

**Leader:** Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

**All:** **He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

**Leader:** He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

**All:** **The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

**\* Hymn of praise**

*"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.  
*text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829*

## \* Prayer of adoration

**Affirmation of faith** (11:00)

based on Ephesians 1 and 2

Leader: People of God, this is the hope to which we have been called:

**All: That God displayed his power and mighty strength when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, not only in this present age but in the age to come. God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over the church, which is his body.**

Leader: As for us, we were dead in our transgressions and sins, in which we used to live when we followed the ways of this world.

**All: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

**Call to confession**

taken from Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 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.

## Hymn of confession (11:00)

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of my sickness into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

*text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Romans 5:6-11

**Leader:** At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

**All:** **We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

### \* Hymn of assurance “I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory Hallelujah!”

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory, hallelujah!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, glory, hallelujah!

*Refrain:* Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, glory, hallelujah!  
The dead’s alive and the lost is found, glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead, glory, hallelujah!  
He lives, my everlasting Head, glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*

He lives to bless me with his love, glory, hallelujah!  
He lives to plead for me above, glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*

He lives, all glory to his name! Glory, hallelujah!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same, glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*  
*text by Samuel Medley, 1775; music by DH, 2013*

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

### **Offertory hymn**

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.  
*text and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036*

### **Sacrament of baptism (9:30)**

Maribeth and Robby Bosshardt bringing Carlton Grady Bosshardt

#### **\* Scripture reading from Acts 9:1-9**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Elizabeth Barnes (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**

"The Conversion of Saul"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

#### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **\* Hymn of response**

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

*text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997*

\* **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:**

**Stephanie Bowling** – piano

**Kellie Currin** – vocalist

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist

**Meredith Lee** – cello

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Sam Miller** – violin

**John Wingard** – vocalist

**Celebrating the baptism** of Carlton Grady Bosshardt at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Maribeth and Robby Bosshardt, and his grandparents, Beth Hamrick, and Elaine and David Bosshardt.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Genevieve (“Gigi”) Rose Garriott at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Amber and Calvin Garriott, and her grandparents, Maria and Craig Garriott.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED** to lunch today at 12:15 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please plan to join us!

**TODAY WE BEGIN A CHURCH-WIDE COIN COLLECTION** for the purchase of Kazakh Bibles through our supported World Missions partner, Bible Mission Global. A donation of \$10 purchases two Bibles for a family in Kazakhstan (Bible and a Family Bible). We have set a big goal this year of \$5,000, and would like to challenge you to join in. The World Missions Committee has agreed to match collected funds up to \$5,000, making it possible for our church-wide contribution to be as high as \$10,000 or 1,000 sets of Bibles. For more information and to donate, visit the fellowship hall lobby.

**THE MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin a study of James tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. All men are welcome.

**THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES** will take place on Sunday, March 15. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Richard Pratt of Third Millennium Ministries and he will preach at all morning services as well as an evening Communion service at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be provided. For more information on this sermon series, please visit [lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series](http://lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series).

**OUR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, "Celebrating the Spirit's Work in Central Asia,"** will take place March 20-22. Saturday night banquet registration will open in the coming weeks. Please make plans to join us for this special annual event. You can find the full schedule at [lmpc.org/world-missions-conference-2020](http://lmpc.org/world-missions-conference-2020).

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

## Acts 9:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

<sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

<sup>5</sup>"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup>"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." <sup>7</sup>The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.



## SERMON NOTES

### “The Conversion of Saul”

*Acts 9:1-9*

1. Saul: rabid hunter of the Lord's people (9:1-2, 22:3-5, 26:9-11)

2. Saul: captured prey of the Lord himself (9:3-9)

- Christ is always the gracious initiator. (9:3-4, 26:14-18)

- Conversion always follows divine preparation. (26:14)

- No one is beyond the sovereign call of God. (John 6:44)

**BIG IDEA:** God's saving grace initiates, interrupts, disrupts, and transforms our lives.

**SERMON NOTES**  
"The Conversion of Saul"  
*Acts 9:1-9*

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- Prayer opportunities

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## PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

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## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, February 16*

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	chapel
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
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
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
12:15 p.m.	College lunch	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with communion	chapel

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

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### 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.