



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 16, 2020 | **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**

*"Grand Chorus in B-Flat"  
Théodore Dubois*

**Welcome and greetings**

Don Kent, ruling elder

**Introit**

*"I Will Exalt My God and King"*

Chancel Choir

I will exalt my God and King, and I will ever praise your name.  
I will extol you every day and evermore your praise proclaim.  
You, LORD, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond all thought.  
From age to age your people tell the mighty wonders you have wrought.  
*text from Psalm 145; music by C. Hubert Parry, 1916, arr. Janet Wyatt, 1977*

**\* Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All: You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

Leader: When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

**All: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\* Hymn of praise 101

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

\* Prayer of adoration

**Affirmation of faith** (9:30)

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.**

**Sacrament of baptism** (11:00)

Amber and Calvin Garriott bringing Genevieve (“Gigi”) Rose Garriott

**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.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Choral meditation**

“Merciful Father”

Chancel Choir

Merciful Father, O Lord hear us.  
Hear our prayer, hear our prayer. Amen.  
*arr. Beethoven*

**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 473**

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

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

**Offertory**

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Chancel Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers,  
the moon and stars suspended in space,  
what is man that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor  
and have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name  
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,  
and so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
*text based on Psalm 8; music by Tom Fettke*

**\* Doxology 731**

\* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

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

*p. 1706 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Stephanie Wharton (9:30)

Hunt Davidson (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”

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 468**, vv. 1, 2, 4

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*arr. David Cherwien*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Micaiah Allison** – trumpet

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**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.

## 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.

### 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).

## **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.

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, February 16*

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

*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.

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.