

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 6, 2020 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:00 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.*

**A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:**

- We do not have a nursery available in the morning services at this time.
- Coloring sheets and crayons are available for children. Please take crayons home with you.
- Tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at the exits.
- At the end of the service, please wait for the ushers to indicate when and where you are to exit.

## **Order of Worship**

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**Welcome and announcements**

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**\* Call to worship**

based on Luke 1:68-75

**Leader:** Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

**All:** **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David as he said through his holy prophets of long ago.**

**Leader:** He has shown mercy to our fathers and remembered his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**All:** **Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people!**

**\* Hymn of praise**

*“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.  
*text by James Montgomery, 1816; music by Henry Smart, 1867*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and  
purify us from all unrighteousness.

### Prayer of confession

based on Colossians 3

Leader: Heavenly Father, your Word says that as your chosen people, holy  
and dearly loved, we are to clothe ourselves with compassion,  
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We are to bear with  
each other and forgive whatever grievances we may have against  
one another.

**All: Lord, forgive us for our lack of compassion and humility. Forgive  
our impatience with each other and our refusal to bear with one  
another. Forgive us for ignoring your command to forgive those  
who have sinned against us.**

Leader: Your Word says that we are to forgive as you have forgiven us,  
and that over all these virtues we are to put on love, which binds  
everything together in perfect unity.

**All: Lord, forgive us for offering temporary, conditional forgiveness  
to those around us, which is fundamentally different from the  
eternal, unconditional forgiveness we have received in Christ.**

*continued*

Leader: Your Word says to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace, and to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly.

**All: Lord, forgive us for allowing irritation and frustration to rule in our hearts rather than your peace. Forgive us for seeking to be abundantly filled by the things of this world, rather than seeking to have your Word richly dwell in our hearts. Teach us to do all things, whether in word or deed, in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Romans 5

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. For God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### \* Hymn of assurance

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*Medieval Latin carol; German melody, 14th cent.*

## Lighting the candle of peace

**Leader:** In the days of the prophet Isaiah, the people looked forward to the coming birth of a Savior who Isaiah described as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there would be no end, and he would reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

**All:** For he himself is our peace. He came and preached peace to those who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we have access to the Father by one Spirit. Now may the Lord of peace himself give us peace at all times and in every way.

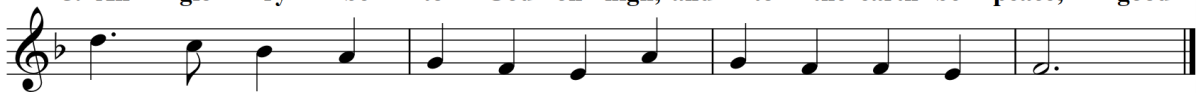
*based on Is. 9:6-7; Eph. 2:14a, 17-18; 2 Thess. 3:16*

### Hymn of peace

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground, the  
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind, "glad  
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of Da - vid's line, the  
4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played, all  
5. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good



an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.  
Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:  
mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid.  
will hence - forth, from heav'n to men, be - gin and nev - er cease!"

*text by Nahum Tate, 1700; music from T. Este's The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592, arr. Tyler and Maggie Heath, 2013*

### \* Scripture reading from Ephesians 2:13-18

*text printed in the bulletin*

Heather Devaney (9:00)

Banks Halvorson (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 Gift of True Peace in Jesus"

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

### 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; arr. William H. Cummings, 1856

\* **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.**

**Congregational meeting**

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Jennifer Mixon** – vocalist  
**Salley Kate Pierce** – piano

**Hannah Pulliam** – flute  
**Chapman Whitted** – guitar  
**John Wingard** – vocalist

## **2020 GIVING UPDATE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30**

**Annual Budget:**.....\$5,071,750  
**2020 Giving YTD:**.....4,014,562  
**Remaining Gifts Needed:**.....1,057,188  
**Outstanding Pledge Balance:**.....572,617  
**Unpledged Giving Needed:**.....484,571

- With the Christmas season upon us, we ask that you keep up the momentum in giving and prayerfully consider how much you can give as the year closes. You can find various ways to give at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).
- If you shop through Amazon Smile and choose LMPC as the charity of your choice, Amazon will give a small percentage of each purchase to LMPC. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to find out more.
- Please note that year-end gifts must either be received online or in the church office by Thursday, December 31, or have a USPS postmark no later than December 31, to be deductible in 2020.

## **2021 PLEDGING UPDATE**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO**, you can submit your giving plans for 2021 online at your Giving tab on Realm or at [lmpc.org/pledge-2021](http://lmpc.org/pledge-2021). You can also place a giving plan card in the offering plate or deliver it to David Fowler in the church office. So far, 45% of the budget has been pledged. Find out more about pledging, ways to give, and the 2021 budget at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).

## **Ephesians 2:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup>by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.





## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REGISTRATION FOR OUR CHRISTMAS HYMN SING TODAY IS CLOSED**, but you can still watch the livestream at 4:00 p.m. It will be available beginning at 3:45 p.m. at [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org) and on our Vimeo page. You may also watch a recording on our website and Vimeo page after the livestream is over. Please note: those registered in the courtyard will need to bring their own seats and a flashlight.

**A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE** at the end of each fellowship hall service today, December 6, and at the end of each sanctuary service next Sunday, December 13, for the purpose of voting on the slate of nominees for the offices of elder and deacon. The meetings are being held on two separate Sundays in order to accommodate the communion schedule. In addition, a brief meeting of LMPC, Inc. will be held to elect a trustee at the end of each congregational meeting. **Please note: those who wish to participate in a meeting after watching the recorded service at home are welcome to gather in the fellowship hall lobby today or in the chapel on December 13 by either 9:50 a.m. or 11:50 a.m. to receive a ballot. All voting must be done in person.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit [lmpc.org/christmas-flowers](http://lmpc.org/christmas-flowers) to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is this Wednesday, December 9.

**OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT, "PRINCE OF PEACE,"** will take place next Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please arrive 15 minutes early for a prelude before each concert. Registration via Realm is required and will open tomorrow, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. Nursery will be provided at 4:00 p.m. only. A livestream at [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org) will be offered at 4:00 p.m., and a recording will be available after the livestream has ended.

**IF YOUR FAMILY WOULD ENJOY CHRISTMAS CAROLING THIS YEAR**, we are offering the opportunity to carol for one household per family on Sunday, December 20. Please register by next Sunday, December 13, via Realm if you would like to participate. Once you are registered, you will be assigned a home and a time for caroling. If you have any questions, please contact Judie Finch at [judie@lmpc.org](mailto:judie@lmpc.org).

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE** on Thursday, December 24, in the sanctuary with overflow in the fellowship hall and chapel. In-person services will be held at 3:00, 5:00, and 6:30 p.m., with a livestream offered at [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org) at 5:00 p.m. A recording will also be available after the event. Since we anticipate welcoming newcomers at our Christmas Eve services, it is very unlikely that we will be able to accommodate members and regular attenders who have not registered. Registration for limited seating will open via Realm on **Monday, December 14, at 8:30 a.m.** for all three services and the age 0 to 3 nursery (available by registration only at 3:00 and 5:00).

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

## 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

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.*

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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SPOUSE CELL \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE EMAIL\* \_\_\_\_\_

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, December 6*

9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Worship service	fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	fellowship hall
4:00 p.m.	Christmas Hymn Sing with nursery	fellowship hall
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Hymn Sing	fellowship hall

*Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the 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 [caitlyn@lmpc.org](mailto:caitlyn@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 and second Sundays of every month, one Sunday in the sanctuary and one Sunday in the fellowship hall. Please see the church website for more details.