



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 6, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:00 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 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

Prelude

"Benedictus"
Alec Rowley

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

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

Introit

“O God of Love, O King of Peace”

Ensemble

O God of love, O King of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease;
our greed and violent ways restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, your works of old, the wonders that your people told;
remember not our sins’ deep stain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but on your faithful Word?
None ever called on you in vain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Where saints and angels dwell above all hearts are joined in holy love;
O bind us in that heav’nly chain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.
text by Henry W. Baker, 1861; music by Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567, TALLIS’ CANON

*** 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**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
(please turn the page for words and music)

*** Prayer of adoration***** Scripture reading from Ephesians 2:13-18**

text printed in the bulletin

Denny Wise (9:00)

Olivia Oster (11:00)

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

*** Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
2. God of God, Light of Light; lo, he ab - hors not the
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye cit - i - zens of

Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels; O
Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God in the high - est;

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

1.O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie; a - bove thy deep and
2.O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and

dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by: yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the
en - ter in; be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the

ev - er - last - ing Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

text by Philip Brooks, 1868; music by Lewis H. Redner, 1868, st. Louis

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.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

All: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

All: We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adopted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

For the bread

*"What Child Is This"
(please see the next page for words and music)*

For the cup

*"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond all Splendor"
(please turn the page for words and music)*

“What Child Is This”

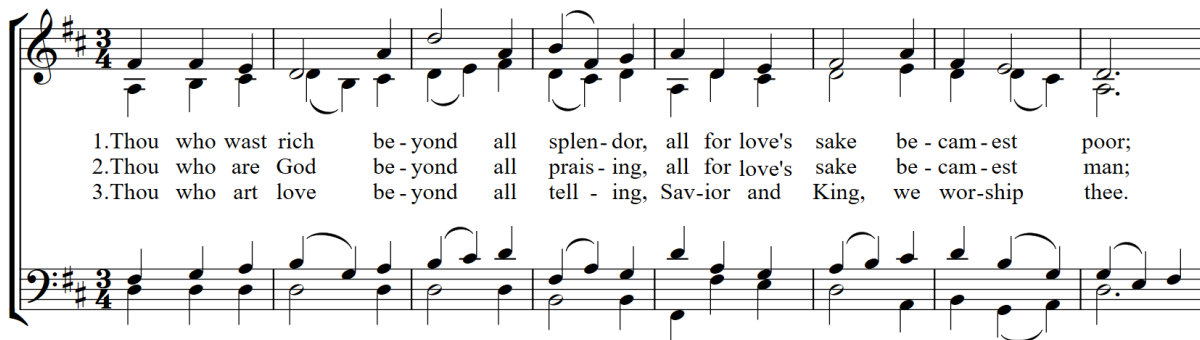
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him; the

an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

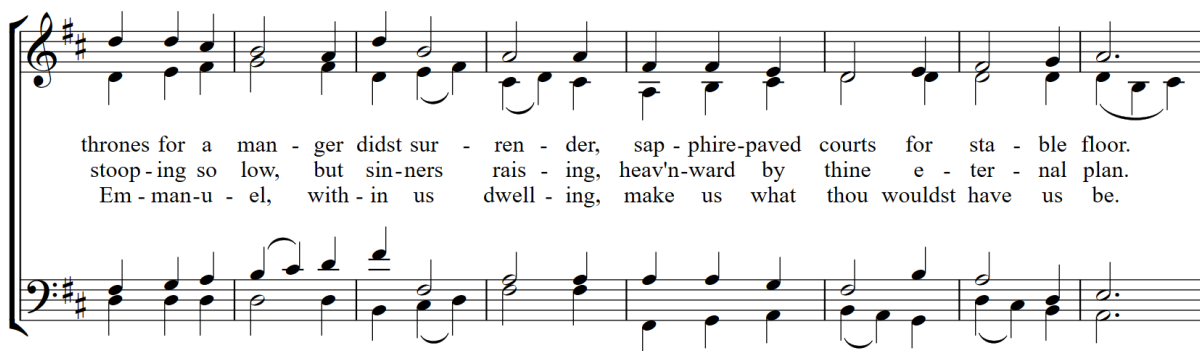
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond all Splendor"



1.Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor;
2.Thou who are God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man;
3.Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.



thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der, sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor.
stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing, heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan.
Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing, make us what thou wouldst have us be.



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Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

text by Frank Houghton, 1894-1972; French carol melody, arr. Charles H. Kitson, 1930, QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of response

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King; peace on earth, and
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Late in time be -
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, -
 hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; -
 all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, -

join the tri-umph of the skies; with th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is__born in
 hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty, - pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, - our Em-
 born that man no more may die, - born to raise the sons of earth, born to - give them

Beth-le - hem!" Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry__ to the new-born King."
 man - u - el.
 sec-ond birth.

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Prelude in B Major
Camille Saint-Saëns

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Ensemble
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

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.
- 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 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. 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.

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 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 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 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.

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 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).

Ephesians 2:13-18

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by 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, ¹⁶and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. William B. Roy by his family.

SERMON NOTES

“The Gift of True Peace in Jesus”

Ephesians 2:13-18

1. True peace comes in a person. (vv. 13-15a)
2. True peace has a purpose. (vv. 15b-16, 18)
3. True peace must be our proclamation. (v. 17)

BIG IDEA: In the gift of Jesus Christ, God has secured our peace with himself and with one another.

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary
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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

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. For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at 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.*

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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.

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.