



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 13, 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

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 98

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music. Shout for joy before the LORD, the King!**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.
traditional French carol and melody, arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1937

*** Prayer of adoration**

Lighting the candle of joy

Leader: There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

All: **May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in him, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
taken from Luke 2:8-11, Romans 15:13

Hymn of joy

“See, amid the Winter’s Snow”

See, amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption’s happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies:
he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! *Refrain*
text by Edward Caswall, 1851; music by John Goss, 1870

*** Scripture reading from Titus 3:4-7**
text printed in the bulletin

Marianne Stern (9:00)
Brooks Hilger (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 Kindness and Love of God Appears”
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Hymn of confession

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.
text by Phillips Brooks, 1868; music by Lewis Redner, 1868

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 2

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"Fullness of Grace"

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty, this is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside his power and glory, humbly he entered our world,
chose the path of meanest worth, scandal of a virgin birth.
Born in a stable, cold and rejected, here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father, shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road,
Christ, the Holy innocent, took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected, crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, promise of God in Jesus.
Through his obedience we are forgiven, op'ning the floodgates of heav'n.
All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.

Fullness of life and joy unspeakable: God's gift in love to the world.

*text and music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend © 2004 Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI
Lic. #152036*

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

continued

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Liturgy of St. James, 5th century; French melody, 17th century

* **Prayer of thanksgiving**

* **Hymn of praise**

"What Child Is This"

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

traditional English carol, adapted 1865; English melody, 16th cent.

* **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*

Musicians for this week:

Daniel Dassow – vocalist
Maria Dassow – vocalist
David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola
Charlotte Reeder – vibraphone
John Reeder – piano

2020 GIVING UPDATE THROUGH DECEMBER 6

Annual Budget:.....\$5,071,750
2020 Giving YTD:.....4,176,628
Remaining Gifts Needed:.....895,122
Outstanding Pledge Balance:.....427,672
Unpledged Giving Needed:.....467,449

- 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, 48% of the budget has been pledged. Find out more about pledging, ways to give, and the 2021 budget at lmpc.org/give.

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he 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, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

SERMON NOTES

“The Kindness and Love of God Appears”

Titus 3:4-7

The arrival of God’s Son reveals:

1. the kindness and love of God the Father. (vv. 4-5)
2. the rescue and grace of Christ our Savior. (vv. 6-7)
3. the rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit. (vv. 5, 7)

BIG IDEA: In Advent we celebrate our redemption in Christ while we long for his second coming and the renewal of all things.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE at the end of each sanctuary service today, December 13, for the for the purpose of voting on the slate of nominees for the offices of elder and deacon. The congregational meetings in the fellowship hall took place on December 6. 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 chapel today by either 9:50 a.m. or 11:50 a.m. to receive a ballot. All voting must be done in person.**

REGISTRATION FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT 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 and Facebook pages. You may also watch a recording on our website and Vimeo and Facebook pages after the livestream is over.

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 today** 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 **tomorrow 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).

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS IS SCHEDULED to be held January 22-24 and January 31, 2021. 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 or calling 423-424-5973 by Friday, January 8. For more information visit lmpc.org/intro-to-lmpc.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TOWARD OUR 2020 TOY COLLECTION for Hope for the Inner City's Christmas Store. We had a truly overwhelming response, and we are thrilled to report that we collected over 30 bicycles, as well as many other items for the store.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/news

**MEMBERS & VISITORS -
PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!**

NAME

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive email from LMPC

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**

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:

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

CELL

EMAIL*

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL*

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, December 13

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	fellowship hall
4:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert with nursery	sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Christmas Concert	sanctuary

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 about 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.

CONTACT US

Address: 316 North Bragg Avenue
Lookout Mountain, TN 37350
Web: lmpc.org
Email: info@lmpc.org
Phone: 423.821.4528

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.