



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27, 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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** 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.

All: He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion. He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. 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

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we’re satisfied.

Refrain: O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you’ve made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we’re satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond’rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

based on Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: What do the scriptures teach us about Jesus Christ?

All: That he, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Call to confession

Isaiah 64:6 and Proverbs 28:13

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Hymn of confession

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow’r:
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more;
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
this he gives you, this he gives you; ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam;
this he gives you, this he gives you; ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save;
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save.
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: **Therefore, be glad and rejoice! For the LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.**

* **Hymn of assurance** “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831

* **Scripture reading from Romans 3:19-24**

text printed in the bulletin

Cy Huffman (9:00)
David Paschall (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 Perfect Righteousness in Jesus”

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

* **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

Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary this Thursday, December 31. Please register via Realm to reserve your seat. All are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD: At the beginning of January we will continue our regular Sunday schedule, with sanctuary and fellowship hall services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and live streaming at 9:00 a.m. We hope to return to having a 5:00 p.m. fellowship hall service and also offer additional activities later in the month.

WOMEN OF LMPC: JOIN US THIS WINTER as we continue our study in the Psalms. "Semester in the Psalms" large group meetings begin on Thursday, January 7 and small group meetings begin on Wednesday, January 13. We will have opportunities to participate both in person and virtually. New registration for small groups will open in January. Registration for each Large Group will open one week in advance, and recordings will be available at lmpc.org/women after each event is over. If you have any questions, please email women@lmpc.org.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS IS SCHEDULED to be held January 22 through January 24 and January 31, 2021. This class is for those interested in joining LMPC or learning more about what we believe. You can register for the class by emailing julie@lmpc.org or calling 423-424-5973 by Friday, January 8. For more information visit lmpc.org/intro-to-lmpc.

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

Romans 3:19-24

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. ²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

SERMON NOTES

“The Gift of Perfect Righteousness in Jesus”

Romans 3:19-24

On Christmas our Savior made himself known because:

1. righteousness can never be achieved by our obeying the law. (vv. 19-20)
2. righteousness from God was made known exactly as promised. (v. 21)
3. righteousness can only be received as a free gift of God. (vv. 22-24)

2020 GIVING UPDATE THROUGH DECEMBER 20

Annual Budget:.....\$5,071,750
2020 Giving YTD:.....4,478,064
Remaining Gifts Needed:.....593,686
Outstanding Pledge Balance:.....496,260
Unpledged Giving Needed:.....97,426

- Thank you for your faithful giving in 2020. With the end of 2020 nearing, we ask that you continue to keep the remaining 2020 LMPC financial needs in prayer. You can find various ways to give at lmpc.org/give.
- Please note that year-end gifts must either be received online or in the church office by **this 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, 55% of the budget has been pledged. The Stewardship Committee has asked all LMPC families to consider submitting a giving plan for 2021 **by this Thursday, December 31**. Find out more about pledging, ways to give, and the 2021 budget at lmpc.org/give.

**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 27

9:00 a.m. Worship service

sanctuary & fellowship hall

11:00 a.m. Worship service

sanctuary & 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.