



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 3, 2021 | **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

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**Prelude**

*“What Child Is This”  
English Carol, GREENSLEEVES, arr. Fred Bock*

**Welcome and announcements**

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Introit**

*“The Lord Is My Light”*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom, then, shall I fear? Whom, then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; the Lord is the strength of my life,  
of whom, then, shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me,  
yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
and though there rose up war against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.

For in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his tabernacle.  
Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall he hide me,  
and set me up upon a rock of stone.

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of whom, then, shall I be afraid?  
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*text from Psalm 27; music by Frances Allitsen*

**\* Call to worship**

based on John 8:12, 11:25-26, and 14:6

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**All: May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

**All: May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**All: May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**\* Hymn of praise**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
*(please turn the page for words and music)*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**\* Scripture reading from Acts 21:27–22:21**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

Samuel Caine (9:00)  
Julie Dean (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.**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries: May  
 2. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this: May  
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re - sound: May  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine: May

Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer to  
 Je - sus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of dark - ness fear, when  
 Je - sus Christ be praised. Let air and sea and sky, from  
 Je - sus Christ be praised. Be this th'e - ter - nal song, through

Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
 this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
 depth to height, re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
 all the a - ges on: May Je - sus Christ be praised.

## Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

**Sermon** "The Power of Jesus in Paul's Remarkable Response"  
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

## 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** "As with Gladness Men of Old"  
(please turn the page for words and music)

## Silent prayers of confession

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace** based on Romans 4:25 and 5:1-2

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, 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. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

## 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.

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“As with Gladness Men of Old”

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

*text by William Chatterton Dix, 1860; music by Conrad Kocher, 1838*

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

“O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild”

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, your Father's will you have fulfilled.  
From heav'n above to earth you came, and born as man you took our name.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, your birth the world with hope has filled.  
Your death has ransomed our lost race, for on the cross you took our place.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, we seek to do what you have willed.  
All that we have comes from above; Lord, keep us walking in your love.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

*text by Samuel Scheidt, 1650; music by J.S. Bach, O JESULEIN SÜSS*

### For the cup

“Out of the Deep I Call”

Out of the deep I call to thee, O Lord, to thee.  
Before thy throne of grace I fall; be merciful to me.

Out of the deep I cry, the woeful deep of sin,  
of evil done in days gone by, of evil now within;

Out of the deep of fear and dread of coming shame;  
all night till morning watch is near I plead the precious name.

Lord, there is mercy now, as ever was, with thee.  
Before thy throne of grace I bow; be merciful to me.

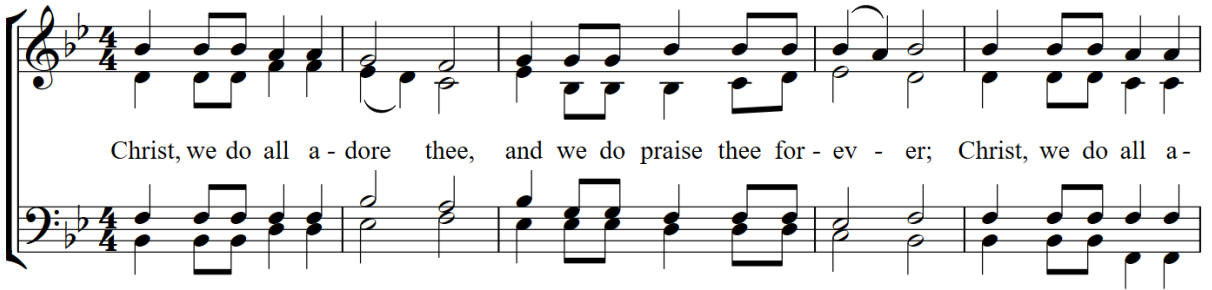
My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me.  
Out of the deep he heard my cry; he heard and rescued me.

*text by Henry W. Baker, 1868; music by Paul S. Jones, 2007*

## Prayer of thanksgiving

\* Hymn of response

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”



Christ, we do all a - dore thee, and we do praise thee for - ev - er; Christ, we do all a -



dore thee, and we do praise thee for - ev - er; for on the ho - ly cross hast thou the



world from sin re - deem - ed. Christ, we do all a - dore thee,



and we do praise thee for - ev - er. Christ, we do all a - dore thee.

*Latin hymn, tr. and adapted by Theodore Baker, 1839; music by Théodore Dubois; ADORE THEE*



\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“Sing We Now of Christmas”  
*French Carol, arr. Mark Hayes*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

**Musicians for this week:**

**Janel Frazee** – soloist

**Joy Gibbons** – organ, piano

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Benjamin Daniel Harnsberger**

August 21, 1943 – December 25, 2020

## Acts 21:27–22:21

<sup>27</sup>When the seven days were nearly over, some Jews from the province of Asia saw Paul at the temple. They stirred up the whole crowd and seized him, <sup>28</sup>shouting, “Men of Israel, help us! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against our people and our law and this place. And besides, he has brought Greeks into the temple area and defiled this holy place.” <sup>29</sup>(They had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with Paul and assumed that Paul had brought him into the temple area.) <sup>30</sup>The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut. <sup>31</sup>While they were trying to kill him, news reached the commander of the Roman troops that the whole city of Jerusalem was in an uproar.

<sup>32</sup>He at once took some officers and soldiers and ran down to the crowd. When the rioters saw the commander and his soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. <sup>33</sup>The commander came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. Then he asked who he was and what he had done. <sup>34</sup>Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another, and since the commander could not get at the truth because of the uproar, he ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. <sup>35</sup>When Paul reached the steps, the violence of the mob was so great he had to be carried by the soldiers. <sup>36</sup>The crowd that followed kept shouting, “Away with him!” <sup>37</sup>As the soldiers were about to take Paul into the barracks, he asked the commander, “May I say something to you?” “Do you speak Greek?” he replied. <sup>38</sup>“Aren’t you the Egyptian who started a revolt and led four thousand terrorists out into the desert some time ago?” <sup>39</sup>Paul answered, “I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ordinary city. Please let me speak to the people.” <sup>40</sup>Having received the commander’s permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the crowd. When they were all silent, he said to them in Aramaic:

<sup>1</sup>“Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense.” <sup>2</sup>When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet. Then Paul said: <sup>3</sup>“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. <sup>4</sup>I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, <sup>5</sup>as also the high priest and all the Council can testify. I even obtained letters from them to their brothers in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished. <sup>6</sup>About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. <sup>7</sup>I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, ‘Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?’ <sup>8</sup>‘Who are you, Lord?’ I asked. ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied. <sup>9</sup>My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me. <sup>10</sup>‘What shall I do, Lord?’ I asked. ‘Get up,’ the Lord said, ‘and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.’ <sup>11</sup>My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me. <sup>12</sup>A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living

there. <sup>13</sup>He stood beside me and said, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very moment I was able to see him. <sup>14</sup>Then he said: 'The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. <sup>15</sup>You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup>And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' <sup>17</sup>When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance <sup>18</sup>and saw the Lord speaking. 'Quick!' he said to me. 'Leave Jerusalem immediately, because they will not accept your testimony about me.' <sup>19</sup>'Lord,' I replied, 'these men know that I went from one synagogue to another to imprison and beat those who believe in you. <sup>20</sup>And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.' <sup>21</sup> Then the Lord said to me, 'Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles.' "



## **SERMON NOTES**

“The Power of Jesus in Paul’s Remarkable Response”

*Acts 21:27–22:21*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU HAVE NOT 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, 56% of the budget has been pledged with 231 families submitting a giving plan. Find out more about pledging and the 2021 budget at [lmpc.org/give.mal](http://lmpc.org/give.mal)

**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](http://lmpc.org/women) after each event is over. If you have any questions, please email [women@lmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto:julie@lmpc.org) or calling 423-424-5973 by Friday, January 8. For more information visit [lmpc.org/intro-to-lmpc](http://lmpc.org/intro-to-lmpc).

**THE STUDY RESOURCE "FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN"** will resume publication next Friday, January 8. This resource provides a way for small groups and individuals to pursue further study of each sermon passage. There is also a "family dinner table" section that is designed to help families and households have a meal-time conversation around a few questions or issues raised by the passage being studied each week.

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



## TODAY AT LMPC

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*Sunday, January 3*

9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<i>sanctuary</i>
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11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<i>sanctuary</i>
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*Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel*

*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 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.