



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 17, 2021 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:00 a.m. 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

Joseph Wingfield, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 111:1-3, 9-10

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

* **Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore’er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

* **Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith

based on 1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: **He has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—kept in heaven for us. We, through faith, are shielded by God’s power until the coming of salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Leader: In this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

All: **Though we have not seen him, we love him. Even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Hymn of confession

“To Thee I Come”

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I’ve nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,
with all the saints I’ll then agree: O God, was merciful to me!
O God, was merciful to me!

text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006

Silent prayers of confession**Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

taken from Ephesians 2:4-9

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

* Hymn of assurance

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev’ry love the best:
‘tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

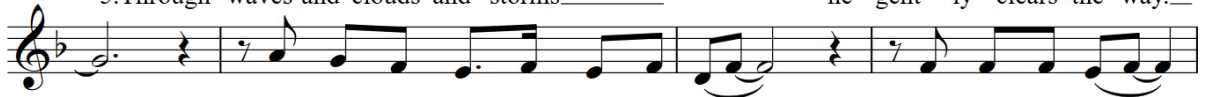
text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890 EBENEZER

Hymn of preparation

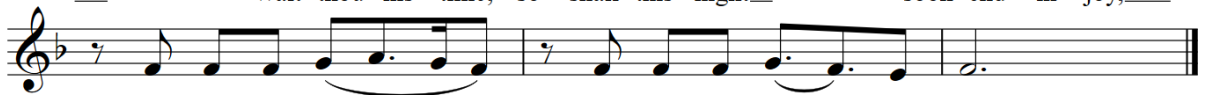
“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”



1. Give	to the winds thy fears;_____	hope and be un - dis - mayed.
2. Still	hea - vy is your heart?_____	Still sink your spi - rits down?
3. Leave	to his sov - ereign sway_____	to choose and to__ com - mand.
4. You	see our weak - ness, Lord;_____	our hearts are known to thee.____
5. Through	waves and clouds and storms_____	he gent - ly clears the way.____



—	God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;__	our God will lift up,____
—	Cast off the weight, let fear de - part,____	and ev - 'ry care,____
—	Then shalt thou, wan - d'ring, own his way;__	how wise, how strong,____
—	O lift thou up our sink - ing hearts____	to know thy mer - cy,____
—	Wait thou his time; so shall this night____	soon end in joy,____



our God will lift up,_____	our God will lift up thy head.
and ev - 'ry care,_____	and ev - 'ry care____ be gone.
how wise, how strong,_____	how wise, how strong_ his hand.
to know thy mer - cy,_____	to know thy mer - cy and pow'r.
soon end in joy,_____	soon end in joy - ous day.

text by Paul Gerhardt, 1656, translated by John Wesley; music by Jon Caudill, 2002

* **Scripture reading from Acts 22:30-23:11**

text printed in the bulletin

Jonathan Parker (9:00)

Cathy Scott (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Paul Stands before the Sanhedrin"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"Isaiah 43"

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and the waves will not overcome you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name, you are mine.

Refrain: For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),

I am the Lord your God

I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (*repeat*)

I am the Lord (do not fear) (*repeat 4x*)

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
and the flames will not consume you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name, you are mine. *Refrain*

text from Isaiah 43; music writer unknown

* **Closing prayer**

* **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:

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

Salley Kate Pierce – piano

Hannah Pulliam – vocalist

Fred Verwoerd – vocalist

Chapman Whitted – guitar

Acts 22:30 - 23:11

³⁰The next day, since the commander wanted to find out exactly why Paul was being accused by the Jews, he released him and ordered the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin to assemble. Then he brought Paul and had him stand before them.

¹Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day."

²At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth.

³Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit there to judge me according to the law, yet you yourself violate the law by commanding that I be struck!"

⁴Those who were standing near Paul said, "You dare to insult God's high priest?" ⁵Paul replied, "Brothers, I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: 'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.' "

⁶Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. I stand on trial because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead." ⁷When he said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸(The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.) ⁹There was a great uproar, and some of the teachers of the law who were Pharisees stood up and argued vigorously. "We find nothing wrong with this man," they said. "What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?" ¹⁰The dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks.

¹¹The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome."

SERMON NOTES

“Paul Stands before the Sanhedrin”

Acts 22:30-23:11

1. A bold assertion of a clear conscience (vv. 22:30-23:1)
2. A character-revealing interchange (vv. 23:2-5)
3. A singular focus on the resurrection (vv. 23:6-10)
4. An encouraging visit from the risen Christ (v. 23:11)

BIG IDEA: Believers never face any opposition without the hope of the resurrection and the comfort of the risen Christ.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WAIT FOR THE USHERS to excuse you row by row after the service.

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. You can also place a giving plan card in the offering plate or deliver it to David Fowler in the church office. So far, 62% of the budget has been pledged with 275 families submitting a giving plan. Find out more about pledging and the 2021 budget at lmpc.org/give.

WOMEN OF LMPC: JOIN US THIS WINTER as we continue our study in the Psalms. Our next Large Group meeting will be this Thursday, January 21. You can register and find the full semester's schedule for both large and small group meetings at lmpc.org/women.

A NEW MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE DEALING WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS is being formed and will soon start meeting via Zoom. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Chad Middlebrooks or another pastor for more information.

THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, AT 7:30 P.M. WE WILL HOLD A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING via Zoom's webinar platform to discuss the findings from the GRACE report. During the meeting, you will be able to submit any questions you may have. Registration is required. Members should have received an email with registration information this past Thursday. If you did not receive an email, please contact Diane Reichmann at diane@lmpc.org or 423-424-4096.

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

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

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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:

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 17

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	<i>via Zoom</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>fellowship hall</i>

For more events this week, visit 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.