



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 17, 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**

*“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”  
Columbia Harmony by William Moore, 1825  
arr. Heather Sorenson*

**Welcome and announcements**

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

**\* Call to worship**

Psalm 146:1-3, 5

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

**All: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men who cannot save.

**All: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

\* Hymn of praise

“O God beyond All Praising”



1. O\_\_\_ God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and\_\_\_  
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that\_\_\_  
sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay; for\_\_\_ we can on-ly  
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and\_\_\_ wheth - er our to-  
won-der at\_\_\_ ev - ery gift you send, at\_\_\_ bless-ings with - out num-ber and  
mor-rows be\_\_\_ filled with good or ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and  
mer-cies with - out end: we\_\_\_ lift our hearts be - fore\_\_\_ you and wait up-on your  
rise to bless you still: to\_\_\_ mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo-ry in your  
word, we\_\_\_ hon - or and a - dore\_\_\_ you, our great and might - y Lord.  
ways, and\_\_\_ make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*text by Michael Perry, 1982; music from Gustav Holst's The Planets, 1918, THAXTED*

\* 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.

*continued*

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.**

### Call to confession

taken from Isaiah 30

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help!

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral prayer

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Ensemble

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and all I say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev'rything,  
that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea,  
Christ exalting, self abasing, for this is victory!

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go!

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and all I say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and pow'r.

May the mind of Christ live in me. Amen.

*text by Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; music by Lloyd Larson*

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 2

**Leader:** Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

**All:** We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

### \* Hymn of assurance

*"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"  
(please see the following page for words and music)*

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

*text printed in the bulletin*

Aaron Tolson (9:00)  
James Stevens (11:00)

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

### \* 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.**

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

### Sermon

*"Paul Stands before the Sanhedrin"  
Brian Salter, lead pastor*

### Pastoral prayer

### \* Hymn of response

*"Lift High the Cross"  
(please see the following page for words and music)*

### \* Benediction

### \* Congregational response

*"Threefold Amen"*

### Postlude

*"Blessed Assurance"  
Duane Funderburk*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

1.'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word; just to rest up-  
2.O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his clean-sing blood; just in sim - ple  
3.Yes,'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease; just from Je - sus  
4.I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend; and I know that

on his pro-mise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord." Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him!  
faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, clean-sing flood!  
sim-ply ta - king life and rest, and joy and peace.  
thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Je - sus, Je - sus,

pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

"Lift High the Cross"

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim, till all the world

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the vocal line with lyrics: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim, till all the world". The bass clef staff contains the piano accompaniment, featuring a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement.

a - dore his sa - cred name. 1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low  
2. Thy king - dom come, that  
3. For thy blest cross which

The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics: "a - dore his sa - cred name." followed by three alternative endings: "1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low", "2. Thy king - dom come, that", and "3. For thy blest cross which". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

where our Sav - ior trod, our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
earth's de-spair may cease be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.  
doth for us a - tone, cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.

The third system concludes the vocal line with lyrics: "where our Sav - ior trod, our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God. earth's de-spair may cease be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace. doth for us a - tone, cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne." The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord.

text by George W. Kitchin (1887), rev. by Michael R. Newbolt (1916); music by Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916, CRUCIFER

Musicians for this week:

Ensemble  
Joy Gibbons – director

Eun-Mee Jeong – violin  
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

## Acts 22:30 - 23:11

<sup>30</sup>The 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.

<sup>1</sup>Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, “My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day.”

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

<sup>3</sup>Then 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!”

<sup>4</sup>Those who were standing near Paul said, “You dare to insult God’s high priest?” <sup>5</sup>Paul 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.’ “

<sup>6</sup>Then 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.” <sup>7</sup>When he said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. <sup>8</sup>(The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.) <sup>9</sup>There 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?” <sup>10</sup>The 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.

<sup>11</sup>The 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.”

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are from the wedding of Jia Xin Ying and Samuel Caine on January 16, 2021.



## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto:diane@lmpc.org) or 423-424-4096.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, January 17*

9:00 a.m.	Worship service .....	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service .....	<i>sanctuary &amp; 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>

*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.