



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 31, 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

Prelude

“Speak, O Lord”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome and announcements

Derek Halvorson, president of Covenant College

Introit

“Lord of Our Life”

Ensemble

Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,
star of our night and hope of every nation,
hear and receive thy church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.

Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,
star of our night and hope of every nation,
hear and receive thy church's supplication,
hear thou our prayer. Amen.

text by Matthäus von Löwenstern; music by Johann Crüger, adapted by Roderick P. Thompson

* Call to worship

based on Isaiah 12

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD! Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid.

All: **The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: **Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world! Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great is the Holy One of Israel among us!**

* Hymn of praise

“The First Song of Isaiah”

Ensemble and congregation

Ensemble: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name."

All (*refrain*):

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav- ior.

Ensemble: Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. (*refrain*)

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. (*refrain 2x*)
text from Isaiah 12:2-6; music by Jack Noble White, 1976

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 86 and 87

Leader: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

All: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Leader: What is repentance unto life?

All: Repentance leading to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, having truly realized his sin and grasped the mercy of God in Christ, turns from his sin with grief and hatred and turns to God with full resolve and effort after new obedience.

Call to confession

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

Ensemble

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other; my soul is satisfied in him alone.

As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by;
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.

I will trust in him, no other; my soul is satisfied in him alone.

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Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 and Ephesians 2:8-9

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.

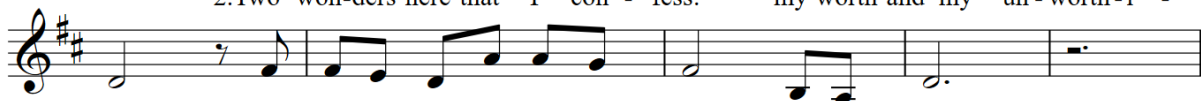
For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from
ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

* Hymn of assurance

"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"



1. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing
2. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my worth and my un - worth - i -



light, but I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.
ness, my val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross.



I re - joice in my Re - deem - er, great - est trea - sure, well - spring of my soul.



I will trust in him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis - fied in him a - lone.

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* Scripture reading from Acts 23:12-35

text printed in the bulletin

Nathan Allison (9:00)

Nate Jackson (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

"When Plans and Providence Collide"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"How Firm a Foundation"
(see following page for words and music)

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

Postlude

*"If God Be for Us, Who Can Be Against Us?" (see Romans 8:31)
from The Messiah by G. F. Handel, transcribed by William Stickles*

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – piano
Ensemble

Joy Gibbons – director

"How Firm a Foundation"

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will
3. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall
4. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not de-

ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to you he has
still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to
be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de -
sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to

said, to you who for refuge to Je - sus have fled?
stand, up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
sign your dross to consume and your gold to re - fine.
shake, I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake."

Acts 23:12-35

¹²The next morning the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. ¹³More than forty men were involved in this plot. ¹⁴They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have taken a solemn oath not to eat anything until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵Now then, you and the Sanhedrin petition the commander to bring him before you on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about his case. We are ready to kill him before he gets here."

¹⁶But when the son of Paul's sister heard of this plot, he went into the barracks and told Paul.

¹⁷Then Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the commander; he has something to tell him." ¹⁸So he took him to the commander. The centurion said, "Paul, the prisoner, sent for me and asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to tell you." ¹⁹The commander took the young man by the hand, drew him aside and asked, "What is it you want to tell me?" ²⁰He said: "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul before the Sanhedrin tomorrow on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about him. ²¹Don't give in to them, because more than forty of them are waiting in ambush for him. They have taken an oath not to eat or drink until they have killed him. They are ready now, waiting for your consent to their request." ²²The commander dismissed the young man and cautioned him, "Don't tell anyone that you have reported this to me." ²³Then he called two of his centurions and ordered them, "Get ready a detachment of two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at nine tonight. ²⁴Provide mounts for Paul so that he may be taken safely to Governor Felix."

²⁵He wrote a letter as follows: ²⁶Claudius Lysias, To His Excellency, Governor Felix: Greetings.

²⁷This man was seized by the Jews and they were about to kill him, but I came with my troops and rescued him, for I had learned that he is a Roman citizen. ²⁸I wanted to know why they were accusing him, so I brought him to their Sanhedrin. ²⁹I found that the accusation had to do with questions about their law, but there was no charge against him that deserved death or imprisonment. ³⁰When I was informed of a plot to be carried out against the man, I sent him to you at once. I also ordered his accusers to present to you their case against him.

³¹So the soldiers, carrying out their orders, took Paul with them during the night and brought him as far as Antipatris. ³²The next day they let the cavalry go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. ³³When the cavalry arrived in Caesarea, they delivered the letter to the governor and handed Paul over to him. ³⁴The governor read the letter and asked what province he was from. Learning that he was from Cilicia, ³⁵he said, "I will hear your case when your accusers get here." Then he ordered that Paul be kept under guard in Herod's palace.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AS WE END THE FIRST MONTH OF THE YEAR, we wanted you to know that you can still 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, 65% of the budget has been pledged with 292 families (42% of family units at LMPC) having submitted a giving plan. Find out more about pledging and the 2021 budget at lmpc.org/give.

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US for Salt and Light, February 3-7, 2021. You can find the full schedule at lmpc.org/youth. Registration is not required but Covid protocols will be implemented. On Saturday, February 6, we will take a skiing day trip for which registration via Realm is required. If you have questions, please email annie@lmpc.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT RESUMES this Wednesday, February 3. Registration is now open via Realm. The cost is \$5 per meal and pick-up will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m. under the porte-cochere. You may pay by cash, check, or Venmo (@LktMtnPC) when you pick up your meal. If you have problems registering, please contact the church office.

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND our next Semester in the Psalms Large Group meeting this Thursday, February 4. Registration is now open via Realm. You can register and find the full semester's schedule for both large and small group meetings at lmpc.org/women.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL OFFER A 2021 COMMUNICANT CLASS for any youth (grades 6-12) who are interested in joining LMPC. Please mark your calendars for February 19-21 (Friday night, Saturday morning, and one hour on Sunday morning). For more information and to sign up, email Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org with the student's name, grade, and age.

SAVE THE DATE: We will be holding an in-person women's "mini-retreat" on Saturday, February 27. The topic will be "Refresh: A Morning on Grief and Hope" and our speakers will be Caroline Scruggs and Julia Friedman. The cost is \$20 which includes a take-home lunch, and registration will open this Friday, February 5. You can find more information at lmpc.org/women.

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

EMMA KATE MOONEY, SUPPORTED MISSIONARY IN CARDIFF

Please join us in praying for LMPC member, Emma Kate Mooney, as she prepares to return to Cardiff, Wales, to continue her service with Pioneers. Emma Kate was born and raised on Lookout Mountain. It was during her short-term missions trips to the Middle East in 2011 and 2013, and her time in Ankara, Turkey in 2014, that her eyes and heart were opened to asylum seekers and refugees fleeing neighboring countries. She has spent the last 18 months in Cardiff, Wales, serving on a Pioneers team where she teaches English to women of all different nationalities, serves on the international student and families teams with her local church, and spends time with international women who are survivors of trauma. She is a trained Trauma Healing Facilitator through American Bible Society which will be her main focus in ministry this year. It is her deep desire to share the love of Christ as she seeks to build relationships with women of all the nations who are coming to Cardiff.



If you are interested in learning more about Emma Kate's work with Pioneers, please contact Stephanie in the Missions Office at stephanie@lmpc.org.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 31

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

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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.