



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 14, 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 have a limited capacity nursery available this morning, as well as a Sunday school class for Pre-K/K children. Prior registration is required.
- 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.

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Don Kent, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 19 and Psalm 47

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

All: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Leader: How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

*** Hymn of praise**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Proverbs 28:13-14

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.

Prayer of confession

taken from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

All: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

* Hymn of assurance

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge: the Lamb who is my righteousness;
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace;
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving-kindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;
and when he calls me it will be paradise, his face forever to behold;
his face forever to behold.

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Hymn of preparation

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.
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* **Scripture reading from Acts 28:1-16**

text printed in the bulletin

Rebekah Risley (9:00)

Tad Dacus (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Unusual Kindness and Remarkable Power"

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*
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* **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:

Stephen Bearden – flugelhorn
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Pulliam – flute
Rebekah Risley – vocalist

Charlotte Reeder – vocalist
John Reeder – piano
Chapman Whitted – guitar
John Wingard – vocalist

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE WONDERING WHEN OUR CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS will change now that many are being vaccinated. Our Covid response team will be meeting this Thursday, March 18. In the meantime, please continue to register for worship and to cancel your registration if you are no longer coming.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE TO MEET each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom through May 23. Today, March 14, we begin a new series focusing on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You can register to attend the class via Realm. For more information on our spring schedule visit lmpc.org/sunday-school.

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN OF WIDOWS HARVEST we are currently collecting bottles of laundry detergent, disinfecting wipes (Lysol or Clorox), bottles of dish soap, and Dove soap bars. Our collection will run **today through March 19**, and donations can be left in the marked box in the fellowship hall lobby. Right now our collection is limited to these specified items only. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Young at stephanie@lmpc.org.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/easter-flowers to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request flowers is Monday, March 22.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, March 17. Registration is now open via Realm. The cost is \$5 per meal and pick-up will be from 5:30 to 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, March 18. Registration is now open via Realm. You can register and find the full semester's schedule and recordings at lmpc.org/women.

COME SERVE THE CHURCH! A SPRING WORK DAY IS PLANNED for this Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Work will include weeding landscape beds, applying mulch, cleaning up leaves, and painting parking lot lines at the Jane Harris Youth Building. All are welcome for any amount of time! Bring useful tools and work gloves if you have them. Families are requested to supervise their own children in the work.

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

Acts 28:1-16

¹Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. ²The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. ³Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. ⁴When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. ⁶The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead, but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

⁷There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably. ⁸His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. ⁹When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. ¹⁰They honored us in many ways and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

¹¹After three months we put out to sea in a ship that had wintered in the island. It was an Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux. ¹²We put in at Syracuse and stayed there three days. ¹³From there we set sail and arrived at Rhegium. The next day the south wind came up, and on the following day we reached Puteoli. ¹⁴There we found some brothers who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged. ¹⁶When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

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*

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 14

9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Worship service	fellowship hall
9:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K	elementary area
10:00 a.m.	Membership interviews	reception room & JHYB
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K	elementary area
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	via Zoom
3:15 p.m.	Elementary communicant class	elementary area
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	fellowship hall

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.