



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Wingard, ruling elder

* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

* **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!

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!

text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623

* **Prayer of adoration**

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power 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 his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.
text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

* Scripture reading from Luke 2:39-52

Tay Tay Helm

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.

⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished.

And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Twelve-year-old Jesus – in His Father's House"
Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

1. The clear devotion of Mary and Joseph (vv. 39-42)
2. The frantic search for Jesus (vv. 43-48a)
3. The "mysterious" revelation of Jesus' identity (vv. 48b-52)
 - When we really get to know Jesus, we will encounter mystery in what he says and does in our lives!
 - When we encounter Jesus and mystery, will we ponder, treasure, and trust him? Or will we reject him?

Pastoral prayer

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Charley Crichton – bass
William Darby – vocalist
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Ellie Henry – vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola
Hannah Perry – flute
Jeremy Taylor – piano

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God's people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord's Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALT & LIGHT, THE LMPC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IN-TOWN WINTER

RETREAT will be held this week, January 5-9, 2022. Find the event schedule at lmpc.org/high-school-salt-light.

ALL GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12 INTERESTED IN SINGING: Beginning January 10, our Girls Ensemble will rehearse on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Registration is via Realm.

"UNFINISHED CALLING," A WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY begins January 12, 2022, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Dr. Addison Soltau, a pastor, scholar, and missionary will teach this study of searching out the "unfinished calling" of older members of God's Kingdom.

REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 12, 2022!

Children's choirs for grades 1-5 will meet from 4:45 to 5:40 p.m. Please see the website for details and to register. The fellowship dinner will be at 5:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by elementary classes from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. for pre-K through 5th grade. Nursery will be available for younger children. The elementary classes will spend 8 weeks studying Exodus, and there are still needs for volunteers. If you would be willing to help, please email Greta Erickson at greta@lmpc.org. Adults are invited to linger for much-overdue fellowship and reconnection around the tables after dinner. On February 9 we will kick off a 4-week adult elective class using Rebecca McLaughlin's book, *Confronting Christianity*. Please make plans to attend!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS JOIN US FOR CREATE YOUR OWN QUEST

on January 14 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP by emailing margaret@lmpc.org by Monday, January 10.

WOMEN OF LMPC JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT WINTER SUPPERS on January 20. Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in individual homes at 6:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite your friends. Registration is open via Realm. If you would like to host one of these suppers in your home, email caroline@lmpc.org.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD JANUARY 21-23. We will meet Friday evening from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. We will wrap up the class with one final session during Sunday School on January 30. If you are interested in signing up for the class, please confirm by emailing julie@lmpc.org or calling 423-424-5973 **by this Friday, January 7.**

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED to join us for lunch Sunday, January 30, at 12:15 p.m. at the JHYB.

MEN OF LMPC: REGISTER VIA REALM FOR OUR MOUNTAIN MEN RETREAT which will take place February 4-6, 2022, at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge and Convention Center in Guntersville, Ala. This weekend will be an opportunity to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ, deepen fellowship with other men, and experience rest and refreshment. The cost of the weekend is \$220, which includes lodging and all meals (except lunch on Saturday). Richie Sessions, the RUF campus minister at Vanderbilt University, will speak on “The Head and the Heart: From Knowing about Jesus to Knowing Jesus.” Please join us!

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