



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2, 2022 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 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 in front of you 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.*

CHILDCARE: *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to the crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon that are provided for children each week.*

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 27 and Nehemiah 9

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

All: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: Stand up and praise the LORD our God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be his glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. He alone is the LORD.

All: He made the heavens and all the starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. He gives life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship him.

* Hymn of praise 226, vv. 1, 2, 4

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

* **Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Offertory

"Brightest and Best"

Chancel Choir

Hail the bless'd morn, see the great Mediator
down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger,
lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
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Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and off'rings divine,
gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
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text by Reginald Heber, 1811; music from Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Shawn Kirchner, 2016

* **Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Luke 2:39-52**

pp. 1019-1020 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Amos Oster (9:30)

Jim Richter (11:00)

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"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession 486, vv. 1, 2, 3

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

All: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

All: We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

For the bread

"Lovely Child, Holy Child"

Instrumental meditation

Lovely child, holy child, gentle, mild, undefiled;
infant King, fairest King, gifts we'll bring and anthems sing:
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

Child of light, born tonight, our delight, promise bright;
child so fair: see him there; now declare him ev'rywhere:
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

text by David N. Johnson, 1968; music is folk carol, arr. David N. Johnson, 1968, BETHLEHEM

For the cup

"O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild"

Instrumental meditation

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, your Father's will you have fulfilled.
From heav'n above to earth you came, and born as man you took our name.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, your birth the world with hope has filled.
Your death has ransomed our lost race, for on the cross you took our place.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

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O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, we seek to do what you have willed.
All that we have comes from above; Lord, keep us walking in your love.
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

text by Samuel Scheidt, 1650; music by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750, O JESULEIN süß

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of response 252

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director
Joshua Knight – organ

Maddie Lee – piano
Gabrielle Sweets – violin

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN THE SANCTUARY SERVICES THIS MORNING, WE WILL RESUME THE PRACTICE OF PASSING THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS. If you would prefer to receive the elements from an LMPC elder before the service, please go to the narthex to collect the elements. We will all partake together during the service.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS: Please note that some elementary classroom locations at the 11:00 hour have changed **beginning today, January 2**. Signs are posted in the elementary area and volunteers will be available to direct you.

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!

Luke 2:39-52

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. ⁵¹And 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.

SERMON NOTES

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 2

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults & children.....	<i>various locations</i>
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your needs.....	<i>Brian Salter's office</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer	<i>chapel</i>

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar

STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

Did you know that Realm has an app for your mobile device? Available for both iPhone and Android, just search "Realm Connect" in your app store and download it for free. If you already have a Realm account, you can simply log in using your email and password. Don't have a Realm account? Email onrealm@lmpc.org to request an account.

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 Sunday of every month in all morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.

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.