



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 24, 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; an online form is available by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin. 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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
arr. Gordon Schuster

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Introit

"God Is Here with Me"

Children's Choirs

God is in my voice when I am singing; God is in my voice, right here in my song.
God is in my voice when I am singing; God is in my voice, right here in my song.

God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my mind when I am praying; God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is in my mind when I am praying; God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.

God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!

God is in my heart when I am sleeping; God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.
God is in my heart when I am sleeping; God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.

God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!
text and music by Christopher D. Hogan, 2016

* Call to worship

Exodus 15:2 and Psalm 100

Children: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

All: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Hymn of praise 355, vv. 1, 2, 3

“We Are God’s People”

* Prayer of adoration

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

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Ephesians 1:3-8

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

All: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

* Hymn of assurance 706, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”

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

Offertory

“The Alabaster Jar”

Chancel Choir

The scent of oil fills the house in joyful celebration; sweet scent of faith, balm of belief,
a gift for him whose name is Love.

The fragrance lingers on his robe, in somber preparation; anointing oil of purest nard,
a gift for him whose name is Love.

Lord, make a vessel of my heart filled with the fragrance of your mercy,
the scent of love and of grace, the oil of pardon and of peace,
that I may pour it at your feet.

Her gift was love, poured out in joy, an act of adoration; a deed to echo through the years,
a gift of love, poured from an alabaster jar.

text by Susan Bentall Boersma; music by Craig Courtney, 2016

* 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 dedication and thanksgiving

* Scripture reading from Luke 7:36-50

p. 1027 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Michal Parsley (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

“When Grace Grips One and Gripes Another”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 498, vv. 1, 2, 5

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

Congregational meeting

* Postlude

“O Worship the King”
arr. Phillip Keveren

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director
Kristina Hall – cello

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall today for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2025. A brochure about the candidates is available at lmpc.org/election-of-officer-candidates and in print.

JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Annie Reynolds will be commissioned as she prepares to travel to Glasgow, Scotland, for a short term missions trip.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, April 27. Registration is via Realm and pick-up is in the porte-cochere. Please note that the registration deadline is Monday, April 25 at midnight. We will not have a dine-in option for the remainder of the semester.

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: Please consider joining one of our ensembles this summer! A Handbell Ensemble will play in services during May and June and will practice on Tuesdays beginning April 26 at 5:00 p.m. A Women’s Ensemble will sing in the sanctuary in June, and a Men’s Ensemble will sing in the sanctuary in July. Choral Ensembles will practice on Sunday mornings. For more information or to sign up, contact Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org.

LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR MOUNTAIN MEN’S BREAKFAST this Saturday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will fellowship, share breakfast together, and hear the encouraging story of God’s faithfulness in the life of one of the men in our congregation.

WOMEN OF LMPC, JOIN US FOR SPRING FELLOWSHIP DAY on Saturday, May 7. We will enjoy a day of fellowship and recreation as we offer groups for hiking, walking, and coffee at both 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Register on Realm for your preferred time slot and activity, and you will be contacted with specific details.

MOUNTAIN MEN, STEAK NIGHT IS BACK! Our next men's steak night will be Thursday, May 12. This event allows for 8-12 guys to gather at a home to eat MEAT and fellowship around the table. Invite your friends and join us. Please send an email by Wednesday, May 4 to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you. If you would like to host a group in your home, please email us at mountainmen@lmpc.org.

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Jane Palfrey Lowery, born to Margaret and Grayson Lowery on April 20.

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.

³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."

⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." ⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."

⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 24

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults & children	various locations
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your needs.....	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	various locations
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

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

PILLAR AND GROUND - AN LMPC PODCAST

This new podcast series for the LMPC family premieres on **Monday, April 25**. Its purpose is to help us deepen our knowledge of the ground on which we stand and increase our connection to those with whom we stand together in community and mission.

Listen for three episodes each week: *Our Connections* (interviews), *Our Questions* (biblical perspective), and *Our Confession* (teaching).

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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 are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.