



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 27, 2022 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. 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.*

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

All: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Leader: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded and it stood firm. The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

All: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

* **Hymn of praise**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

text by Charles Wesley (1744) and Mark Hunt (1978); music by Rowland Pritchard, 1855

* **Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

based on Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Hymn of confession

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow’r.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all. *Refrain*
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music from Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on John 3 and Colossians 1

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

All: We joyfully give thanks to the Father, for he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Hymn of assurance

"What Child Is This"

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.
traditional English carol, adapted 1865; English melody, 16th cent.

Lighting the candle of hope

taken from Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for.

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

"And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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

Offertory hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai’s height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Latin, 12th century, translated by John Mason Neale, 1851; Plainsong, 13th century

*** Scripture reading from Hebrews 1:1-3a**

text printed in the bulletin

Emmie Thompson (9:30)

Merrile Stroud (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word**Sermon**

“Jesus, the Exact Representation”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer*** Hymn of response**

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

text by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by George F. Handel, 1742

* **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**

Musicians for this week:

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Jonah Hitchcock – cello
Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola

Anna Stroud – vocals
Chapman Whitted – guitar
John Wingard – vocals

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

In the mid-19th century, German theologian Johann Hinrich Wichern was the first to weave evergreen boughs into a wagon wheel adorned with candles as a way for children to count the days until Christmas. Since that time, Advent wreaths have grown in meaning and use as a devotional and liturgical tool for Christians to celebrate Advent. The Advent wreaths we are using at LMPC are full of symbolic meaning: the circular shape reminds us of God's never-ending love; the evergreen branches point to God's promise of eternal life through his Son; the red holly berries signify Jesus' blood shed on the cross; and the candles of hope, peace, joy, love, and Christ himself remind us of the true Light of the World, whom the darkness can never overcome.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS OF LMPC invite you to a short presentation of "Welcome to Advent!" on Wednesday, November 30 at 5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Start your Advent season off right with the beautiful sound of children's voices. Following the program, join us for Family Night, including pizza and bingo in the fellowship hall; no reservations required but regular dinner fees apply.

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC ARE INVITED to celebrate the Christmas season together at Canopy on Tuesday, December 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks provided and drinks available for purchase.

BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS for the Vision of Mercy collection to the Small Conference Room before Wednesday, December 7. If you donate an essential kit, please include each of these items in a sealed Ziploc gallon bag: winter hat, gloves, soap, deodorant, washcloth, socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable wipes, disposable razor. If you donate a blanket, please ensure it is at least 50x60 inches; new and gently used/clean blankets will be accepted. If you would like to volunteer with Vision of Mercy to distribute the kits and blankets to those in need on Saturday, December 10, please email Stephanie Young at stephanie@lmpc.org.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit Realm Connect to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to make your request is Friday, December 9.

THE VIP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 13. Join us at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a delicious menu of chicken and dressing, roasted asparagus, cranberry-orange relish, and dessert. Make your reservation before December 9 on Realm Connect, or by calling the church office. The cost for this event is \$5. The VIPs are a group of mostly retired adults who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.

IF YOU, YOUR FAMILY, OR SMALL GROUP WOULD ENJOY CHRISTMAS CAROLING on December 18 for LMPC members who cannot join us for Christmas services, please register by emailing Margaret at margaret@lmpc.org by December 11.

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

Hebrews 1:1-3a

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

ADVENT 2022 SERMON SERIES HEBREWS: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Advent is all about waiting and longing for redemption. Hebrews is all about confirmation that Jesus is the One we have all been waiting on. As the hymn lyrics ask, "What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?" This child, Jesus, is the one who fulfills all of the longings built up through the prophets, temple, priesthood, and sacrificial system. Jesus is the exact representation of God and is everything God wants to say to us. Jesus is the new, final, and superior High Priest and Royal Son. Jesus is superior to the angels. All the longings of the covenant people of God find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. And though he has come, still we wait. We await his return when he will completely consummate the glory of his unshakable and eternal Kingdom on earth. Until then, let us wait with eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

SERMON NOTES

“Jesus, the Exact Representation”

Hebrews 1:1-3a

1. **God speaks:** the anticipated Word of God in the last days (vv. 1-2a)
2. **God authoritatively speaks in his Son:** the identity of the living Word (vv. 2b-3a)
 - Jesus is the beloved Son and appointed heir.
 - Jesus is the mighty creator and powerful sustainer.
3. **God clearly speaks in his Son:** the message of the living Word (v. 3a)
 - Jesus is the radiant glory and exact representation.

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ADVENT 2022

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

nursery available

Sunday, December 4

6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

nursery available at 4:00 p.m. only

Sunday, December 11

4:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 18

5:00 p.m. in the community

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

LESSONS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

nursery available at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. only

3:00, 5:00, and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 27

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

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

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- Check your progress on giving and pledging

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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. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



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.