



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 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

John Wingard, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

taken from Philippians 2 and Psalm 111

Leader: Christ Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

All: **Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

All: **He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. To him belongs eternal praise!**

* **Hymn of praise**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

text by James Montgomery, 1816; music by Henry Smart, 1867

* **Prayer of adoration**

Lighting the candle of peace

Leader: In the days of the prophet Isaiah, the people looked forward to the coming birth of a Savior whom Isaiah described as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there would be no end, and he would reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

All: **He himself is our peace. He came and preached peace to those who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we have access to the Father by one Spirit. Now may the Lord of peace himself give us peace at all times and in every way.**

based on Is. 9:6-7; Eph. 2:14a, 17-18; 2 Thess. 3:16

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

Offertory hymn

“See, amid the Winter’s Snow”

See, amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

continued

Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies:
he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! *Refrain*

Teach, O teach us, holy child, by thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble thee, in thy sweet humility. *Refrain*
text by Edward Caswall, 1851; music by John Goss, 1870

* **Scripture reading from Hebrews 1:3b-5**
text printed in the bulletin

Annie Reynolds (9:30)
Steve Reynolds (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 Royal Son"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Hymn of confession

"Come, O Redeemer, Come"

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy;
ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

Refrain: Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,
faithless, troubled hearts weighed down. *Refrain*

Look now upon our need; Lord be with us.
Heal us and make us free from our sin. *Refrain*

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Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 2:10, 13-15

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: O the unspeakable mysteries and treasures of mercy that are presented to us in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper! Here we have communion with God our Father who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: Here we have communion with our blessed Redeemer, as crucified and glorified, and offered to us, as our quickening, preserving, strengthening Head.

Leader: Here we have communion with the Holy Spirit, applying to our souls the benefits of redemption, drawing us to the Son, communicating light, life, and strength from him unto us, and increasing his graces in us.

All: Here we have communion with the body of Christ, his sanctified people. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember the finished work of Christ, receive nourishment, and anticipate the glory to come. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Practical Works of Richard Baxter, vol. 10 and The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds

Prayer of consecration

“Fullness of Grace”

Fullness of grace in man’s human frailty, this is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside his power and glory, humbly he entered our world,
chose the path of meanest worth, scandal of a virgin birth.
Born in a stable, cold and rejected, here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father, shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road,
Christ, the Holy Innocent, took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected, crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, promise of God in Jesus.
Through his obedience we are forgiven, op’ning the floodgates of heav’n.
All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.

Fullness of life and joy unspeakable: God’s gift in love to the world.

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“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav’nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow’rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Liturgy of St. James, 5th century; French melody, 17th century

* **Prayer of thanksgiving**

* **Hymn of praise**

“From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable”

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin’s faith,
to the anguish and the shame of scandal, came the Savior of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav’n, shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the gift of God come down to man at the dawning of Immanuel!

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the Father’s hands,
filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well;
yet his righteous steps give me hope again—I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend’s betrayal, he was lifted on a cruel cross;
he was punished for the world’s transgressions, he was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, he fights for me, loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
and with a shout our souls are free—death defeated by Immanuel!

Now he’s standing in the place of honor, crowned with glory on the highest throne,
interceding for his own beloved, till his Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds, hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
but the bride will run to her Lover’s arms, giving glory to Immanuel!

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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**

Musicians for this week:

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Maddie Lee – vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Kara Riley – piano

Hebrews 1:3b-5

^{3b}After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

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

PLEASE DO NOT PARK in the handicap spots next to the porte-cochere. We need this lane open for drive-through during construction work.

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 will be provided.

BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS for the Vision of Mercy collection to the Small Conference Room by Wednesday, December 7. If you donate an essential kit, please include all 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.

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or in memory of a loved one by filling out a form on Realm Connect or contacting the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to make your request is Friday, December 9.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, December 11 for two purposes. The first purpose is to vote on the slate of officer nominees for the class of 2026. The second purpose is to hear a status update and call to action concerning the RENEW capital campaign.

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 meal. Make your reservation before December 9 on Realm Connect, or by calling the church office; cost is \$5.

IF YOU, YOUR FAMILY, OR SMALL GROUP WOULD ENJOY CHRISTMAS CAROLING on December 18 at 5:00 p.m. for LMPC members who cannot join us for Christmas services, please register by emailing Margaret at margaret@lmpc.org by December 11.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS will be held January 20-22. We will meet Friday from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Sunday during the Sunday school hour. One final session will be held during Sunday school on January 29. If you are an adult who wants to join the church, or you would like to learn about what we believe, this class is for you. Register on Realm Connect by January 10.

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

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, December 4

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

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

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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.