



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 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.*

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

"People, Look East"

Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, arr. Robert Hobby

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word: The Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Welcome and announcements

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Lighting the candle of peace

Introit

"Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless"

Chancel Choir

Who is this, so weak and helpless, child of lowly Hebrew maid,
rudely in a stable sheltered, coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation, who this wondrous path has trod;
he is God from everlasting, and to everlasting God.

text by William Walsham How, 1823-1897; music by John Ambrose Lloyd, 1815-1874, EIFIONYDD

* **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 195**

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

* **Prayer of adoration**

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

Offertory

“All Praise to Thee”

Chancel Choir

All praise to thee, eternal God, who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
dost take a manger for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine alone.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light,
to make us, in the realms divine, like thine own angels round thee shine.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A little child, thou art our guest, that weary ones in thee may rest;
forlorn and lowly is thy birth, that we may rise to heav’n from earth.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

text by Martin Luther, 1524; music by Elaine Hagenberg

* **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 Hebrews 1:3b-5**
p. 1187 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Dan Wykoff (9:30)
Jonas Dean (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"
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

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 199, vv. 1, 6

"See, amid the Winter's Snow"

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

Distribution of the elements

For the bread 221, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

For the cup

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Instrumental meditation

arr. John R. Watkinson

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #162)

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of response 213

"What Child Is This"

* Benediction

* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

arr. Wayne Wold

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, 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.

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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.....	<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 with communion.....	<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>
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Hymn Sing	<i>fellowship hall</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel

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

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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.*

CONTACT US

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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.