



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11, 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

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**Prelude**

*"Oh, Come, Little Children"  
arr. Michael Burkhardt*

**Welcome and announcements**

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Lighting the candle of joy**

**Advent meditation**

*"Let Every Heart Prepare a Throne"*

Kingdom Kids

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne, for soon the Child of Light will come.  
Let ev'ry voice prepare a song to welcome Christ, the Promised One.

Let ev'ry hand reach out with love to greet this gift from God above.  
Make ready now, the Savior comes, the Prince of Peace, the Promised One.

Solo:     So let the flame of Advent glow, each candle shines that all may know  
          the hope we need, so long foretold, will soon be here for us to hold.

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne, for soon the Child of Light will come.  
Let ev'ry voice prepare a song to welcome Christ, the Promised One.  
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*from the first stanza of "Hark, the Glad Sound" by Phillip Doddridge; additional lyrics and music by Mark Patterson, 2013*

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 98 and Luke 1

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**All: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

Leader: Our souls glorify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

**All: The Mighty One has done great things for us—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation!**

**\* Hymn of praise 215, vv. 1, 2, 3**

“While by the Sheep We Watched at Night”

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Call to confession**

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**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 203

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

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

**Offertory**

“Sing Noel”

Kingdom Kids

Shepherds, shepherds, hear the story: Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Rise and go to see his glory, leave your flock to welcome him!  
Sing noel, O sing noel, O sing noel, for Christ is born!

Angels, angels, heav’nly chorus, Christ has come to earth today!  
Bright the star that shines before us, pointing clear to all the way!  
Sing noel, O sing noel, O sing noel, for Christ is born!

Wise men, wise men, treasure bringing to the manger bed afar,  
joyful praises ever singing, follow now the guiding star.  
Sing noel, O sing noel, O sing noel, for Christ is born!  
*text and music by Natalie Sleeth*

\* 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 Hebrews 1:6-9  
*p. 1187 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Chad Middlebrooks (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**

“Jesus, King of Angels”  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response 18, vv. 1, 4

“You Holy Angels Bright”

\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

Congregational meeting

\* Postlude

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”  
*arr. John Schaffner*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – Director of Kingdom Kids II

**Jennifer Mixon** – Director of Kingdom Kids I

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Mary Margaret Scruggs** – soloist

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Ellen Melinda Thompson**

November 30, 1944 – December 7, 2022

**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.

## Hebrews 1:6-9

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

### SERMON NOTES

"Jesus, King of Angels"

What child is this? Jesus is the King of angels.

1. The angels worship the Son as his created servants. (vv. 6-7; Psalm 97:7, 104:4)

2. The Son is the righteous and eternal King. (vv. 8-9; Psalm 45:6-7)

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING** on December 18 at 5:00 p.m. Email Margaret at [margaret@lmpc.org](mailto:margaret@lmpc.org).

**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](http://lmpc.org/news).*

## ADVENT 2022

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Sunday, December 11**

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

*nursery available at 4:00 p.m. only*

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

**Sunday, December 18**

5:00 p.m. in the community

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Saturday, December 24**

LESSONS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, December 11*

9:30 a.m.	Worship service .....	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 .....	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
4:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert (with nursery) .....	sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Christmas Concert.....	sanctuary

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

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

### JOIN US ON REALM CONNECT:

- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- Access our online church directory
- Update your contact and personal information, including photo
- Manage your church giving and pledging

Find more details on how to join and use Realm Connect at [lmpc.org/realm](http://lmpc.org/realm). For additional help with Realm Connect, or to request an account, email Katie Holstege at [katie@lmpc.org](mailto:katie@lmpc.org).

### 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.