



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 18, 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

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

J. S. Bach

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #317)

Welcome and announcements

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Lighting the candle of love

Advent meditation "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

Chancel Choir

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning.
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.
This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

text by Johann Von Rist, 1641; music by Johann Schop, 1641, harmonized by J.S. Bach, 1734, ERMUNTRE DICH

* Call to worship

taken from Luke 2:10-14

Leader: The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

All: **This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."**

Leader: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

All: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

* Hymn of praise 214

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

* Prayer of adoration

Advent affirmation

Leader: Christians, what do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

All: We believe Jesus Christ is the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Savior: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. He is fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary, sent by God to reconcile the world to himself. To him be all glory and honor, for ever and ever.

Call to confession

1 Peter 1:14-19

Do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Chancel Choir

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.
text by Phillips Brooks, 1868; music by Louis H. Redner, 1868, ST. LOUIS

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Galatians 4:4-5 and Romans 10:4

When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

* Hymn of assurance 230

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

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

Offertory

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

Chancel Choir

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you afright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
this sacred time of Christmastide all others now deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.
traditional English carol, 18th century; arr. Molly Ijames

* 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 1:10-14**
p. 1187 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Denny Wise (9:30)
Ed Salter (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 Eternal Ruler"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 218**, vv. 1, 2, 5

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
arr. Keith Chapman

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

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 1:10-14

¹⁰And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹²like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end." ¹³And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? ¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

SERMON NOTES
"Jesus, the Eternal Ruler"
Hebrews 1:10-14

ADVENT 2022

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

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, there will be 11:00 a.m. services only, in both the fellowship hall and the sanctuary. There will be no nursery or Sunday School.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, all regular services will resume, with nursery at 11:00 a.m. only and no Sunday school. There will be no New Year's Eve service.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS will be held January 20-22. Register on Realm Connect before January 10.

WE ARE EXTREMELY THANKFUL for your faithful giving this past year to both the general fund (regular church operations) and the RENEW campaign. However, we still need approximately \$800,000 in giving to ensure we can meet all our 2022 financial obligations. Please remember us in your year-end giving so that we might enter into 2023 financially strong.

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

RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON 12/11/22

We are glad to report that, after counting the ballots, we did have a quorum and the full slate of officer nominees was approved. On the same ballot, Robert Clark was elected as a new director to serve a four-year term on the board of LMPC, Inc. The members approved to commence officer training for the class of 2026 are listed below:

ELDER NOMINEES

David Caines
Tad Dacus
Tommy Gifford
Larry Goodman
Derek Halvorson
Don Morton
Doug Perry
Sam Smartt
Ron Thomas
Jack Webb

DEACON NOMINEES

Don Bailey, Jr.
Jay Brooks
Chuck Denham
Will Givens
Griffin Hatcliff
Carter Helm
Eddy Hilger
Paul Jacobs
Ross Shumate
Carter Young

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Belva Bailey by Don Bailey, Sr., Laura and Don Bailey, Jr., and Lori and Kevin Chilton

Vera and Marion Barnes by Elizabeth and Stephen Barnes

Elizabeth (Betsy) Caulkins Bookout by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins IV,
Caroline Caulkins Bentley, Anne and Trey Carr, Caroline, Catherine, & Margaret;
Ann Henley and Doug Perry and family; and Hugh, Elizabeth, and Peter

Donnie Brock by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins IV

Mr. and Mrs. Winford Brock by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins IV

Greg Brown by Katie and Don Morton

Kaky and Hugh Brown by Katie and Don Morton

Michael Brown by Katie and Don Morton

Hardwick Caldwell by Anonymous

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins III by Wilford Caulkins IV and Caroline Caulkins Bentley

Atticus Bartholomew Centurion Doe by the Doe Family

Ernestelle and Melvin Durrett by Lisa and Joe Hailey

Konnie Erickson by Dave Erickson

Lynda Fray by the Dan Wykoff family and David Fray

Catherine Griswold by Stephen, Lindsey, Courtney, MJ, and Kristen

Julie and Bill Hailey by Lisa and Joe Hailey

Evelyn and Clarence Halvorson by Marni and Steve Halvorson

B. Daniel Harnsberger by his children and grandchildren

Don Lee Hartman by Lynn Hartman

Martha and Morton Kent by their sons and their families

Dick Lindeman by Charlotte Lindeman, his children, and grandchildren

Elaine and Robert Macdonald by Joyce and Herb Politano and family

Aaron Madaris by Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Caulkins IV

Gail Marshall by Lynn Hartman

The Very Rev. Norman and Tillie Ann Milbank by Marni and Steve Halvorson

Betty and L.D. Miller, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bowers

Robert C. Monroe by his family

Gary "Pop" Morris by Beth, McKinley, Anna-Blair, and Wright Self

Hal Morris by Linda Morris

Richard O'Ferrall by Ann Henley and Doug Perry, Ash Perry, and Della, CP, Kappy, and Hennie

Anne Platt by Anne and Trey Carr, Caroline, Catherine, and Margaret

Helen and Carmel Politano by Joyce and Herb Politano and family

Sara Rowland by Stephen, Lindsey, Courtney, MJ, and Kristen

Dr. William B. Roy by the Moldenhauers

Drake Smisson by the Smisson and Woodruff families

Ann and Norman Smith by Hollie and Don Kent and family

Clara Frances and W.L. Smith by Stephen, Lindsey, Courtney, MJ, and Kristen

Warren Gregory ("Gregg") Terry by Ann Henley and Doug Perry

Elsie Wildeboer by Beth Krabbendam

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Diane Morris by Beth, McKinley, Anna-Blair, and Wright Self

Our grandchildren by Carol and Mitch Mutter

Ms. Carla Roy by the Moldenhauers

Kendra and Brian Salter by Beth, McKinley, Anna-Blair, and Wright Self

Cathie and Ray Smith by Sloan, James, Rome, Davis, and Stella

The Zach Walley family by Anonymous

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, December 18

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>
5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling	<i>community</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.*

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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.