



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2023 | **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 (available for 11 a.m. service only today), 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

*"In Dulci Jubilo"
Marcel Dupré*

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 9

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

All: We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

*** Hymn of praise**

"O Sing of Christ"

O sing of Christ, whose birth made known the kindness of the Lord;
Eternal Word made flesh and bone so we could be restored.
Upon our frail humanity God's finger chose to trace
the fullness of his deity, the icon of his grace.

Lord Jesus Christ, you deigned to dwell among us here on earth
as God with us, Emmanuel, to bring this holy birth.

Though rich, you willingly became one with our poverty,
that we might share your wealth and name for all eternity!

text by Stephen Starke, 1996; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams, FOREST GREEN

*** Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

Offertory

"Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All"

Chancel Choir

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my all, hear me, blest Savior, when I call;
hear me, and from thy dwelling place pour down the riches of thy grace.

Jesus, too late I thee have sought; how can I love thee as I ought?
And how extol thy matchless fame, the glorious beauty of thy name?

Jesus, of thee will be my song; to thee my heart and soul belong.
All that I have or own is thine, and thou, O blessed Savior, thou art mine.

Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore; O make me love thee more and more.

text by Henry Collins, 1854; music by Bob Burroughs, 1963

*** 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 12:1-2**

p. 1196 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Stephanie Wharton (9:30)

Ralph Hill (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, Our Fixation"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

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 252

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

John 3:16-17

For 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.

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

"Beautiful Savior"

Organ meditation

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

text from Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677; arr. Michael Burkhardt

For the cup 188

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response 585**, vv. 1, 5, 6

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Paul Manz

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON NOTES
"Jesus, Our Fixation"
Hebrews 12:1-2

As we face a new year and continue our race of faith, let us:

1. remember the cloud of witnesses. (v. 1a)
2. throw off all hindrances and entangling sin. (v. 1b)
3. run with persevering endurance. (v. 1c)
4. fix our eyes on Jesus. (v. 2)

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 1

- 9:30 a.m. Worship service with communion..... *sanctuary & fellowship hall*
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*

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel

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

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN OUR WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS on January 26, 6:00 p.m. These fellowship dinners will be hosted in individual homes and are an opportunity to connect with women across various ages and stages of life. Invite your friends and neighbors; please register on Realm Connect. If you are interested in hosting one of our Winter Suppers, please email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

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

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.