



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 5, 2017 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | *First Sunday in Lent*

Order of Worship

Prelude "The God of Abraham Praise" Joy Gibbons, pianist
Synagogue melody, arr. Gail Ann Wasson

Welcome and greetings Don Kent, ruling elder

* **Call to worship** 1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

Leader: Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Leader: Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

All: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

* **Hymn of praise 7** "From All That Dwell below the Skies"

* **Prayer of adoration**

* **Choral prayer** "Lamb of God" Chancel Choir
from a psalm chant by F. A. J. Hervey (1885-1922); arr. Richard Shepherd

O Lamb of God who gave thyself for me;
now in my heart, I give myself to thee.

Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord;
that we would hold thy wondrous name adored.

* **Affirmation of faith** based on Isaiah 53; 1 Peter 1; Revelation 5

We believe that we have been redeemed from our empty way of life, not with perishable things, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, yet he was silent. Through him we believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, so that our faith and hope are in God. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

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

Offertory "How Firm a Foundation" Chancel Choir
words from Rippon's *Selection of Hymns, 1787*; hymn tune FOUNDATION
arr. Donald Busarow
(Words may be found in the Trinity Hymnal, #94)

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Exodus 12:21-28**
p. 105 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "The Sacrificial Lamb"
Brian Salter, associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Sermon hymn 420** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians,
previously admitted to the table of the Lord 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

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace Colossians 1:19, 22; Revelation 13:8

Leader: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

All: Praise be to the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world!

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Hymns for meditation

For the Bread: "My Only Comfort"

My only comfort, now and always in both my life and death,
is knowing that I am not my own; I belong to Jesus Christ.
My body and soul belong to him in life, in death, always.
He is my faithful Savior, Friend: Jesus Christ, my Lord and King.

He fully paid for all my sins with his own precious blood,
and through his death has set me free from Satan's tyranny.
Without my heavenly Father's will, not a single hair can fall.
In fact, all things must work for good, for my salvation.

Since I belong to him alone, Christ through the Spirit gives
assurance of eternal life, and so I live for him.

My only comfort, now, always, in both my life and death,
is knowing I am not my own; I belong to Jesus Christ.

*words by Zacharius Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus, 1563; Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1;
vers. Marlene Veenstra, 2003, alt. © 2004 Faith Alive Christian Resources*

For the Cup: "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response 429**

"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Arthur Messiter, arr. Tedd Smith

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Elders meet to pray in Pastor Novenson's office at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. If you would like them to pray for you and your specific needs, they welcome you to join them.

Devices to amplify sound during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.

Children are welcome to participate in all worship services, no matter the age of the child. Worship sheets and crayons are available in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary to help children interact with the sermon.

Exodus 12:21-28

²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. ²³When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴"Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' ²⁷then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

Sermon Notes
"The Sacrificial Lamb"
Exodus 12:21-28

1. Rescued by the lamb's blood (vv. 21-23)

2. Celebrating the lamb's sacrifice (vv. 24-28)

Big Idea: We can feast on the Lamb, Jesus, because life and liberation come through his death.



Lent is the forty-day period before Easter. It began this year on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. In counting the forty days, Sundays are skipped. The liturgical color is purple, a kingly color reminding us of Christ's reign and rule, the color of the robe Roman soldiers put on Christ before the crucifixion, and the same liturgical color as Advent to reflect a similar period of waiting and watching. Lent is a season of simple-living, prayer, and repentance. It is a season particularly set aside for reflection on Jesus Christ's life, suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the first century church as a preparatory time for Easter. By observing the forty days of Lent, the early church desired that the individual Christian imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. To help us visually reflect on the sparse nature of this season, you will see only curly willow or twigs decorating the chancel during these weeks. It also serves to remind us of the branch used to serve Christ sour wine on the cross. Alongside Christians who have observed Lent since apostolic times, let us seek after our Savior with self-examining humility.

Finance Update

2016 Year-End Giving Update

2016 Annual Budget:	\$4.328 million
2016 Giving:	\$4.448 million
Giving above budget:	\$120,000
2016 spending:	\$90,000 under budget

The overage in budgeted giving of \$120,000 was allocated by the Session equally to World Missions, Home Missions, Mountain Missions, Next Steps, and Benefits Reserves. We are so grateful to God for his abundant provision to us at LMPC.

2017 Pledging Update

Pledges for 2017 are currently \$3.44 million which is 76% of the 2017 budget. The goal is to have 80% of the budget pledged. If you have not done so, you can send in your giving plan at lmpc.org/giving-2017.

Note about IRAs

If you are over 70 ½ years of age and are required to take mandatory IRA distributions, there could be a significant tax benefit by making a contribution to LMPC directly from your IRA. Please consider checking with your tax advisor for more information.

Weekly Announcements

Our annual World Missions Conference is next weekend, March 10-12. The theme is Gospel Hope for the Muslim World. The deadline for reserving a seat for the Saturday night banquet is tomorrow, March 6, which you can do by visiting lmpc.org. There you'll find a full schedule of events, as well as a recommended reading list. Please be in prayer for the conference and for our guests, all but one of whom will be traveling from abroad.

Reminder: please sign up now if you would like to volunteer and serve our children at our summer VBS: Marketplace 2017, June 20-23. We have many different opportunities for volunteers, from teaching to crafts to drama to set-up and tear-down. To see all the volunteer opportunities and to sign up, visit lmpc.org/marketplace. If you have questions, please email greta@lmpc.org.

We are delighted to welcome in recital four students from New York City this Thursday evening, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The recital includes LMPC's own Thomas West, baritone, at the Juilliard School, alongside tenor Ryan Brideau and pianist Nathan Raskin, also at Juilliard, and vocalist Rachel Brideau from the Manhattan School of Music. All are warmly invited to attend this special evening of music.

Save the date: MDO Open Registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held on Tuesday, March 14 in the Reception Room. LMPC families will be able to register from 10:00-11:00 a.m. For more information on Mother's Day Out visit lmpc.org/mdo.

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

World Mission Conference Guest Speaking Schedule

**nursery available*

Sanctuary Services and Presentations*

Neal preaching in all services

8:10 a.m. Jerry Mattix

9:30 a.m. Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

11:00 a.m. Tom

Fellowship Hall Services and Presentations*

Neal preaching (video)

9:30 a.m. Mohsen

11:00 a.m. Fuad

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. classes

Elementary Sunday School (children's classrooms): Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

Combined Youth Sunday School (JHYB): Tom

Brock Class, Conference Room: Mohsen

Fireside Class, Reception Room: Fuad

Redeemer Class, Upper Room: Jerry Mattix

11:00 a.m. classes

Elementary Sunday School (children's classrooms): Fuad

Combined Youth Sunday School (JHYB): Jerry Mattix

Fellowship Class, Conference Room: Tom

Young Adults Class, Reception Room: Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

Kingdom Class, Upper Room: Mohsen

Afternoon/Evening

Middle School Large Group with Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

4:15 p.m. in the JHYB

Children's Banquet for pre-K through 5th grade

5:45-7:30 p.m. in the children's classrooms

Missionary Panel and Prayer with keynote speaker, Neal, and all conference guests*

5:45-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

High School Youth Group with Mohsen

7:30 p.m. in the JHYB

World Missions Spotlight: Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

Norm and Ruth Ann's paths first crossed in Aix-en-Provence, France. Ruth Ann had already been serving there in church ministry for several years. Norm is from northern Ontario and came to Christ at the age of 12. It was in a World Religions class in a public high school that Norm first sensed God's call to the Arab Muslim world.

Since their marriage in 1992, the Leducs have served in various leadership roles with Arab World Ministries (AWM), an agency focused on reaching Muslims of the Arab world, the heartland of Islam. For nine of those years, they lived in France where they led a team focused on using media as a primary means of engaging Muslims with the message of the Gospel.

Since the merger of AWM with Pioneers in 2010, the Leducs are based at the U.S. office of Pioneers in Orlando, Florida. As Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, Norm serves as a member of the senior executive team helping to provide overall leadership. Ruth Ann serves on the Member Development team providing pastoral care to missionaries serving in Europe and to retired missionaries. Pioneers has over 3,000 workers serving on 315 teams in over 100 countries of the world with a primary focus on church planting among unreached peoples.

The Leducs have two children, a son Nathan (1994) who graduated in 2016 from Calvin College and is now working as an electrical engineer in Michigan and a daughter, Elizabeth (1997), who is a sophomore at Berry College, majoring in biochemistry.



Today at LMPC—Sunday, March 5

Nursery 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Morning worship with Communion (sanctuary) 8:10, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Morning worship with Communion (fellowship hall) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages (various locations) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Youth Communicant Class (JHYB 105) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Officer training class (Reception Room) 4:00 p.m.

Middle school small groups (various homes) 4:15 p.m.

Evening prayer (chapel) 6:00 p.m.

High school youth group (JHYB) 7:30 p.m.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar or check the calendar in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Our mission: *glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*