



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 3, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | *First Sunday in Advent*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Len Teague, associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Luke 1:68-75

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

All: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Leader: He has shown mercy to our fathers and remembered his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

All: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people!

* Hymn of praise

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

words by Charles Wesley, 1744

*** Prayer of adoration**

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

Offertory hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Latin, 12th century, translated by John Mason Neale, 1851

*** Scripture reading from Isaiah 9:1-7**

text printed in the bulletin

Pamela Wilson (9:30)
Barbara Wingard (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Gifts God Gives in Surprising Ways"
Jared Huffman, associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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, and have sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Hymn of confession

“Come, O Redeemer, Come”

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy;
ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

Refrain: Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving
faithless, troubled hearts weighed down. *Refrain*

Look now upon our need; Lord be with us.

Heal us and make us free from our sin. *Refrain*

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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

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becamest poor;
thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love’s sake becamest man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav’nward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love’s sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

words by Frank Houghton, 1894-1972

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav’nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow’rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Liturgy of St. James, 5th century

Prayer of thanksgiving

*** Hymn of praise**

“Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words by Isaac Watts, 1719

* **Benediction**

* **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.**

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Noah Barnett – cello

Kara Funke – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

Jennifer Mixon – vocalist

Jonathan VanderHart – vocalist

Megan Stern – vocalist

IN MEMORIAM

Corinne Fordice

October 19, 1952 – November 28, 2017

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL LMPC CHRISTMAS HYMN SING tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us as we celebrate the incarnation through the singing of hymns, listening to vocal and instrumental ensembles, and the reading of God's Word. Following the service, hors d'oeuvres will be served and we will enjoy the season together. Nursery is provided.

FINAL WEEK! WE ARE STILL COLLECTING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS AT LMPC through this Wednesday evening, December 6, for Hope for the Inner City's Christmas Store. You can find a suggested gift list at lmpc.org, and drop off your donation at children's classroom E-204 (located near the courtyard entrance to the sanctuary). Then join us for **Family Night this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.** as we host our friends from Hope for the Inner City! We'll enjoy pizza, hear more from our ministry partners, play bingo (winning prizes for the Christmas Store), and finish packing the trucks with items from the toy collection. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Young in the missions office.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/christmas-flowers to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is this Friday, December 8.

THE ANNUAL LMPC MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESSIVE DINNER will take place this Friday, December 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please RSVP to christie@lmpc.org by tomorrow, December 4. The cost is \$5 per person. If you have any questions, please email katie@lmpc.org.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE at the end of each service next Sunday, December 10, for the purpose of nominating elders and deacons for the class of 2020. In addition, a brief meeting of LMPC, Inc. will be held to elect a trustee.

THE LMPC CHRISTMAS CONCERT, "FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME," will take place next Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert will feature adult and children's choirs, instrumental ensemble, and handbells, as well as joining together in singing well-known carols. Pre-concert music will begin about 25 minutes before each concert. Nursery will be provided at the 5:00 p.m. concert only.

ALL VIPS ARE INVITED TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON which will be held on Tuesday, December 12 in the fellowship hall beginning at 12 noon. The cost for the luncheon is \$5 per person and is due online at lmpc.org/vip or at the church office by this Friday, December 8. Bring a friend!

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

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan— ²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Isaiah: Anticipating Christ's Coming

Anticipation is evident in the voice of a child in the back of a car on the way to the beach, asking, "Are we there yet? How much longer?" That same voice of longing, hope, and eagerness is sounded throughout the Old Testament anticipating the arrival of the Christ, the Messiah. One Old Testament source in particular is the prophet Isaiah who builds hopeful anticipation and sincere longings for the first arrival of the Messiah, Jesus, throughout his prophetic ministry. It is a perfect place for our attention this Advent season as we too seek to grow in our anticipation and longing for Jesus' second advent, his triumphant return. During Advent, as we hear from Isaiah and sing carols of longing such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," may we become more and more like the child in the car who eagerly asks, "How much longer until our dear Savior returns and brings joy to the world, fully, finally, and forever?"

SERMON NOTES

“The Gifts God Gives in Surprising Ways”

Isaiah 9:1-7

1. The gifts God gives which we most need:
 - A. Deep hope (vv. 1-2)
 - B. Rich joy (v. 3)
 - C. Total freedom (v. 4)
 - D. Reigning peace (v. 5)

2. The way God gives the gifts which we most need:
 - A. Through the Son (vv. 6-7)
 - B. Through his zeal (v. 7)

BIG IDEA: God gives the gifts we most need through his Son and his zeal.



FINANCE UPDATE: SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF LMPC

2017 GIVING UPDATE

Annual Budget: \$4.503 million

2017 Giving YTD: \$3.782 million

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$721,000 (16% of budget)

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$627,000

Unpledged Giving Needed: \$94,000

- With the Christmas season upon us, we ask that you keep up the momentum in giving and prayerfully consider how much you can give as the year closes. You can find various ways to give at lmpc.org/give.
- If you shop through Amazon Smile and choose LMPC as the charity of your choice, Amazon will give a small percentage of each purchase to LMPC. Visit smile.amazon.com to find out more.
- Please note that year-end gifts must either be received in the church office by Friday, December 29, or have a USPS postmark no later than December 31 to be deductible in 2017.

2018 PLEDGING UPDATE

through November 28, 2017

\$2.38 million (51.2% of the budget) has been pledged so far. If you have not yet done so, please fill out a giving plan card and return it to the church office, or send it in online at lmpc.org/giving-2018.

MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

NAME

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive our weekly news email

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- Serving at LMPC
- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
 - men's
 - women's
- Prayer opportunities

If you are a first-time or repeat visitor, please fill out your information on the other side of this card so we can follow up with you.

PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

Include request in the Prayer List?

Yes No

- I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

PHONE

DAY

EVENING

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by.

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. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

I AM A:

- First time visitor
 Repeat visitor

NAME

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, December 3

8:10 a.m.	Worship service with Communion	<i>sanctuary only</i>
8:15 a.m.	Christmas Eve Choir rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service with Communion	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
10:30 a.m.	Prayer meeting with elders <i>all are welcome to bring prayer needs</i>	<i>Joe Novenson's office</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with Communion	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
4:15 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Hymn Sing <i>nursery available</i>	<i>fellowship hall</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

Nursery is available at all morning services.

Children of any age are welcome to participate in worship services. Crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon are available in the fellowship hall lobby.

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

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 the morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.