



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Order of Worship

Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
arr. Gail Smith

Welcome and greetings

Don Kent, ruling elder

Introit

“The Glory of the Father”

Chancel Choir

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.
adapted from John 1; Egil Hovland

* 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 196, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

* Prayer of adoration

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Offertory Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," BMV 645
J. S. Bach

*** Gloria Patri**

**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 Isaiah 9:1-7**
p. 1072 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Nathan Allison (9:30)
Karisa Wells (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"
Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Pastoral prayer

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, willingly forsake sin, and have sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession 197

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

solo: v. 1

congregation: vv. 2, 3, 4

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: Therefore we proclaim the faith:

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

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

For the bread

“Wait for the Lord”

Musical score for the bread. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/1. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

Musical score for the cup. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/1. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!" The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment. The word "repeat" is written above the final measure of the treble staff.

Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.
Prepare the way for the Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always: God is at hand.
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
All the earth will see the Lord.

I waited for the Lord. God heard my cry.

Jaques Berthier, from "Songs and Prayers," Taize, 1991. Isaiah 40:3; Philippians 4:4-5; Psalm 70:4; Isaiah 40:5; Psalm 38:15

For the cup 213

“What Child Is This”

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of response 194, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

J. S. Bach

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joel Christie – soloist

Joy Gibbons – director, piano

Tim Gibbons – vocalist

Ethan McGrath – organ

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. William B. Roy (1933-2008) by his family.

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 narthex and at the front of the sanctuary.

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.

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.