



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 10, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | *Second Sunday in Advent*

# Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

\* 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

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

*words by James Montgomery, 1816*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**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**

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

taken from Romans 5 and Luke 19

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

"What Child Is This"

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

*Traditional English Carol, adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865*

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

## Offertory hymn

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Stars were gleaming, shepherds dreaming, oh, the night was dark and chill;  
angel’s story, manger glory shepherds heard it on the hill.  
Ah, that singing, hear it ringing, earthward winging, praises bringing:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

*Polish carol, paraphrased by Edith, M. G. Reed, ca. 1925*

## \* Scripture reading from Isaiah 11:1-10

*text printed in the bulletin*

Glenn Breazeale (9:30)

Heather Tencza (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 Root of Jesse”

Brian Salter, associate pastor

### Pastoral prayer

## \* Hymn of response

“From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable”

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin’s faith;  
to the anguish and the shame of scandal, came the Savior of the human race!  
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav’n, shepherds listen as the angels tell  
of the gift of God come down to man, at the dawning of Immanuel!

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the Father’s hands,  
filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
yet his righteous steps give me hope again—I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, he was lifted on a cruel cross;  
he was punished for a world's transgressions, he was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, he fights for me, loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
and with a shout our souls are free—death defeated by Immanuel!

Now he's standing in the place of honor, crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
interceding for his own beloved, till his Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
but the bride will run to her Lover's arms, giving glory to Immanuel!  
*words Stuart Townend © 1999 Thankyou Music. ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036*

**\* 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.**

**Congregational meeting**

*\* Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Elsbeth DeRuischer** – vocalist  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Meredith Lee** – cello

**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**John Reeder** – piano  
**Emmie Thompson** – vocalist

**The rosebud in the fellowship hall today** is for the birth of Camplen Willhart Teague, born to Katherine and Marshall Teague on December 1.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Charles William Anderson**  
August 1, 1925 – December 5, 2017

## Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. <sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. <sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.



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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR TOY COLLECTION** for Hope for the Inner City's Christmas Store. We are thrilled to announce that we have collected 20 bikes, \_\_pieces of sports equipment, \_\_dolls, and many more items for this year's store. These items will be available for patrons to buy as Christmas gifts for their families at an affordable price. If you are interested in volunteering at the store anytime during December 11-22, please contact Stephanie Young in the missions office.

**THE LMPC CHRISTMAS CONCERT, "FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME,"** will take place tonight 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

**THE ANNUAL LMPC HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESSIVE DINNER** will take place this Friday, December 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please RSVP to [christie@lmpc.org](mailto:christie@lmpc.org) by today. The cost is \$5 per person. If you have any questions, please email [katie@lmpc.org](mailto:katie@lmpc.org).

**MEN OF LMPC: THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO REGISTER** for the Mountain Men Retreat, February 23-25, 2018 at Guntersville State Park in Guntersville, Al. The keynote speaker will be Rankin Wilbourne of Pacific Crossroads Church in Los Angeles. The deadline to register is this Friday, December 15. For more information and to register, visit [lmpc.org/men](http://lmpc.org/men).

**EACH YEAR WE CAROL TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** of LMPC who cannot join us for Christmas services. Next Sunday, December 17, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel before heading out. You can sign up at [lmpc.org/christmas-caroling](http://lmpc.org/christmas-caroling) or by calling Judie Finch at 423-821-4528. Please sing with us!

**ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 WE WILL HAVE WORSHIP SERVICES** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. only in the sanctuary. We will not have services in the fellowship hall, and all Sunday schools and nursery will be cancelled. Our annual Christmas Eve services will take place at 3:00, 5:00, and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us for a special service of lessons, carols, and candlelight. Nursery will be provided at the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. services only.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

# MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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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

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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:

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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 10*

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary only</i>
8:15 a.m.	Christmas Eve Choir rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your needs	<i>Joe Novenson's office</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
5:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert <i>nursery available</i>	<i>sanctuary</i>
7:30 p.m.	Christmas Concert	<i>sanctuary</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](http://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.*