



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Order of Worship

Prelude

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
arr. Gail Smith

Welcome and greetings

Derek Halvorson, President of Covenant College

* 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 214

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

* 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 200**

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

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

Offertory

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Chancel Choir

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.

Lo, how a rose is growing, a bloom of finest grace;
the prophets had foretold it: a branch of Jesse's race
would bear one perfect flow'r, here in the cold of winter,
and darkest midnight hour.

The rose of which I'm singing, Isaiah had foretold.
He came to us through Mary, who sheltered him from cold.
Through God's eternal will, this child to us was given,
at midnight calm and still.

The shepherds heard the story the angels sang that night:
how Christ was born of Mary; he was the Son of light.
To Bethlehem they ran to find him in the manger
as angel heralds sang.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt all human woe;
O Savior, King of glory, who triumphed o'er our foe:
bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven,
and into endless day.

German, 15th cent. words, arr. Jerry Gunderson

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

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

p. 1076 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Pam Bowers (9:30)
Hunter Davis (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"
Jared Huffman, associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 225**, vv. 1, 2, 4

"Once in Royal David's City"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

Congregational meeting

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Ethan McGrath – organ, piano

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

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 21 bikes, 41 dolls, 61 pieces of sports equipment, for a total of over 450 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 by **today**. The cost is \$5 per person. If you have any questions, please email abby@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.

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 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 this 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The 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—³and 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; ⁴but 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. ⁵Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶The 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. ⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper’s nest. ⁹They 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. ¹⁰In 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.

**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 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 & 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 & 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 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.