



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 17, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | *Third Sunday in Advent*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Jared Huffman, associate pastor

* Call to worship

Hebrews 1:1-3, Psalm 98:2-4

Leader: In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he made the universe.

All: The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.

* Hymn of praise

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb:
very God, begotten, not created; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest; *Refrain*

Latin hymn, attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

John 1:1-5, 10-12, 14

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

All: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Leader: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

All: Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

All: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Call to confession

taken from John 8:12; 3:19-21

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

Hymn of confession

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

continued

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.
words by Phillips Brooks, 1868

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 1:13, 19-21

God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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.

* Hymn of assurance "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." *Refrain*

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. *Refrain*
English carol, 18th century

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

Offertory hymn "See, amid the Winter's Snow"

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies:
he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing, "Peace on earth," told us of the Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! *Refrain*
by Edward Caswall, 1851

* **Scripture reading from Isaiah 60:1-3**
text printed in the bulletin

Natalie Jackson (9:30)
David Paschall (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Our Call to Shine"
Brian Salter, associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *Refrain*
words by Charles Wesley, 1739

* **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:

Abby Beveridge – vocalist

Eric Beveridge – vocalist

Charley Crichton – bass

Kellie Currin – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Jeremy Taylor – piano

Celebrating the baptism of Clare June Elwell at the 9:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Hannah and Enoch Elwell.

Celebrating the baptism of Raleigh Louise Webb at the 11:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Liz and Parker Webb, and her grandparents, Suzette Buttram, and Sue and Jack Webb.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT AS WE CAROL TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS of LMPC in the community who cannot join us for Christmas services. We will meet at a few minutes before 6:00 p.m. in the chapel before heading out. Please sing with us!

NEXT 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 School 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.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS will take a break over the Christmas period, from December 24 through December 31. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7.

BEGINNING JANUARY 14, WE WILL OFFER OUR ANNUAL COMMUNICANT CLASS for youth interested in joining the church. For more information and to register, please email jessica@lmpc.org with the name, age, and grade of the student attending the class. The final day to sign up is Sunday, January 7.

SAVE THE DATE: WE WILL HOST A SEMINAR entitled “Digital Discipleship: Loving and Leading Our Children in an Age of Technology” on Thursday, January 11 at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The presentation will be led by Brian Salter and Aaron Tolson. We will have time for questions and provide a take-home resource. All are invited: please join us to learn more about this timely topic.

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

Isaiah 60:1-3

¹“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ²See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

FINANCE UPDATE

2017 GIVING UPDATE

through December 12, 2017

Annual Budget: \$4.503 million

2017 Giving YTD: \$4.016 million

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$487,000 (10.8% of budget)

- 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.
- To review your giving so far in 2017, you can log in to your accessLMPC account via lmpc.org/access, click on “Giving,” and then click through to “Giving History.” For help with your accessLMPC account, please email shannon@lmpc.org.
- 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.
- 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.

2018 PLEDGING UPDATE

through December 12, 2017

\$2.63 million (56.6% 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.

SERMON NOTES

“Our Call to Shine”

Isaiah 60:1-3

1. **The reason we should shine:** our light has come. (v. 1)
2. **The reason the light came:** to drive out darkness. (v. 2)
3. **The result of the light's coming:** the drawing in of all nations. (v. 3)



THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Dick Bodine by the Jemison family

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Breazeale by Alice and Dick O'Ferrall

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Brown by Katie and Don Morton, Hugh, Elizabeth and Peter

Joseph Cadario by Janice and Wes Moore

Hardwick Caldwell, Jr. by Betsy Caldwell

Nancy Caulkins (Miss Nancy) by Billy Caulkins, Caroline and Larry Bentley,
Betsy Caulkins Bookout, and Carolyn and Bill Caulkins

Atticus Bartholomew Centurion Doe by the Doe family

John C. Eyster, Sr. by Lisa and John Eyster

Cori Fordice by Tim, Shelley, Tyler and Tasha

Debbie Funke by daughters Kara Funke, Laura VanderHart
and grandson Calvin VanderHart

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gandy by Alice and Dick O'Ferrall

Neal Gibson by Ann Henley and Doug Perry and family

Jennie Moore Gregory by Janice and Wes Moore

Ross Bennett Hall by Stephanie and David Wharton

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Halvorson by Marni and Steve Halvorson

Charles H. Harris, III by Lee and Ross Ballenger

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Harris, Jr. by Lee and Ross Ballenger

Joyce H. Herring by Amanda and Cole McGown

Frank Jemison by the Jemison family

Jeanie Jennings by Lori and Richard Krabbendam

Bunny and Ted King by the Jemison family

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond S. Mathews by Lee and Ross Ballenger

Megan Grace Matthews by Janice and Wes Moore

Taylor McGown by Amanda and Cole McGown and Christine McGown

The Very Rev. and Mrs. Norman Milbank by Marni and Steve Halvorson

Michael Mooney by Katie, Emma Kate, Davis and Hannah Mooney

Westley A. Moore, Sr. by Janice and Wes Moore

Gary "Pop" Morris by Ann Henley and Doug Perry and family
and by McKinley, Anna-Blair and Wright Self

Hal Morris by Linda Morris and family

Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Bill Morton by Katie and Don Morton, Hugh, Elizabeth and Peter

**MEMBERS & VISITORS -
PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!**

- Dr. and Mrs. Carter O'Ferrall** by Alice and Dick O'Ferrall
Al "Papa" Perry by Ann Henley and Doug Perry, Ash, Della, CP,
Kappy, and Hennie Perry and by Beth and Scott Self
Joe Persinger by Pat, Joe, Jr., Steve, Meg,
and Lit'l Buddy and extended family
Chick "Pockey" Phillips by Merrile and John Stroud,
Anna, Sally, Tay Tay, and Beebe Stroud
Carol Robinson by Janice and Wes Moore
George Robinson by Janice and Wes Moore
Santa Granddaddy by Dianne, Carolyn, Jason and Elizabeth
Doug Sizemore by Evelyn Sizemore
and Stephanie and Mike Nadeja
Bertha Stephenson by Janice and Wes Moore
Frank Stephenson by Janice and Wes Moore
Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly Swafford by Anne and Doyal Swafford
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Yoder by Anne and Doyal Swafford

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

- Sandra and Dan Harnsberger** by Anne and Trey Carr, Caroline,
Catherine and Margaret Carr, and by Laura and Rob Parker
Andrew Novenson by Ash, Della, Clara Parker,
Kappy and Hennie Perry
Barb and Joe Novenson by Betsy Caulkins Bookout
Lennie and Bob Parker by Laura and Rob Parker
Beebe Phillips by Merrile and John Stroud,
Anna, Sally, Tay Tay, and Beebe Stroud
Our wonderful small group by Ann Henley and Doug Perry
and family
Thursday Morning Prayer and Bible by Dianne Adams
Zach Walley by Betsy Caldwell

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 17

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>
5:50 p.m.	Caroling in the community	<i>meet in the chapel</i>
7:00 p.m.	Youth group graduates Christmas party	<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.