



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Unto Us a Boy Is Born”
by Michael Praetorius, arr. Gail Smith

Welcome and greetings

Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Introit

“My Lord Has Come”

Shepherds, called by love and angels;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
Lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
no place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.
words and music by Will Todd, 2011

* 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 208, vv. 1, 2, 3

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*** 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.

Sacrament of baptism

Hannah and Enoch Elwell bringing Clare June Elwell (9:30)

Liz and Parker Webb bringing Raleigh Louise Webb (11:00)

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.

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,

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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 211**

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

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

Offertory

*“In Dulci Jubilo” BWV 751
J. S. Bach*

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Isaiah 60:1-3**

p. 1155 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Olivia Oster (9:30)

Julie Dean (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”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor*

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

*“Arise, Your Light Is Come”
(words and music printed on following page)*

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

*“In Dulci Jubilo” BWV 729
J. S. Bach*

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Ethan McGrath – organ, piano

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Arise, Your Light Is Come". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

words by Ruth Duck, 1974; music by William H. Walter, 1894

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.

SERMON NOTES

“Our Call to Shine”

Isaiah 60:1-3

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

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

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

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

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.

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 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.