



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 31, 2017 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Call to confession**

1 John 1:8-9; Proverbs 28:13

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**Hymn of confession 500, vv. 1, 2, 3 (9:30)**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

based on Colossians 1:13-14, 21-22

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. Once we were alienated from God and were enemies in our minds because of our evil behavior. But now he has reconciled us by Christ’s physical body through death to present us holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

**\* Hymn of assurance 498, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5**

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

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

**Offertory**

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

I know not why God’s wondrous grace to me he hath made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart.

But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I’ve committed unto him against that day.

*continued*

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him.

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair,  
nor if I walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.

*words by Daniel Whittle, 1883; music by Paul Jones, 2008*

\* **Doxology 731**

\* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

\* **Scripture reading from Psalm 90**

*p. 929 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Kim Starke (9:30)  
Laura Broussard (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon**

"Listening in on a 3,500-Year-Old Prayer"

Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response**

"Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place"

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place through all the ages, full of grace;  
before the mountains had their birth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth,  
from everlasting thou art God, to everlasting our abode.

O teach thou us to count our days and set our hearts on wisdom's ways;  
turn, Lord, to us in our distress, in pity now thy servants bless;  
let mercy's dawn dispel our night, and all our day with joy be bright.

O send the day of joy and light, for long has been our sorrow's night;  
afflicted through the weary years, we wait until thy help appears;  
with us and with our sons abide, in us let God be glorified.

*words from Psalm 90; the Psalter, 1912; ST. CATHERINE*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

\* **Postlude**

"Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major," BWV 553

*J. S. Bach*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

**Musicians for this week:**

**Ethan McGrath** – organ, piano

**David Tahere** – soloist

**Celebrating the baptism** of Luca Ryan Tahere at the 11:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Christa and David Tahere, and his grandparents, Syble and Kenny Witt.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Mary Alexandra Hirsch**

January 22, 1940 – December 22, 2017

## Psalm 90

<sup>1</sup>A prayer of Moses the man of God. Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>3</sup>You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup>You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—<sup>6</sup>though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered. <sup>7</sup>We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. <sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. <sup>9</sup>All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. <sup>10</sup>The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup>Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. <sup>12</sup>Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. <sup>13</sup>Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup>Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. <sup>16</sup>May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. <sup>17</sup>May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

## SERMON NOTES

“Listening in on a 3,500-Year-Old Prayer”

*Psalm 90*

Moses, the man who led God’s people out of Egypt, teaches us in his prayer:

1. What is true about God:

- He is the refuge for every generation of his people (v. 1)
- He is the eternal, all-powerful Creator (vv. 2, 4)
- He hates all sin (vv. 7-9)

2. What is true of all people:

- Our lives are short and fragile (vv. 3-6, 9-10)
- We are blind to his eternal perspective (v. 4)
- We are sinful and rebellious (vv. 7-9, 11)

3. What we should boldly ask from God:

- A heart of true wisdom (v. 12)
- God’s presence and compassion (v. 13)
- Soul-satisfaction to be found in God’s unfailing love (vv. 14-15)
- God’s covenantal blessings to be extended to generations (v. 16)
- A lasting Kingdom impact to come from our labors (v. 17)



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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE WITH COMMUNION** will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary tonight. All are welcome.

**MOST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN AGAIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7.** All women are welcome to attend any of the studies. You can find the full schedule with leaders and topics at [lmpc.org/women](http://lmpc.org/women). Nursery is provided for the Wednesday morning groups.

**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](mailto: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.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING LMPC?** The next Intro to LMPC class will be held Friday evening, Saturday morning, and during Sunday School, January 19-21. This is for anyone who is interested in joining LMPC or learning more about what we believe. To sign up, please email [julie@lmpc.org](mailto:julie@lmpc.org) or call 423-424-5973 by January 12. Please note: childcare will be available only on Sunday morning.

**DIVORCE CARE** is a divorce recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. This ministry is open to all members and friends of LMPC. The winter/spring session will begin with orientation on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the JHYB and will run until May 8. For more information, please contact Leon Sulser at [leonsulser@gmail.com](mailto:leonsulser@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATES FOR "GETTING TO THE HEART OF PARENTING,"** a five-week parenting seminar on Wednesday evenings, January 17-February 14. During these five weeks, Wednesday night dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with children's and nursery programs beginning at 5:55 p.m. Adults will meet in the Upper Room at 6:00 p.m. to watch two 25-minute DVDs by Paul Tripp. All are invited!

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

## FINANCE UPDATE

### 2017 GIVING UPDATE

*through December 27, 2017*

Annual Budget: \$4.503 million

2017 Giving YTD: \$4.32 million

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$184,000 (4% of budget)

- You can find ways to give at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).
- To review your giving so far in 2017, you can log in to your accessLMPC account via [lmpc.org/access](http://lmpc.org/access), click on "Giving," and then click through to "Giving History." For help with your accessLMPC account, please email [merle@lmpc.org](mailto:merle@lmpc.org).
- **Please note:** For online year-end gifts to be deductible in 2017, they must be dated no later than **today**, December 31.

### 2018 PLEDGING UPDATE

*through December 27, 2017*

\$2.931 million (63.12% 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](http://lmpc.org/giving-2018). We ask that everyone submit your giving plan by mid-January 2018.

# 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 31*

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary only</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</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>
6:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve communion service	<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](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.*

## CONTACT US

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Phone: 423.821.4528

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.