



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I bless thee for the throne of grace, that here free favor reigns;
that open access to it is through the blood of Jesus;
that the veil is torn aside and I can enter the holiest and find thee ready to hear,
waiting to be gracious, inviting me to pour out my needs,
encouraging my desires, promising to give more than I ask or think.
– from “The Lord’s Day,” The Valley of Vision*

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE • 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God. We encourage you to read the text on the front of the bulletin as we prepare to worship together.*

CHILDCARE: *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to crayons and children's bulletins.*

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

*** Call to worship**

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: **You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. In love, you predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring all things in heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: **All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

from 1 John 1 and 2

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. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Hymn of confession (11:00)

“To Thee I Come”

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,
with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!
O, God was merciful to me!

text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 1 John 4

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*
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Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory hymn

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight; Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*

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Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Amber and Calvin Garriott bringing Isabella Orcelia Garriott

*** Scripture reading from Luke 15:11-32**

text printed in the bulletin

Christy Gambrell (9:30)

Jim Richter (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“The Parable of the Forgiving Father”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing; I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war;
and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

Come, rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.
And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk;
for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

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*** 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**

Musicians for this week:

**Xaris Emmett – violin
Greta Erickson – vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Katie Mindeman – vocals**

**Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Jeremy Taylor – piano
Chapman Whitted – guitar**

Celebrating the baptism of Isabella Orcelia Garriott at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Amber and Calvin Garriott, and her grandparents, Marilyn and Bill Stull and Maria and Craig Garriott.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME BACK TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as we celebrate communion during our Sunday Evening Gathering. We are beginning a new series on the fruit of the Spirit.

COME AND HEAR OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SING on Wednesday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as they share "Songs of the Season." Following the program, join us for Family Night, including pizza and bingo in the fellowship hall; no reservations are required but regular dinner fees apply.

SERVE THE CITY: BOXES OF BLESSING is a large-scale ministry project that partners with volunteers, ministries, and churches to provide food for families in need. LMPC is taking on the challenge this year on Saturday, December 2! We need many hands to assemble boxes; all ages are welcome. Once assembled, boxes will be distributed through local ministry partners, schools, and non-profits. Register on Realm Connect.

SAVE THE DATES for our Christmas Hymn Sing on Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. and our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. These annual times of worship during Advent are always greatly anticipated.

THE VIP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be held on Tuesday, December 5. Join us at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for entertainment and a delicious meal. Make your reservation before December 1 on Realm Connect, or call the church office; cost is \$6. *The VIPs are a group of mostly retired adults who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at Canopy on Tuesday, December 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks are provided; no registration is required.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT INTRO TO LMPC class held on January 19-21. Registration is now open on Realm Connect.

PAID TEACHER'S AIDE AND SUBSTITUTE positions will be available in LMPC's Mother's Day Out program starting January 2024. Come join our great group of women from all walks of life who are passionate about loving and caring for children while teaching them and sharing God's Word. Contact MDO Director Megan DeMoss at megan@lmpc.org.

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

Luke 15:11-32

¹¹And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’”

²⁰“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

SERMON NOTES

“The Parable of the Forgiving Father”

Luke 15:11-32

NEW SUNDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE SERIES

What does a godly life look like? One of the most famous passages in the Bible addresses that question: Galatians 5:22-23—better known as, “the fruit of the Spirit.” The Apostle Paul lists nine qualities that comprise the singular fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Join us on the third Sunday evening of each month as we come to the Lord’s table together and study the qualities that make up the mosaic of the lives of those who are united to Christ, indwelt by his Holy Spirit, and being more conformed into the image of the Son: the fruit of the Spirit.

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023

Annual Budget: \$5,641,820

Giving YTD: \$3,541,023

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,100,797 (37% of budget)

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$405,775

Unpledged Giving Need: \$1,695,022

We’re grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. As we are currently behind last year’s giving, please consider contributing toward the 2023 budget if you haven’t yet this year. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 19

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults	Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering communion service.....	sanctuary

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events.

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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. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



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 all morning services and in the evening on the third Sunday of every month. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.