



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*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 • SANCTUARY SERVICE • 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack in front of you to share important information with us; an online form is available by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin. 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

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**Prelude**

**"All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

*arr. Keith Kolander*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #120)*

**Welcome and greetings**

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

**\* 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 715, vv. 1, 3, 4**

**"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

**\* 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 500, vv. 1, 2, 3

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

## 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

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

1. My\_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain; who\_  
2. My\_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be-side; who\_  
3. My\_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a-bove, whose  
plumbed the depths of my dis-grace and gave me life a-gain; who\_  
floods my weak-ness-es with strength and caus-es fears to fly; whose  
wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev-'ry thought is love. For\_  
crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness, and clothed me in his light, and\_  
ev-'ry pro-mise is e-nough for ev-'ry step I take, sus-  
ev-'ry day I have on earth is gi-ven by the King; so\_  
wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r u-pon my heart.  
tain-ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.  
I will give my life, my all, to love and fol-low him.

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

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

Chancel Choir

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!  
The Son of God, the righteous one, is crucified for me.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!  
Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!  
The Son of God, the righteous one, is crucified for me.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home,  
lead me home, lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!

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### \* 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.**

### \* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

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

*pp. 1039-1040 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Joe Donnovin (9:30)

Brian Kvale (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"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 457**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“Marche Triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott”

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**David Fray** – cello

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**David Henry** – trumpet, guitar

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Cindy Solfest-Wallis** – flute

**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.

## Luke 15:11-32

<sup>11</sup>And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And 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. <sup>13</sup>Not 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. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But 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! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’”

<sup>20</sup>“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. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And 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.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but 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. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”



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## **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](http://lmpc.org/give).

## **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.

## 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](mailto:megan@lmpc.org).

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

## 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

*Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.*

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## JOIN REALM CONNECT

Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. Request your account today by visiting [lmpc.org/realm](http://lmpc.org/realm).

## 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.