



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Father, what we know not, teach us;  
what we have not, give us;  
what we are not, make us.  
- Old Anglican Prayer*

NOVEMBER 26, 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**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*arr. Richard Proulx*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #343)*

### **Welcome and greetings**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

### **\* Call to worship**

from Psalm 36 and Lamentations 3

**Leader:** Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

**All:** O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love!

**Leader:** Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All:** Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

\* Hymn of praise 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\* Prayer of adoration

Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Melanie and Ben Ray bringing Evelyn Melanie Ray

\* Affirmation of faith (11:00)

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Call to confession**

from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

**Hymn of confession 308 (11:00)**

“Jesus Paid It All”

**Silent prayers of confession**

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

\* Hymn of assurance 461, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

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

**Offertory**

“Consecration”

Chancel Choir

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let it sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take my self, and I will be, I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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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 16:1-9**  
*p. 1040 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Brian Kvale (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** "The Parable of the Shrewd Manager"  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 164**, vv. 1, 2, 4

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

\* **Postlude**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
*arr. Tim Fields*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**Celebrating the baptism** of Evelyn Melanie Ray at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Melanie and Ben Ray, and her grandparents, Diane and Paul Terpstra and Terri and Phillip Ray, and her great-grandmother, Kathleen Stevens.

**The rosebud in the service today** is for the birth of Evelyn Melanie Ray born to Melanie and Ben Ray on November 14.

## Luke 16:1-9

<sup>1</sup>He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

## SERMON NOTES

### “The Parable of the Shrewd Manager”

*Luke 16:1-9*

1. The parable: A clever manager, facing imminent trouble, takes resolute action. (vv. 1-8a)
2. An observation: The people of the world are far more focused on their goal than are the people of the light. (v. 8b)
3. The exhortation: Disciples must creatively and decisively use our resources for the Kingdom as we anticipate eternal welcome. (v. 9)

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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).

## ADVENT 2023

### CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

Sunday, December 3

6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

*nursery available*

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 10

4:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

*nursery available at 4:00 p.m. only*

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 17

5:00 p.m. in the community

### CHRISTMAS EVE\*

Sunday, December 24

LESSONS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

3:00, 5:00, and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

*nursery available at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. only*

*\*Please join us for one of these Lord's Day worship services; our morning services have been moved to these times.*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**THANK YOU TO ALL REGISTERED FOR BOXES OF BLESSING!** Due to the great response, we have created a waitlist on Realm Connect, for both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. shifts. Sign up if interested. For those already registered, if your plans have changed and you must cancel your shift, please email Missions Coordinator Stephanie Young, [stephanie@lmpc.org](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org), or cancel your registration on Realm Connect.

**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.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit Realm Connect to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office. The last day to make your request is Friday, December 8.

**IF YOUR FAMILY OR SMALL GROUP WOULD ENJOY CAROLING** on December 17 to LMPC members who cannot join us for Christmas services, please register through Realm Connect or email Paula, [paula@lmpc.org](mailto:paula@lmpc.org), no later than December 10. Contact the church office if you have questions.

**ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**, our morning worship services are moved to the following times: 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Please join us for one of these Lord's Day worship services in the sanctuary.

**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).

**THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS** will be held January 19-21; register on Realm Connect by January 8.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 26

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
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

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

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

### RECEIVE LMPC'S WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL

Don't miss out on upcoming church events, building updates, resources, and other news. Stay informed by contacting [onrealm@lmpc.org](mailto:onrealm@lmpc.org) to update your email preferences.

### 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.