



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O thou by whom we come to God,
the Life, the Truth, the Way,
the path of prayer thyself has trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray.
— J. Montgomery*

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 • 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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship**

from 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise.

All: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

* Prayer of adoration

Missionary report (11:00)

Call to confession

from Isaiah 30

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion.
For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

Hymn of confession (9:30)

"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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life."

* Hymn of assurance

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Prayer of intercession for the church

Leader: O God, pour out on us your Holy Spirit—the Spirit of prayer—that we may ever love and desire to pray; being free, daily, to approach you with all confidence in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Move us to bow before you in every time of need, as children well beloved, for you are our most beloved Father.**

Leader: Grant that, when your help delays, we would be patient, not dictating to you either time or method, but waiting and abiding your own good time.

All: **May we lift up holy hands in full assurance that our prayers and sighs which come from the heart are truly heard. Amen.**
adapted from a prayer by William Loehe

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

Offertory hymn

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise,
on thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal.
Thy word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But O! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine.
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust.
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.
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text by Anne Steele, 1716-1778; music by Kevin Twit, 1998

*** Scripture reading from Luke 18:1-8**

text printed in the bulletin

Elizabeth Musser (9:30)

Merrile Stroud (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 Persistent Widow”
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.

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:

Christley Bergeron – vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Perry – vocals

Charlotte Reeder – vocals

Jeremy Taylor – piano

Chapman Whitted – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of John Aldridge Hart at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Erin and Jeb Hart, his grandparents, Allison and Alan Dunaway and Jackie Hart, and his great-grandparents, Joyce and Chuck Jensen.

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total 2024 Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Pledges: \$2,986,858 (51%)

Remainder Needed: \$2,873,142

Member Households Pledged: 263 (41%)

Remaining Households to Pledge: 371 (59%)

Total Member Households: 634

Thank you to those who have turned in their pledge toward the 2024 operating budget of LMPC. As of Thursday, 51% of our budget has been pledged by 41% of our church body. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible online at lmpc.org/give or through Realm Connect.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT DO KIDS NEED TO BECOME HEALTHY ADULTS? Dr. John L. Cox, author of *Setting Parents Free*, is our featured speaker for a two-session seminar in the fellowship hall. This seminar isn't just for parents; come and be equipped to better lead the children in your life. Join us on Friday, March 1 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Register for one or both sessions on Realm Connect. Childcare for preschoolers will be offered on Saturday morning only.

A COMMUNICANT CLASS for youth in grades 6–12 interested in joining LMPC will be offered March 1–3: Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Please register on Realm Connect by February 23. Email Margaret Compton with any questions at margaretcompton@lmpc.org. If you have an elementary student asking questions about church membership, please contact Brennan Griffin or Chad Middlebrooks to receive information about that process.

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

MISSIONARY GUESTS: EOWYN AND DAVID STODDARD



Eowyn and David Stoddard joined the MTW church planting movement in eastern Berlin in 2001. Over the past 20 years, their team has been involved in planting five churches and a campus of the Martin Bucer Seminary. David currently serves as International Director for Europe, overseeing MTW's vision, strategy, and personnel in Europe. Eowyn assists David in his role and supports church planting through evangelism, teaching, and women's initiatives. They have five grown children.

Eowyn and David are longtime partners with LMPC. For more information on their work and ministry, listen to the Pillar & Ground podcast episodes where they are featured guests: "Connecting with MTW Partners David & Eowyn Stoddard" released on September 26, 2022, and "Why Should We Invest Resources in Missions to Europe?" released on January 15, 2024.

Luke 18:1-8

¹And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 11

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
6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Potluck.....	off-campus
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

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

JOIN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details about joining and using Realm Connect at lmpc.org/realms.

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.