



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Give us grace, almighty Father, to address thee with all our hearts as well as with our lips. Thou art everywhere present: from thee no secrets can be hidden.

*Teach us to fix our thoughts on thee, reverently and with love,
so that our prayers are not in vain, but are acceptable to thee,
now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

— Jane Austen

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 • SANCTUARY 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

Prelude

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. Karl Osterland

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #528)

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Introit

"Beautiful Savior"

Chancel Choir

Soloist: Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in
flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer.
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Choir: Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.
Now and forevermore be thine!
*text from Münster Gesangbuch, 1677 (tr. 1873); Silesian folk tune, arr. F. Melius
Christiansen, 1912, and O.C. Christiansen, 1955*

* Call to worship

from Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children
and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.**

Leader: When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

All: **You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

* Hymn of praise 301, vv. 1, 3, 5

“Join All the Glorious Names”

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

from Philippians 2:6-11

Leader: What do the Scriptures teach us about Jesus Christ?

All: **That he, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!**

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Call to confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hymn of confession

“With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh”

With broken heart and contrite sigh, a trembling sinner, Lord, I cry:
thy pardoning grace is rich and free; O God, be merciful to me.

Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done can for a single sin atone;
to Calvary alone I flee: O God, be merciful to me.

(continued)

And when, redeemed from sin and hell, with all the ransomed throng I dwell,
my raptured song shall ever be God has been merciful to me.

text by Cornelius Elven, 1852; Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1824, HAMBURG

Responsive prayer of confession

from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

All: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Romans 5 and Colossians 1

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For he 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.

* Hymn of assurance 508, vv. 1, 2, 4

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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

Offertory

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Chancel Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

text from Psalm 51:10-13; music by Carl F. Mueller © 1941 G. Schirmer, Inc. CCLI Lic. #152036

*** 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 18:9-14**

pp. 1042-1043 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Brian Kvale (9:30)
Margaret Stewart (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 Pharisee and the Tax Collector"
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 465**

"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude**

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"
arr. J. Bert Carlson

Musicians for this week:

Ian DeGraaf – soloist
Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

IN MEMORIAM

John Rowell Bennett

April 3, 1931 – February 12, 2024

Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

¹³“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

¹⁴“I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

SERMON NOTES

“The Pharisee and the Tax Collector”

1. The Pharisee’s revealing prayer (vv. 9-12)

2. The tax collector’s revealing plea (v. 13)

3. Jesus’ surprising verdict (v. 14)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE COMMUNION AT OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will also commission Brian Salter, Peter Lindquist, and Keith Michaels for their trip to Central Asia.

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.

HAVE YOU MOVED IN THE LAST YEAR? Log in to Realm Connect today to update your address and contact information. This serves as our church directory, so it is important you keep your account current. Your information is private, only accessible through a Realm Connect account.

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

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total 2024 Budget: \$5,860,000
2024 Pledges: \$3,337,495 (57%)
Remainder Needed: \$2,522,505

Member Households Pledged: 275 (43%)
Remaining Households to Pledge: 359 (57%)
Total Member Households: 634

Thank you to those who have turned in their pledge toward the 2024 operating budget of LMPC. As of Wednesday, 57% of our budget has been pledged by 43% 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.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 18

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.

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 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.