



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Almighty God, we fall down before your Majesty and ask that this seed of your Word now sown among us may take such deep root, that neither the burning heat of persecution cause it to wither, nor the thorny cares of this life choke it. But that, as seed sown in good ground, it may bring forth thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold, as your heavenly wisdom has appointed. Amen.*

– Middelburg Liturgy

MARCH 17, 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

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**Prelude**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*arr. John Marsh*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #347)*

**Welcome and greetings**

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 105

**Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**All:** Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.  
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.

**Leader:** Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced. He is the LORD our God and he remembers his covenant forever.

**All:** He remembered his holy promise to his servant Abraham.  
He brought out his people with rejoicing, with shouts of joy; he gave them the lands of the nations, and they fell heir to what others had toiled for—that they might keep his precepts and observe his laws.  
Praise the LORD!

\* Prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, and petition

Leader: Almighty God, Father of all mercies:

**All: We, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness displayed to us throughout this RENEW effort.**

Leader: You are renewing our place for the next generation, and we give you thanks. We thank you for the restoration and replacement of every 700 pound capstone; for the placement of all 63,000 slate tiles; for the delicate craftsmanship of 21,000 square feet of copper fabricated into flashings, downspouts, and gutters; for the detailed masonry work with 1 million pounds of sand aggregate; for the beautifully refurbished stained glass windows, the rescued rose window, and over 80 new windows; and for the wise application of 76,000 pounds of Portland cement. We are stunned by the skilled workers, amazing craftsmen, gifted artisans, and thoughtful contractors that you have brought to us to complete this work. Glory to you alone, our Great King. As David exclaimed before the assembly in the dedication of the temple, we now exclaim:

**All: “Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.”**

*from 1 Chronicles 29*

Leader: For the blessings of this dwelling, O Lord: for the sure foundation; for the roof stretched overhead as a sheltering canopy; for the luxury and security of windows and doors; for these strong walls staying wind and weather; for the comforts of floor and furniture, heating and cooling, fresh running water and electrical wiring; and for all fixtures, appliances, and conveniences that make our lives here less toilsome:

**All: We give you thanks, O Lord, acknowledging that all provision is your provision. This place is a gift. The sharing of life within these walls is a gift. We acknowledge that the necessary time and resources toward the maintenance and repair of this dwelling is not a burden, but good stewardship and a glad opportunity.**

*(continued)*

**Leader:** Now, our God, as we approach a year where the work will come inside, our temporary difficulties will grow, and our mess will multiply, we ask that you give us grace. Replace grudging irritation with gentleness and generosity of spirit. Grant us both humility and unity as a family. May we be patient and kind as we navigate renovation inside the walls where we will worship and gather. As we endure the work, deepen our anticipation of what is to come for us as a church with this renewed vision and renewed space.

**All:** **Our Father, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory throughout all ages. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### **Call to confession**

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

### **Prayer of confession**

**Leader:** Almighty God, we confess how deeply we struggle to be the people you have called us to be.

**All:** **You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet, we acknowledge we are often more apathetic than active, more isolated than involved, more callous than compassionate, more obstinate than obedient, and more legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

*adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

### **Silent prayers of confession**

#### **Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;  
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied  
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!  
*text by Stuart Townend © 2001 Kingsway’s Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.# 152036*

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

### Offertory

“O God beyond All Praising”

Chancel Choir

Choir: O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.

All: **Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

*text by Michael Perry, 1982; music by Gustav Holst, 1918, arr. Dan Forrest, 2010*

**\* 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 19:11-27**

*pp. 1044 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Brian Kvale (9:30)  
Mary Kaufmann (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 Ten Minas"**  
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

**"O Church, Arise"**  
*(see next page for words and music)*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

**"Threefold Amen"**

**RENEW presentation**

**\* Postlude**

Grand Choeur in B-flat  
*Théodore DuBois*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Tommy Bulman** – trumpet  
**Curt Elverd** – trumpet  
**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ  
**Eric Miller** – trombone  
**Nate Oster** – timpani

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emery Balthrop.

“O Church, Arise”



1.O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on, hear the call of Christ our cap -  
2.Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -  
3.Come, see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -  
4.So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur -



tain; for now the weak can say that they are strong in the  
tor; and with the sword that makes the woun - ded whole, we will  
en; then see his foes lie crushed be - neath his feet, for the  
dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a



strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of  
fight with faith and val - or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry  
Con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the stone is rolled a -  
ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the



truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -  
side, we know the out - come is se - cure; and Christ will have the prize for  
way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
way, re - tell - ing triumphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died: an in - he - ri - tance of na - tions.  
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

## Luke 19:11-27

<sup>11</sup>As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. <sup>12</sup>He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. <sup>13</sup>Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ <sup>14</sup>But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

<sup>15</sup>“When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. <sup>16</sup>The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ <sup>18</sup>And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ <sup>20</sup>Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; <sup>21</sup>for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ <sup>22</sup>He said to him, ‘I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup>Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ <sup>24</sup>And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ <sup>25</sup>And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ <sup>26</sup>‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>27</sup>But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.’”

**The rosebuds in the service** today are for the births of:

- Hugh Philip Morton, born to Hendley and Hugh Morton on March 4
- Collins Cecelia White, born to Breanne and Clif White on March 7
- Autumn Elizabeth Payne, born to Malory and Jordan Payne on March 12



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

..... 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall\*

### **Good Friday Service**

..... 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary\*

### **Easter Sunrise Service**

..... 7:15 a.m. at Point Park (meet in the sanctuary in case of rain)

### **Easter Morning Coffee and Donuts**

..... 8:00 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building

### **Easter Sunday Services**

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary\*

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall\*

*No Sunday School for adults, youth, or children*

*No Evening Gathering or youth activities*

*\*indicates nursery available*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS MORNING, A RENEW UPDATE** will be presented in all worship services. Members received a brochure in the mail outlining the vision and the upcoming work. If you need a physical copy, you may pick one up in the fellowship hall lobby or sanctuary Narthex. Otherwise, you may view a digital copy at [lmpc.org/renew](https://lmpc.org/renew).

**FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING TODAY**, we will celebrate communion in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Nursery will be provided.

**THE PLAYGROUND IS CURRENTLY CLOSED**, due to hazardous materials present during construction work. Please observe signage and do not access the playground when gates are locked.

**TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES** to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please give online through Realm Connect or contact the church office. The deadline is tomorrow, March 18.

**A CAR IS NEEDED** for a visiting missionary family to borrow during their time on the mountain. The tentative dates of their trip are Monday, March 25 – Monday, April 15. If you can help, please contact Missions Coordinator Stephanie Young, [stephanie@lmpc.org](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org).

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

## 2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Total 2024 Budget:** \$5,860,000  
**2024 Pledges:** \$3,679,475 (63%)  
**Remainder Needed:** \$2,180,525

**Member Households Pledged:** 306 (48%)  
**Remaining Households to Pledge:** 328 (52%)  
**Total Member Households:** 634

Thank you to all who have turned in a pledge toward the 2024 operating budget of LMPC. As of Wednesday, 63% of our budget has been pledged by 48% of our church body. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible online at [lmpc.org/give](https://lmpc.org/give) or through Realm Connect.

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 17

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.	Sunday Evening Gathering communion service.....	sanctuary
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).*

### SET UP GIVING IN REALM CONNECT

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Connect account, tap "Giving," and tap the blue button that says "+Give" (or "Make a gift" if you're on the app) to create a new gift. From there, set up a one-time or recurring gift. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm for future gifts or event payments. Don't have a Realm Connect account? Request one 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.