



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord Christ, as you once entered Jerusalem, enter our hearts this day afresh.
As you once set your face toward death, may we follow you in the way of the cross,
dying and rising with you, and entering into your Kingdom in which you live and reign
forevermore. As the children once cried "Hosanna" to bless you, enable us to confess you
openly as Lord and Savior. Grant us your presence by the power of your Spirit, that our
worship and our lives may truly honor you. Amen. —adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

MARCH 24, 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

John Plating, ruling elder

* Call to worship

from Zechariah 9 and Psalm 24

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

All: See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory?

All: The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

* 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 doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

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**

*** 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 Hebrews 10:19–22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hymn of confession (11:00)

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.

text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 2

Leader: Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

All: We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

* Hymn of assurance

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

text by William Cowper, 1771; music by Lowell Mason, 1830

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

Offertory hymn

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Mary and Wil Nettleton bringing Shepherd Wilson Nettleton

*** Scripture reading from Luke 19:28-40**

text printed in the bulletin

Linda Dacus (9:30)

Steve Reynolds (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 King's Triumphal Entry"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“The Power of the Cross”

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain: This the pow’r of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. *Refrain*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. “Finished!” the vict’ry cry. *Refrain*

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff’ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!

This the pow’r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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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:

Eleanor Caines – vocals

Carson Culbertson – guitar

Anna Davis – flute

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Rebecca McCracken – vocals

Payton Prys – cello

John Reeder – piano

Kuiper Roerdink – vocals

Celebrating the baptism of Shepherd Wilson Nettleton at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Mary and Wil Nettleton, and his grandparents, Susan and Calvin Jett and Vickie Nettleton.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM BRANCHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL at the entrances to the sanctuary. After the service, the branches may be placed in the cross located in the church courtyard. Next Sunday, the cross will be filled with flowers in celebration of Christ's resurrection. You are welcome to bring your own flowers on Easter to contribute to the cross, or to take one of the flowers that will be available and place it in the cross. The cross is provided by Catherine and Charlie Walldorf in loving memory of Flora Walldorf and Dick Fowler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will not be held next week, Easter Sunday.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS (ages 23–40), come meet at Oddstory on Thursday, April 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for an evening of games and food. Bring your kids! Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

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

The rosebuds in the service today are for the births of **William Stroud Helm** born to Tay Tay and Carter Helm on March 18 and **Maxwell James Pettit** born to Anne and Josiah Pettit on March 18.

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total 2024 Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Pledges: \$3,692,475 (63%)

Remainder Needed: \$2,167,525

Member Households Pledged: 307 (48%)

Remaining Households to Pledge: 327 (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 or through Realm Connect.

Luke 19:28–40

²⁸And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Luke 19:28-40

3. The King clearly declares inevitable praise. (vv. 39-40)

Further Up, Further In, Resources for Continued Study



SERMON NOTES

“The King’s Triumphal Entry”

Luke 19:28-40

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*

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 24

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

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.