



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, enter our hearts, and so fill us with your love, that, forsaking all evil desires, we may embrace you, our only good. Show unto us, for your mercies' sake, O Lord our God, what you are unto us. Say unto our souls, "I am your salvation."

*So speak that we may hear. Our hearts are before you; open our ears;
let us hasten after your voice and take hold of you. Amen.*

—St. Augustine

NOVEMBER 17, 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

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* Call to worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

All: **For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

All: **For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

* 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

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

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by DH, 2012

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

All: **In our weakness, we have disobeyed your commands.
In our apathy, we have ignored the promptings of your Spirit.
In our arrogance, we have considered ourselves and our desires above all else.
In our fear, we have forgotten your promises.**

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Leader: Lord, without you we can do nothing; but with you we can do all.

**All: Help us by your grace. Keep us from falling.
Help us by your strength to resist mightily the first beginnings of
evil before it takes hold of us.
Help us to cast ourselves at once at your sacred feet and lie there
until the storm has passed. If we lose sight of you, bring us back
quickly, and grant us to love you more deeply.**
adapted from a prayer by E.B. Pusey

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

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**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

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

Offertory hymn

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ’til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.
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* **Scripture reading from Luke 21:29–38**
text printed in the bulletin

Maryellen Mixon (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 Parable of the Fig Tree”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

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When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

*** 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:

**Ismael Bartolome – violin
Christley Bergeron – vocals
Seth Bergeron – vocals
Genna Christie – vocals**

**Calvin Garriott – piano
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Jonah Hitchcock – cello
Hannah Lutz – viola**

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024

Annual Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Giving YTD: \$3,793,263

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,066,737

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$739,411

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far in 2024. As we near the end of the year, please consider how you might contribute towards our mission of glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Find ways to give at lmpc.org/give.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today we will worship and celebrate communion at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery will be provided.

A WIDOWS HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION will be held beginning today until Friday, November 22 at noon, at the Jane Harris Youth Building. This is part of our Serve the City initiative, a precursor to the volunteer opportunity to assemble food boxes for Widows Harvest. See our website for a complete list of accepted items, and please do not leave donations outside church/office hours.

EVERYONE IS INVITED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 to come make a wreath and fellowship with friends over cookies and hot cocoa as we prepare for Advent. Please sign up on Realm Connect by November 18 for a time slot at the Jane Harris Youth Building. One wreath per family unit at a cost of \$15. For those who are interested, nursery is provided for the 4:30 p.m. time slot.

WOMEN OF LMPC, celebrate the Christmas season together at Canopy on Tuesday, December 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. No registration is required.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FAMILY NIGHT Christmas event on Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. We will enjoy a pizza dinner and then play bingo! Please register on Realm Connect; regular Wednesday dinner prices apply.

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in memory or in honor of a loved one, please do so through Realm Connect by December 12. For more information, call the church office or email margaretcompton@lmpc.org.

INTERESTED IN A SHORT-TERM MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY? Join the team traveling to Juba, South Sudan, February 12–22 with Reconciliation Ministries (RMNI.org). This will be RMNI's 17th trip to the region. Contact Jim Sutherland at jim@RMNI.org for more information.

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

Luke 21:29-38

²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." ³⁷And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. ³⁸And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 17

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class)	JHYB
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	Children's Education building, E-200
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
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

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

UPDATE YOUR REALM CONNECT PHOTO

Did you know you can update your profile picture in Realm Connect? Keeping your photo current helps staff and church members, especially newcomers, feel more connected. Update your photo by logging in, going to More → your current photo or initials → My Profile → then tapping the pencil next to your picture at the top of the screen to either take a photo or choose one from your device. Need help? Contact onrealm@lmpc.org for assistance.

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.