



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Thou who art come to seek and to save lost things, buried things, I lift mine eyes to thee. Many have offered me a golden tomorrow: thou alone hast offered to retrieve my yesterday. Restore to me the waste places of my heart. Reveal to me the meaning of my failures. Show me that there was manna in my desert that even Canaan did not hold. Then shall mine be a harvest joy, a resurrection joy, the joy of gathering the buried past. Then shall my heart be satisfied that the travail of the soul was autumn's gain. —George Matheson, Day Unto Day

NOVEMBER 24, 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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #457)

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Introit

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Chancel Choir

Choir: All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forthtell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

**All: To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**
*text by William Kethe, 1561, based on Psalm 100; music from Louis Bourgeois' Genevan
Psalter, 1551, arr. R. Vaughan Williams, OLD HUNDREDETH*

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Open for us the gates of righteousness; we will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

All: We will give thanks, for you answered us and have become our salvation.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*** Hymn of praise 97**

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: “quick” instead of “living” and “catholic” instead of “universal.” Also, when we say that Christ “descended into hell,” we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

Call to confession

1 John 1:8–2:1

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, in your hands are life and death. In your power we are sustained and in your mercy we are spared.

All: **Forgive us, for we have neglected the duties you have assigned to us. We have allowed many days and hours, of which we must give account, to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will.**

Leader: Make us to remember, O God, that every day is your gift, and ought to be used according to your command.

All: **Move us to repentance, by your grace, that we may know your mercy and pass our remaining time here on earth in diligent obedience to your commands, through Jesus Christ.**

based on a prayer by Samuel Johnson

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 1 Peter 1

You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

* Hymn of assurance 468

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

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

Offertory

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Chancel Choir

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed, thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*
text by Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; music by William Marion Runyan, 1923, FAITHFULNESS, arr. Dan Forrest © 2019 Beckenhorst Press, 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 22:1–6**

p. 1047 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Brian Kvale (9:30)

Margaret Compton (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 Plot to Destroy Jesus”
Brian Salter, lead pastor**

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 246, vv. 1, 2, 5**

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

**“Sovereign King”
from Mainz Gesangbuch, 1870, arr. Brendan Elliget**

Musicians for this week:

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

**Joshua Knight – organ
Harrison Wells – trumpet**

Luke 22:1-6

¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

SERMON NOTES

“The Plot to Destroy Jesus”

1. The irony of the plot to destroy Jesus (vv. 1-2)
 - While celebrating God’s deliverance, they are planning Jesus’ death.

2. The revealing marks of those who plot to kill Jesus (vv. 2-6)
 - Fear of people (vv. 2, 6)

 - Reality of evil (v. 3)

 - Operating in secret (v. 4)

 - Presence of greed (v. 5)



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC are invited to 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.

SAVE THESE TWO DATES: Christmas Hymn Sing on Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, December 8, for the purpose of approving a slate of nominees for the offices of elder and deacon for the class of 2028. Those men approved to stand for office will undergo training in the new year. The final election to office will take place in April 2025.

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.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS will be held January 24–26. Save these dates if you are an adult who wants to join the church.

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.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 24

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
	Advent Wreath Workshop (registration event)	JHYB

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

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.

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

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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.