



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Almighty and eternal Lord God, you are the Creator and Continual Preserver of all things, both in heaven and earth. By your gracious providence I was at first fearfully and wonderfully made, and even now you keep me and preserve me. I am the workmanship of your hands, and I desire to humble both soul and body before your heavenly majesty.*

*—from a prayer by Robert Parker*

JANUARY 26, 2025 • 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

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Welcome and greetings

John Wingard, ruling elder

\* Call to worship

from Psalm 36 and Lamentations 3

Leader: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

All: **O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love!**

Leader: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: **Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

\* Hymn of praise

"Rejoice in All Your Works"

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,  
every eye that searches through the dark for light,  
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;  
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Refrain:* O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;  
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,  
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,  
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;  
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips  
with the chorus of creation join in praise  
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,  
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

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## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

based on Isaiah 55 and Psalm 51

**Leader:** Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let us turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on us. Let us turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

**All:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

### Hymn of confession (11:00) "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

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### Silent prayers of confession

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors; he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

\* Hymn of assurance

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;  
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*  
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**Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings**

**Offertory hymn**

“Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,  
there is still one King reigning over all.  
So I will not fear, for this truth remains,  
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

*Refrain:* None above him, none before him, all of time in his hands;  
for his throne, it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name;  
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,  
he is here with me; I am not alone.  
O his love is sure, and he knows my name;  
for my God is the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings,  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face,  
in the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

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### **Sacrament of baptism (9:30)**

Sarah and Mark Ellis bringing Nathan Russell Ellis

### **\* Scripture reading from Luke 22:31-38**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Marianne Stern (9:30)

Jim Richter (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

#### **Sermon**

“Jesus' Provision for Endangered Disciples”

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

#### **Pastoral prayer**

### **\* Hymn of response**

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

*Refrain:* I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God:  
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;  
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*

*text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831*

**\* 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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Genna Christie** – vocals  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocals  
**David Kaufmann** – bass  
**Maddie Lee** – piano

**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Hannah Perry** – flute  
**Sara Satterfield** – vocals

**Celebrating the baptism** of Nathan Russell Ellis at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Sarah and Mark Ellis, and his grandparents, Nancy and Chris Stowell and Melinda and Eric Ellis.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAKE A LARGE CHURCH FEEL A LITTLE SMALLER** by joining an adult small group this year. If you would like to sign up for a small group, please visit the fellowship hall reception area after one of the worship services today.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL NOW** be located in the new church office building, adjacent to the Jane Harris Youth Building, as of Monday, January 27. If you are in a group that meets during the week, you will remain in your current location unless you hear differently from your leader, as some construction is still being completed.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** are invited to lunch on February 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. We'd love to connect with you! No registration is required.

**THE MARRIAGE COURSE** can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship, whether you are newlyweds or have been married many years. Each couple will sit at their own table and only interact with each other while participating in a video course. The course runs on Tuesday nights from February 11 until March 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please register on Realm Connect for \$50 per couple.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COMING SOON!** Sunday School for all ages will begin on February 9. Volunteers will assist you in finding classrooms as needed. Find a full list of classes and locations at [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups), where you may sort by category and age group. Classes for all ages meet at 11:00 a.m. (with the exception of one 9:30 adult class).

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS COMING SOON!** Fellowship dinners, Kids' Clubs, and children's choirs start again on Wednesday, February 26. Children's choirs require registration on Realm Connect and begin at 4:45 p.m. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. and Kids' Clubs begin at 6:10. More details may be found at [lmpc.org/wednesday](http://lmpc.org/wednesday) and [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups).

**ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Please reach out to Brennan Griffin at [brennan@lmpc.org](mailto:brennan@lmpc.org) if you are willing to serve in any of these roles: Sunday School subs, Sunday School buddies with an individual child (once/month), Wednesday Evening Kids' Club teachers and subs.

**THE ANNUAL COMMICANTS CLASS** will be held for youth in grades 6-12 interested in joining LMPC. The class will be February 28-March 2 and meet on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Please register on Realm Connect by February 21.

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

## Luke 22:31-38

<sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” <sup>33</sup>Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” <sup>36</sup>He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” <sup>38</sup>And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

## SERMON NOTES

### “Jesus’ Provision for Endangered Disciples”

*Luke 22:31-38*

1. The complex dangers facing Jesus’ followers
  - Imminent danger of Satan’s sifting (v. 31)
  
  - Misplaced confidence in ourselves (vv. 33-34)
  
  - Rising hostility to the person of Jesus (vv. 35-36)
  
2. The compassionate responses of Jesus
  - Earnestly prays for our faith not to fail (v. 32a)
  
  - Graciously anticipates our restoration (v. 32b)
  
  - Willingly atones for our sin (v. 37)
  
  - Patiently bears with our constant misunderstanding (v. 38)

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



## **SERMON NOTES**

“Jesus’ Provision for Endangered Disciples”

*Luke 22:31-38*

**2025 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE  
IN JOYFUL PARTNERSHIP - PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

*Please note that events with an asterisk require registration. Follow the registration links at [lmpc.org/wmc](https://lmpc.org/wmc) or head straight to Realm Connect.*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**Morning Worship & Sunday School Presentations**

9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., *nursery available*

**Q&A Panel: Get to Know Our Guests**

4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, *nursery available*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**Men's Breakfast: Stories from the Field**

6:30 a.m. in the JHYB gathering room

**Missions Luncheon\***

11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**Prayer for Guests**

4:30 p.m. location TBD

**Family Dinner: Exploring Central Asia\***

5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, *nursery available*



## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 26

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class) .....	JHYB
10:00 a.m.	Small group sign up .....	fellowship hall lobby
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

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](https://lmpc.org/events).*

### YEAR-END GIVING UPDATE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

**Annual Budget:** \$5,860,000

**2024 Receipts:** \$5,428,900

**2024 Expenses:** \$5,474,426

**Budget Shortfall:** (\$431,100)

**Net Income:** (\$45,525)

Thank you for your giving in 2024. Please pray as we adjust our 2025 budget, given our 2024 receipts. We will share the revised 2025 budget upon approval. Consider how you might be able to contribute toward our mission of giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Find multiple ways to give at [lmpc.org/give](https://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

*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.