



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lord God, enable me to receive Jesus Christ as he is freely offered in the Gospel.
Constantly remind me to rely on him as my Prophet, Priest, and King.
Let me totally surrender myself to him so I can be ruled, taught, and saved by him.
Enable me to read and hear your Word with diligence and full attention.
Help me to meditate on it, to believe it, and to frame my life according to it.*

—from Matthew Henry, *A Way to Pray*

MARCH 9, 2025 • 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

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"
arr. Dale Wood

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** 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 172, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5**

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

*** Prayer of adoration**

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: Merciful God, our great King now and forever,

All: We confess our natural inclination toward self-sufficiency. We often resent your gracious and absolute reign over all things. We would rather rule our own lives, and we spend much time and effort grasping at control of our circumstances.

Leader: But you, O Lord, are our faithful Sovereign. Never-changing, ever-present, and mighty to save.

All: Forgive us for seeking the glory that is yours alone, and teach us to wholly rely on your perfect care.

Silent prayers of confession

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

from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*** Hymn of assurance 693**

"Blessed Assurance"

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

Offertory

"Teach Me, O Lord"

Chancel Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

(continued)

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments,
for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity,
and quicken me in thy way.
O stablish thy Word, thy Word in thy servant,
that I may fear thee. Amen.
text from Psalm 119:33-39a; music by Philip W. J. Stopford, 2013

*** 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 23:1-12**
pp. 1049-1050 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Jeffery Compton (9:30)
Dorcas Crenshaw (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 on Trial"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 498, vv. 1, 2, 5** "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

Stewardship presentation

*** Postlude** "Psalm 130"
Klaas Bolt

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Ann Rennick

December 25, 1926 – March 1, 2025

Celebrating the baptism of Haven Grace Thomas at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Hannah and Bo Thomas, and her grandparents, Laurie and John King and Colleen and Bill Thomas.

Celebrating the baptisms of Eleanor Ann Nadeja and Jackson Douglas (JD) Nadeja at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are their parents, Stephanie and Mike Nadeja, and their grandparents, Evelyn Sizemore and Kim and David Nadeja.

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Percy Joy Carr, born to Emilie and Perrin Carr on February 27.

AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE LENTEN SEASON, please take note of the sparse floral decor in the chancel area. This serves as a visual reminder of the simplicity of Lent: a time of prayer, reflection, and self-examining humility before we celebrate Christ's Resurrection Day in beauty and splendor.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 2025

Join us after the service today for a Stewardship Sunday presentation and discussion of the 2025 annual budget. Pledge cards will be distributed, which you may return completed in two weeks on Sunday, March 23. You may also pledge using the form at lmpc.org/give, or on Realm Connect. Thank you for your support of the ministries and work of LMPC.

SERMON NOTES

“Jesus on Trial”

Luke 23:1-12

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME BACK AT 6:00 P.M. TODAY to hear from the short-term team that recently traveled to India. Join us in the fellowship hall; light refreshments will be served.

PASTOR AARON TOLSON is taking a much-deserved sabbatical from March 16 until June 16. Please pray for his rest. If you see him in the community, feel free to greet him. However, please protect him from the work and business of the church for this season. If you need assistance, contact Aaron’s assistant, Margaret Compton (margaretcompton@lmpc.org or 423-424-5974), who will direct you to someone to help with your specific need.

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

SUNDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE

Our evening communion services take place in the sanctuary on the third Sunday of each month, combining the beauty of the sanctuary with the instrumentation of the fellowship hall. Our pastors will launch a new series on March 16 on the topic of our six values as a church: Primacy of the Gospel, Vitality of Worship, Indispensability of the Church, Necessity of Prayer, Centrality of Community, and Priority of Mission. Each month, we will see how our beliefs guide our behavior. On Sunday evenings, communion is celebrated in smaller groups. Nursery is always provided. We encourage everyone to attend, including small groups that meet on Sunday nights, that we might enjoy the unifying and nourishing power of the Lord’s Supper together.

To see upcoming Sunday Evening Gatherings, visit lmpc.org/sunday-night.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 9

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class)	Room 211
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for youth & children	various locations
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Fellowship class).....	Room 211
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Kingdom class)	JHYB high school room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Sojourners class)	Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with short-term team report	fellowship hall
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events; for information on groups and classes, visit lmpc.org/groups.

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.

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.