



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of the covenant, you anointed your beloved Son with the power of the Holy Spirit, to be light for the nations and release for captives. Grant that we who are born again of water and the Spirit may proclaim with our lips the good news of his peace and show forth in our lives the victory of his justice. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever. — from Opening Prayers

JANUARY 4, 2026 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE • 8:45 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

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

*** Call to worship**

Hebrews 1:1-3a and Psalm 98:2-4

Leader: In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

All: **The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.**

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.**

*** Hymn of praise**

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*
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*** Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to offering

Luke 12:27-31

"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."

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.

continued

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 John 1:29–34**
text printed in the bulletin

Mary Kaufmann (8:45)
Jill Pulver (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Behold the Lamb”
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Those seated in the side sections will come forward to be served first, followed by the three center sections, beginning with those in the back rows and finishing with the front rows. Come down the center two aisles, partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements, and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing. Men and women will be available in the fellowship hall lobby to pray with you, should you desire that.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession

“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 fulfil 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

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

All: **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.**

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

All: **We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

“I Boast No More”

No more, my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done.
I quit the hopes I held before, to trust the merits of thy Son.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

Now, for the loss, I bear his name; what was my gain I count my loss.
My former pride I call my shame and nail my glory to his cross.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake.
O may my soul be found in him and of his righteousness partake!
No more, my God, I boast no more.

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before thy throne;
but faith can answer thy demands by pleading what my Lord has done.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

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“The King in All His Beauty”

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One, eternal.
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in his temple
as symphonies of angels praise, now strain to sound his glory.
Come worship; fall before his grace, the King in all his beauty.

Refrain: How worthy, how worthy, how worthy,
the King in all his beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters,
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As earth is stained with royal blood and quakes with love and fury,
he breathes his last and bows his head, the King in all his beauty. *Refrain*

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.
The hope of every tribe and tongue, his Kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to his courts; bring wisdom, pow'r, and blessing.
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all his beauty. *Refrain*

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*** Prayer of thanksgiving**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Let the Nations Be Glad”

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.
May redemption be the theme of our song.
For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall proclaim
to the corners of the earth that Christ has come.

Refrain: Let the nations be glad, let the peoples rejoice,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the nations be glad.

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,
many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.
Still we're holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,
shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *Refrain*

As your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,
with the glories of the Gospel to explain,
now we pray your Kingdom come, and we pray your will be done
for the honor and the glory of your name. *Refrain*

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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:

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Maddie Lee – vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola
John Reeder – piano
Maria Rhodes – vocals

John 1:29-34

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of William Lee Frederick, born to Katie and Walker Frederick on December 19.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / 10:00-10:45 A.M. / BEGINS TODAY

Elementary school:

- Room 201: PreK
- Room 200: Kindergarten
- Room 204: 1st Grade
- Room 301: 2nd Grade
- Room 300: 3rd Grade
- Room 202: 4th & 5th Grade

Youth:

Students in middle and high school will meet at the Jane Harris Youth Building.

Adult Electives:

January 4 - February 8

Our regular community Sunday School classes will resume on February 15 after elective classes have concluded. Details on room assignments to follow.

Engaging Artificial Intelligence & Technology from a Biblical Perspective (*Room 313*)

Together, we'll consider both the promises and the pitfalls of AI technologies and how these tools seek to shape our hearts. Come discover how disciples of Jesus can respond with discernment and faithful intentionality in a rapidly changing world.

Teacher: Jeff Humphries

The Gospel & Christianity - Part 1b (*chapel*)

By connecting rich theology with real-life faithfulness, this class will help you recognize how the Gospel speaks into every corner of daily life and grows us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Teachers: Pastoral team

New Testament Eschatology (*Room 213*)

This elective will examine a number of passages to see what the Scriptures say about the "last days" and talk about how our theology of the end times should affect our lives today. Teacher: Dan MacDougall

Honoring Dependent Parents (*Room 312*)

This elective will explore what it means to honor parents when they become dependent. Key Scriptures and real-life situations will be examined and discussed.

Teacher: Bill Davis

Preparing for the Passion (*Room 211*)

Together, through interactive study, we will discover Jesus in ways that will lead us to worship, an enduring faith, and a longing to be more like him. Teacher: Robert Row

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS TODAY! The common Sunday School hour for children, youth, and adults resumes today at 10:00 a.m. Find a full list of classes and locations in today's bulletin and at lmpc.org/groups, or check with a volunteer wearing a bright neon lanyard for assistance. Remember that nursery and elementary children must be checked in and out at one of our kiosks.

AN ELDER AND HIS WIFE will be available in Room 212 each Sunday from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. to meet with anyone who would like to pray together.

OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today will be a time of prayer for our missionary partners at 6:00 p.m. in Room 211.

THE CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will begin meeting again on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212, with the first meeting of the year being on January 13. Attorney John Huisman will speak about financial and legal matters related to aging and caregiving. All are welcome.

REGULAR WEDNESDAY EVENING activities will resume on Wednesday, January 14. See lmpc.org/wednesday for more details.

ALL THAT JESUS ASKS, a Wednesday class for adults, will be taught by Addison Soltau in Room 211 at 4:30 p.m. beginning January 14. The four Gospels plus Acts reproduce nearly 300 questions from the lips of Jesus. His questions prompt our participation and reflection.

SACRED STUDIO, an in-town retreat at LMPC on January 23 and 24, will give women the opportunity to connect over good food, Gospel teaching, and creative workshops. Please register on Realm Connect by January 15 to make your studio selections (first come, first served.)

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 4

8:45 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for children.....	children's classrooms
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for youth	JHYB
10:00 a.m.	Engaging AI & Technology (adult SS elective)	Room 313
10:00 a.m.	Gospel & Christianity (adult SS elective).....	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Honoring Dependent Parents (adult SS elective)	Room 312
10:00 a.m.	New Testament Eschatology (adult SS elective).....	Room 213
10:00 a.m.	Preparing for the Passion (adult SS elective).....	Room 211
10:00 a.m.	Elder prayer.....	Room 212
10:00 a.m.	Intro to LMPC	Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer	Room 211

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

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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.