



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### **IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*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 • SANCTUARY SERVICE**

\* Congregation standing as you are able

# Order of Worship

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**Prelude**

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

*arr. Paul Manz*

**Welcome and greetings**

Brian Salter, lead pastor

**\* 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 16, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6**

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord”

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;  
for wonders great by him are done, his hand and arm have vict’ry won.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;  
with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise his name.

Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise, with voice of psalms his glory raise;  
with trumpets, cornets, gladly sing and shout before the Lord, the King.

Let earth be glad, let billows roar and all that dwell from shore to shore;  
let floods clap hands with one accord, let hills rejoice before the Lord.

*text from Psalm 98; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET*

**\* 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”  
*(continue scrolling for words and music)*

“Speak, O Lord”



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your  
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and  
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
 plans for us, truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of — faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.  
 ne - ver fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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\* **Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen, amen.**

\* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

\* **Scripture reading from John 1:29-34**

David Wharton

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did

not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I 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.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

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”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

We are called to behold:

1. Jesus the reconciling and revealed Lamb. (vv. 29–31)
2. Jesus the Spirit-empowered and Spirit-giving Son. (vv. 32–34)

### **Pastoral prayer**

*This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God’s people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord’s Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.*

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**Musician for this week:**

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**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](http://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](http://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](http://lmpc.org/events).*