



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 • SANCTUARY 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

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”

* 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”
(turn page 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**
p. 1053 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Julie Dean (8:45)
David Wharton (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”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession 500

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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.**

continued

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

Distribution of the elements

For the bread

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.
text based on Psalm 23, by Henry W. Baker, 1868; Old Irish Melody, ST. COLUMBA

For the cup

“Beautiful Savior”
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Instrumental meditation

Prayer of thanksgiving

*** Hymn of response**

“There Is A Redeemer”

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son; _____
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names, _____
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see his face; _____

pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly One.
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, hope_ for_ sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for-ev-er, in_ that_ ho - ly place.

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son, _____ and

leav - ing your Spir - it till the work_ on_ earth is done.

text and music by Melody Green, 1982; arr Keith Phillips, GREEN

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

“Praise to the Lord”

arr. Paul Fey

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.

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."

SERMON NOTES

“Behold the Lamb”

John 1:29-34

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)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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.

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

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.