



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Blessed Jesus, you have done all this, and more. You are the door into your fold here below, and to your courts above. For you have said that by you, "Whoever enters in will go in and find pasture." The word has gone out. Your blood and righteousness secure it. The Spirit sets his seal to it. You will receive, you will bless, you will cause all the Father has given you to come to you. And you will keep the door always open for all comers.*

—Robert Hawker

JANUARY 11, 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

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**Prelude** "I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend!/What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*arr. Kenon Renfrow*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #517 & #629)*

**Welcome and greetings**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**\* Call to worship**

from Psalm 9

**Leader:** We will praise you, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

**All:** We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**Leader:** The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**All:** Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

**\* Hymn of praise 2, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5**

"O Worship the King"

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Sacrament of baptism (8:45)**

Melanie and Ben Ray bringing Theoden Benjamin Ray

## Call to confession

based on Matthew 7

Jesus said, “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?”

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

**Hymn of confession 501**, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 (11:00)

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

**Prayer of confession** (11:00)

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

**All: We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.**

Leader: We confess our sins as a church.

**All: We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us.**

Leader: Father, forgive us.

**All: May your Holy Spirit move and convict our hearts, that we might live as you have created us to live.**

*adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis*

## Silent prayers of confession

\* **Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

based on 1 John 3 and Ephesians 2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

\* **Hymn of assurance 253**, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

**Worship in the giving of God’s tithe and our offerings**

**Offertory**

**“I Love to Tell the Story”**

Chancel Choir

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*text by Katherine Hankey, 1866; music by William G. Fischer, 1869; arr. Philip M. Young, 1997*

**\* 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 John 1:35-42**  
*p. 1054 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Hilda Jemison (8:45)  
Warren McEwen (11:00)

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

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

**Sermon**

**“Following Jesus”**  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response 457**

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

**“Threefold Amen”**

**\* Postlude**

“Engelberg”  
*arr. Craig Phillips*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Andrew Hyberger** – organ  
**Brett Hyberger** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**John 1:35-42**

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.

<sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

**SERMON NOTES**

“Following Jesus”

Followers of Jesus are those who are:

1. beholding the Lamb. (vv. 35-37)
2. beckoned by Jesus. (vv. 38-39)
3. brought to Jesus. (vv. 40-42a)
4. bestowed with new identity. (v. 42b)

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



## **SERMON NOTES**

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*John 1:35-42*

**Celebrating the baptism** of Theoden Benjamin Ray at the 8:45 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Melanie and Ben Ray, his grandparents, Diane and Paul Terpstra and Terri and Phillip Ray, and his great-grandmother, Kathleen Stevens.

**The rosebud in the service today** is for the birth of Mark Holland Risley, born to Rebekah and Luke Risley on January 5.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LMPC WILL RELEASE ALL ADULT ELECTIVES** on the Pillar & Ground podcast this summer, so you may listen to recordings of other classes. In the meantime, if you miss a Sunday and don't want to get behind, you may request a single recording. Under the Resources tab of the website, click on "Request a Recording" to fill out a form.

**THE CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** will resume meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212, beginning 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 info. "All That Jesus Asks," a class for adults taught by Addison Soltau, will begin in Room 211 at 4:30 p.m.

**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. Register on Realm Connect by January 15 to make your studio selections (first come, first served.)

## ADULT ELECTIVES / 10:00-10:45 A.M. / JAN. 4 - FEB. 8

**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. *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 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 11

8:45 a.m.	Worship service.....	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.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
3:00 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble practice .....	Choir Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
7:30 p.m.	High school Salt & Light .....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events); for information on groups and classes, visit [lmpc.org/groups](http://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.