



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms, broken lives are made whole, and fearful hearts grow strong in faith. Open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise. To all who long for your Son's return, grant perseverance and patience, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the Kingdom. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near:
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. —from Opening Prayers*

MARCH 8, 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

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 57:9-11

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; we will sing of you among the peoples.

All: **For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

text by Isaac Watts, 1719, based on Psalm 117; music by John Hatton, 1793

*** Prayer of adoration**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in
Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the
traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of
"living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell,"
we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all
the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.*

Call to confession

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the
remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show
mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Hymn of confession

"To Thee I Come"

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,
with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!

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text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006

Prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:

All: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

from The Book of Common Prayer

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from John 6

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life."

* Hymn of assurance

"His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

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Prayer of intercession

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

Offertory hymn

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

*** Scripture reading from John 4:1-26**

text printed in the bulletin

Susie Courtney (8:45)

David Paschall (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Seeking and Satisfying Savior”

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Here Is Love”

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:
heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

continued

In thy truth thou dost direct me, by thy Spirit, through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory; nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.
text by William Rees, 1847; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

*** 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:

Greta Erickson – vocals
Anna Hawkins – piano
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Mary Catherine Hewitt – banjo

Hannah Lutz – viola
Hannah Perry – flute
Emmie Thompson – vocals

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Ivy Anne Wingard, born to Kaddy and Ben Wingard on March 4.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER support group will welcome Dr. Maribeth Bosshardt, palliative care doctor, on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in Room 212. Dr. Bosshardt will explain what palliative care is and when it is helpful. All are welcome. Contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter for more information.

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of a loved one, please register on Realm Connect to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office. The deadline is March 23.

NOW HIRING: We are looking to add a few more subs to our Mother's Day Out team on Tuesdays and Thursdays this spring. These are paid, flexible positions. Contact MDO Director Megan DeMoss at megan@lmpc.org for details.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE SESSION

The Session has approved establishing an email address, session@lmpc.org, for the purpose of communications from congregants to the Session at large. This email address is meant for general comments or concerns. This inbox will be checked weekly by the Vice Moderator and/or Clerk of the Session.

Please note, this email address is not for pastoral emergencies, prayer requests, or spiritual and physical needs. Those should continue to be directed to the church office, a pastor, or your shepherding contact. For pastoral emergencies, please call the church office and listen to the options.

Committed to operating as a plurality of elders, the Session hopes this platform enriches the care for the flock of LMPC.

John 4:1-26

¹Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

SERMON NOTES

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 8

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.	Adult Sunday school: Fellowship class.....	Room 213
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Kingdom class	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Redeemer class	Room 211
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Sojourner class	Room 313
10:00 a.m.	Intro to LMPC (registrants only).....	Conference Room
10:00 a.m.	Elder Prayer (pray with an elder and his wife)	Room 212
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
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer	Room 211
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.

JOIN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details on joining and using Realm Connect at 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.