



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Father in heaven, we praise you that through the resurrection of Christ comes new birth into a living hope. We pray that your Holy Spirit will enlighten the eyes of our hearts to grasp the many dimensions of this hope. May the reality of your eternal Kingdom so grip our lives, shape our values, and fire our imaginations that we will use the time you have gifted us in this life to lay up treasure in the next. For the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

—Gilbert Lennox

MARCH 15, 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

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Open for us the gates of righteousness; we will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

All: We will give you thanks, for you answered us and have become our salvation.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Refrain: O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hymn of confession

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair, into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, you have shown us true humility by becoming one of us.

All: Yet too often we are arrogant and value self-preservation above all else.

Leader: You loved those who were weak, despised, and cast out.

All: Yet too often we focus our love on those who are strong and respected.

Leader: You freely forgave and healed.

All: Yet too often we hold grudges and cause more destruction than healing.

Leader: You lived a perfectly holy life and sought to do the will of your heavenly Father.

All: Yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness or desire our Father’s will be done. Forgive us Lord, that we might declare your praises, you who brought us out of darkness and into your wonderful light.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook and 1 Peter 2:9b

Silent prayers of confession

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* Hymn of assurance

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*
text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; Swedish folk melody

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

Offertory hymn

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

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O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

text by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150; Red Mountain Music, 2003

*** Scripture reading from John 4:27-42**

text printed in the bulletin

Emmie Thompson (8:45)

Ed Salter (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Hope and Harvest”

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him.

Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure.

For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing; I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.

Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.

I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.

One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.

But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war;

and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

Come, rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward.

Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk;

for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

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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:

Ismael Bartolome – violin
Christy Gambrell – vocals
Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Anna Stroud – vocals

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel to celebrate communion. Nursery provided.

THERE WILL BE LIMITED WEDNESDAY EVENING activities on March 18 due to spring break: Chancel Choir will rehearse and Wednesday Evening Prayer will be held at 6:15 p.m. All other activities and dinner will resume the following week.

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of a loved one, register on Realm Connect to give online, or contact the church office. The deadline is March 23; no additional orders will be made after this time.

EASTER IS COMING! Find our full list of Holy Week services at lmpc.org/easter. Please note: Easter Sunday morning services on April 5 will be held at **9:30** and **11:00** a.m., with no Sunday School hour. The sunrise service will be held at **7:15** a.m. at Point Park.

VIPS, JOIN US FOR A DAY TRIP to the Beechcraft Heritage Museum on Thursday, April 12. You'll enjoy a guided tour of this world-class aviation museum and lunch at the Sundrop Shoppe. Cost of \$15 includes the tour and travel (lunch not included). Register on Realm Connect by March 31 so arrangements may be finalized. We will meet at LMPC at 9:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

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

John 4:27-42

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Celebrating the baptism of Sophia Marie Baxley at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Luisa and Drew Baxley, and her grandparents, Catherine and Robert Crabtree.

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 15

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.	Sunday school for adults - Fellowship class.....	Room 213
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults - Kingdom class	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults - Redeemer class	Room 211
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults - Sojourner class	Room 313
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 communion service.....	chapel
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.

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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.