



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 • 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

"Alleluia"
J. Wayne Kerr

Handbell Ensemble

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

*** 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 198, vv. 1, 5, 6**

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith (8:45)**

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.

Sacrament of baptism (11:00)

Luisa and Drew Baxley bringing Sophia Marie Baxley

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 251 (8:45)

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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.

(continued)

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

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

Psalm 103:8-13

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 44, vv. 1, 3, 4**

"How Great Thou Art"

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

Offertory

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
arr. Sandra Eithun

Handbell Ensemble

*** 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 4:27-42**
p. 1057 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Margaret Stewart (8:45)
Dorcas Crenshaw (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"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 693** "Blessed Assurance"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude** "In Christ Alone"
arr. Jason Payne

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – ensemble director

Joshua Knight – organ

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.

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.

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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Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. Request your account today by visiting 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.