



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 5, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | *First Sunday in Lent*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

Leader: Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Leader: Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

All: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

* Hymn of praise

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

words by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

based on Isaiah 53; 1 Peter 1; Revelation 5

We believe that we have been redeemed from our empty way of life, not with perishable things, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, yet he was silent. Through him we believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, so that our faith and hope are in God. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

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

Offertory hymn

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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* Scripture reading from Exodus 12:21-28

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Sacrificial Lamb"
Jared Huffman, associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians, previously admitted to the table of the Lord 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.

Hymn of confession

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

words by Augustus Toplady, 1776

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Colossians 1:19, 22; Revelation 13:8

Leader: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

All: Praise be to the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world!

Words of institution

Prayer of consecration

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!
Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Refrain: My God, why would you shed your blood, as pure and undefiled
to make a sinful one like me, your chosen, precious child?

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heat in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears. *Refrain*
words by Isaac Watts, 1707

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*
words by Elvina M. Hal, 1865

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of praise**

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge: the Lamb who is my righteousness;
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer; his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace;
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagles' wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold,
and when he calls me it will be paradise, his face forever to behold;
his face forever to behold.

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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**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Laura Childers – vocalist
Grady Dickinson – alto sax
Kara Funke – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Jonathan VanderHart – vocalist

Elders meet to pray in Pastor Novenson's office at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. If you would like them to pray for you and your specific needs, they welcome you to join them.

Lent is the forty-day period before Easter. It began this year on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. In counting the forty days, Sundays are skipped. The liturgical color is purple, a kingly color reminding us of Christ's reign and rule, the color of the robe Roman soldiers put on Christ before the crucifixion, and the same liturgical color as Advent to reflect a similar period of waiting and watching. Lent is a season of simple-living, prayer, and repentance. It is a season particularly set aside for reflection on Jesus Christ's life, suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the first century church as a preparatory time for Easter. By observing the forty days of Lent, the early church desired that the individual Christian imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. To help us visually reflect on the sparse nature of this season, you will see only curly willow or twigs decorating the chancel during these weeks. It also serves to remind us of the branch used to serve Christ sour wine on the cross. Alongside Christians who have observed Lent since apostolic times, let us seek after our Savior with self-examining humility.

Finance Update

2016 Year-End Giving Update

2016 Annual Budget: \$4.328 million

2016 Giving: \$4.448 million

Giving above budget: \$120,000

2016 spending: \$90,000 under budget

The overage in budgeted giving of \$120,000 was allocated by the Session equally to World Missions, Home Missions, Mountain Missions, Next Steps, and Benefits Reserves. We are so grateful to God for his abundant provision to us at LMPC.

2017 Pledging Update

Pledges for 2017 are currently \$3.44 million which is 76% of the 2017 budget. The goal is to have 80% of the budget pledged. If you have not done so, you can send in your giving plan at lmpc.org/giving-2017.

Note about IRAs

If you are over 70 ½ years of age and are required to take mandatory IRA distributions, there could be a significant tax benefit by making a contribution to LMPC directly from your IRA. Please consider checking with your tax advisor for more information.

Exodus 12:21-28

²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. ²³When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴"Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' ²⁷then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

Sermon Notes
"The Sacrificial Lamb"
Exodus 12:21-28

1. Rescued by the lamb's blood (vv. 21-23)

2. Celebrating the lamb's sacrifice (vv. 24-28)

Big Idea: We feast on the Lamb, Jesus, because life and liberation come through his death.



World Mission Conference Guest Speaking Schedule

**nursery available*

Sanctuary Services and Presentations*

Neal preaching in all services

8:10 a.m. Jerry Mattix

9:30 a.m. Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

11:00 a.m. Tom

Fellowship Hall Services and Presentations*

Neal preaching (video)

9:30 a.m. Mohsen

11:00 a.m. Fuad

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. classes

Elementary Sunday School (children's classrooms): Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

Combined Youth Sunday School (JHYB): Tom

Brock Class, Conference Room: Mohsen

Fireside Class, Reception Room: Fuad

Redeemer Class, Upper Room: Jerry Mattix

11:00 a.m. classes

Elementary Sunday School (children's classrooms): Fuad

Combined Youth Sunday School (JHYB): Jerry Mattix

Fellowship Class, Conference Room: Tom

Young Adults Class, Reception Room: Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

Kingdom Class, Upper Room: Mohsen

Afternoon/Evening

Middle School Large Group with Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

4:15 p.m. in the JHYB

Children's Banquet for pre-K through 5th grade

5:45-7:30 p.m. in the children's classrooms

Missionary Panel and Prayer with keynote speaker, Neal, and all conference guests*

5:45-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

High School Youth Group with Mohsen

7:30 p.m. in the JHYB

World Missions Spotlight: Ruth Ann and Norm Leduc

Norm and Ruth Ann's paths first crossed in Aix-en-Provence, France. Ruth Ann had already been serving there in church ministry for several years. Norm is from northern Ontario and came to Christ at the age of 12. It was in a World Religions class in a public high school that Norm first sensed God's call to the Arab Muslim world.

Since their marriage in 1992, the Leducs have served in various leadership roles with Arab World Ministries (AWM), an agency focused on reaching Muslims of the Arab world, the heartland of Islam. For nine of those years, they lived in France where they led a team focused on using media as a primary means of engaging Muslims with the message of the Gospel.

Since the merger of AWM with Pioneers in 2010, the Leducs are based at the U.S. office of Pioneers in Orlando, Florida. As Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, Norm serves as a member of the senior executive team helping to provide overall leadership. Ruth Ann serves on the Member Development team providing pastoral care to missionaries serving in Europe and to retired missionaries. Pioneers has over 3,000 workers serving on 315 teams in over 100 countries of the world with a primary focus on church planting among unreached peoples.

The Leducs have two children, a son Nathan (1994) who graduated in 2016 from Calvin College and is now working as an electrical engineer in Michigan and a daughter, Elizabeth (1997), who is a sophomore at Berry College, majoring in biochemistry.



Weekly Announcements

Our annual World Missions Conference is next weekend, March 10-12. The theme is Gospel Hope for the Muslim World. The deadline for reserving a seat for the Saturday night banquet is tomorrow, March 6, which you can do by visiting lmpc.org. There you'll find a full schedule of events, as well as a recommended reading list. Please be in prayer for the conference and for our guests, all but one of whom will be traveling from abroad.

Reminder: please sign up now if you would like to volunteer and serve our children at our summer VBS: Marketplace 2017, June 20-23. We have many different opportunities for volunteers, from teaching to crafts to drama to set-up and tear-down. To see all the volunteer opportunities and to sign up, visit lmpc.org/marketplace. If you have questions, please email greta@lmpc.org.

We are delighted to welcome in recital four students from New York City this Thursday evening, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The recital includes LMPC's own Thomas West, baritone, at the Juilliard School, alongside tenor Ryan Brideau and pianist Nathan Raskin, also at Juilliard, and vocalist Rachel Brideau from the Manhattan School of Music. All are warmly invited to attend this special evening of music.

Save the date: MDO Open Registration for the 2017-18 school year will be held on Tuesday, March 14 in the Reception Room. LMPC families will be able to register from 10:00-11:00 a.m. For more information on Mother's Day Out visit lmpc.org/mdo.

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

Today at LMPC—Sunday, March 5

Nursery 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Morning worship with Communion (sanctuary) 8:10, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Morning worship with Communion (fellowship hall) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages (various locations) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Youth Communicant Class (JHYB 105) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Officer training class (Reception Room) 4:00 p.m.

Middle school small groups (various homes) 4:15 p.m.

Evening prayer (chapel) 6:00 p.m.

High school youth group (JHYB) 7:30 p.m.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar or check the calendar in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

***Our mission:** glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*