



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

# Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

\* Call to worship

based on Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**All: He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion, he satisfies our desires with good things, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**All: Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

\* Hymn of praise

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.  
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Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.  
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*words by Henry F. Lyte, 1834*

\* Prayer of adoration

## Call to confession

Luke 18:10-14

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

taken from 1 Timothy 1, 1 Peter 2, 2 Corinthians 8

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

### \* Hymn of assurance

“‘Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise; and to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

*Refrain:* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*  
words by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882

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

### Offertory hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

*continued*

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*words by Isaac Watts, 1707*

**Sacrament of baptism** (9:30) Charla and Jeff Nix bringing Tessa Ruth Nix

**New member vows** (11:00)

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Dawn and John Shiraef bringing Jack Booker Shiraef and Celeste Grace Shiraef

\* **Scripture reading from James 1:9-18**

Matthew Smisson (9:30)

Merrile Stroud (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 Wisdom-Shaped Life"

Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response**

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
to look on him and pardon me.

*continued*

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God;  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

*words by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863*

\* **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*

**Celebrating the baptism** of Tessa Ruth Nix at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Charla and Jeff Nix, and her grandparents, Bettye and Steven Nix.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Jack Booker Shiraef and Celeste Grace Shiraef at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are their parents, Dawn and John Shiraef, and their grandmothers, Janet Wood and Linda Shiraef.

**NEW MEMBERS JOINING LMPC TODAY**

<b>In the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>In the fellowship hall at 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>In the chapel at 6:00 p.m.</b>
Emily and Paul Phillips	Sydney Morris Dawn and John Shiraef Kakhi and Michael Wakefield	Chuck Shankles

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Charley Crichton** – bass  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Jennifer Mixon** – vocalist  
**Bob Wharton** – piano  
**Donna Wharton** – vocalist

## James 1:9-18

<sup>9</sup>The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. <sup>10</sup>But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. <sup>11</sup>For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

<sup>16</sup>Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**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.

**Children are welcome to participate in all worship services, no matter the age of the child.** Worship sheets and crayons are available in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary to help children interact with the sermon.

### FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH 4/30/17

**2017 Annual Budget:** \$4.503 million

**2017 Giving YTD:** \$1.451 million

**Remaining gifts needs:** \$3.052 million (68% of budget)

We are grateful for the generosity here at LMPC. Remember that you can now give online at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give) or via the ChurchLife app. You can also give through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) by choosing LMPC as the charity of your choice and making a purchase through that site.

**Sermon Notes**  
“The Wisdom-Shaped Life”  
*James 1:9-18*

The wisdom of God must shape our response to:

1. prosperity (vv. 9-11)

2. passions (vv. 13-15)

3. pain (vv. 12, 16-18)



## Weekly Announcements

**High school seniors:** to be included in our 2017 graduate list, please email your name and the name of the school from which you are graduating this spring to [kelly@lmpc.org](mailto:kelly@lmpc.org) no later than this **Wednesday, May 24**.

**Women's Summer Suppers are back!** The first one will be held on Wednesday, June 7. All adult women are welcome, and each supper will include 8-12 women of all generations and take place in homes of women from LMPC. To sign up, please email [women@lmpc.org](mailto:women@lmpc.org). If you would like to host a supper, email [susie@lmpc.org](mailto:susie@lmpc.org).

**Please join us for a combined Summer Adult Sunday School** beginning June 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room (211). We will hear from several wonderful teachers and enjoy coffee and fellowship. All are welcome! **Please note:** there is no children's Sunday School this summer.

**Beginning June 14, women of all ages and stages of life** are invited to attend a discussion group studying Melissa Kruger's thought-provoking book, *The Envy of Eve*. We will meet from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Reception Room (216). Because no nursery is available, we encourage moms to share sitters in homes. **Please note:** This is a six-week study which will meet on June 14 & 28; July 12, 19, & 26; and August 2. We request that women order their own copies of the book to take to the study.

**Men of LMPC: please save the date** for the 2018 Mountain Men Retreat! We will hang out at Guntersville State Park from February 23-25. Mark your calendar and shoot us an email at [mountainmen@lmpc.org](mailto:mountainmen@lmpc.org) and we will save you a spot!

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## Today at LMPC—Sunday, May 21, 2017

Nursery 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Morning worship (sanctuary) 8:10, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Morning worship (fellowship hall) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages (various locations) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Evening worship with Communion (chapel) 6:00 p.m.

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://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.