

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 7, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

David Caines, ruling elder

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 9

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

All: **We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: **Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

* Hymn of praise

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris’ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Charles Wesley, 1739

* 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.

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

Offertory hymn

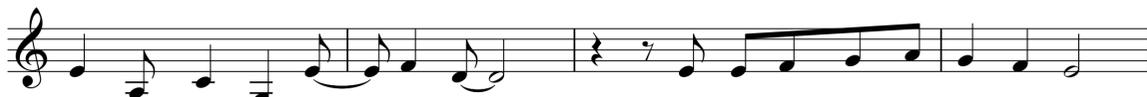
"I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow"



1. I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and
 2. I hoped that in some favored hour at once he'd answer
 3. "Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried, "wilt thou pursue thy



ev - 'ry grace, might more of his sal - va - tion know and
 my re - quest, and by his love's con - strain - ing pow'r sub -
 worm to death?" "'Tis in this way," the Lord re - plied, "I



seek more ear - nest - ly his face. 'Twas he who taught me thus to pray
 due my sins and give me rest. In - stead of this he made me feel
 an - swer prayer for grace and faith. These in - ward tri - als I em - ploy



and he, I trust, has answered prayer, but it has been in
 the hid den e - vils of my heart and let the an - gry
 from self and pride to set thee free, and break thy schemes of



such a way as al - l'drove me to de - spair.
 pow'rs of hell as - sault my soul in ev - 'ry part.
 earth - ly joy that thou may'st seek thy all in me."

* **Scripture reading from James 1:1-4**

Margot Kapic (9:30)
Jonathan Scott (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon “New Identity, New Mindset, New Goal”
Frank Hitchings, senior 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, willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Hymn of confession “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee when sorrows rise,
on thee when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal.
Thy word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But O! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine.
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust.
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.
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With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.
Anne Steele, 1716-1778

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 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 shall have eternal life.

Words of institution

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own”

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. *Refrain*

Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other; my soul is satisfied in him alone.

As summer flowers, we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom’s fleeting light
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *Refrain*

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. *Refrain*
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“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.

We taste of thee, O living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

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

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.
words by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of praise

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Soul then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine!
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heav'n, cans't thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days,
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

words by Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833

* 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*

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Madeline Doris Henry, born to Ellie and David Henry on April 25.

Musicians for this week:

Holden Bitner – cello

Cassie Courtney – vocalist

Kara Funke – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Ben VanderHart– guitar

Jon 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.

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.

James 1:1-4

¹James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

New Sermon Series—James: How Faith Works

Jesus' half-brother James writes this letter to God's people who are scattered, suffering, and sinning. James wanted the outcome of this letter to be that God's people would no longer merely listen to the Word but do what it says. In 1547, John Calvin wrote, "It is therefore faith alone which justifies, and yet the faith which justifies is not alone." In other words, though we are saved by faith alone and not works, true faith cannot be inoperative and dead. True faith works and is alive! It does not work in the sense that things always pan out peacefully in the Christian life without pain, struggle, and toil. But true faith works in the sense that it produces a particular sort of life—one that is full of faithful perseverance, godly wisdom, unconditional love, enlivening words, generous stewardship, abundant mercy, and confident prayer. With repentance and surrender, let us prayerfully look into God's perfect law that gives freedom as we study the letter of James.

Congratulations to our 2017 college graduates!

Jonah Anderson
Covenant College

Alan Craig
Covenant College

Haley Dempsey
Covenant College

Grace Erickson
Covenant College

Zach Erickson
Covenant College

Luke Funke
Covenant College

Sam Greene
University of Alabama

Ben Hooper
Covenant College

Alex Kent
UGA, Terry College of Business (December 2016)

Hannah Lloyd
Covenant College

Claire Luger
Covenant College

Graham Massot
Covenant College

Sarah McGarvey
Covenant College

Bailey Perry
Covenant College

Gabby Powell
Covenant College

Andrea Royston
Covenant College

Meagan Sabo
Covenant College

Emmy Schollenberger
Covenant College

Jacob Scott
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Connor Shimmel
Covenant College

Jacob Thomas
Covenant College

Abby Tosh
Covenant College

Daniel Vizoso
Georgia Institute of Technology

Megan Wingard
Covenant College

Faith Womack
Covenant College

Joe Womack
Covenant College

If we have inadvertently left someone off of this list, please contact the church office at 423-821-4528 or memberinfo@lmpc.org and let us know!

Weekly Announcements

If you missed the Kingdom Kids musical about Noah, “100% Chance of Rain,” they will be performing it a second time this Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Church of the First Born. All are welcome to attend! LMPC families are invited to bring a child-friendly snack to donate toward Church of the First Born’s after school program and MVP Summer Camp.

Marketplace is still in need of some booth leaders and adult helpers. If you would like more information about what is involved, please attend the Booth Information and Training Meeting this Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Alternatively you can email Greta Erickson with questions at greta@lmpc.org.

Kick off the summer with another Love Lookout Community Movie Night at the Commons! The event will take place this Friday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m., and the movie will begin around 8:30 p.m. when the sun sets. Please invite everyone you know to join us! Food trucks will be on site for delicious treats.

The full slate of officer candidates for the class of 2020 was elected by the congregation on April 30. They will be installed as officers in the morning services on Sunday, May 14.

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

Today at LMPC—Sunday, May 7

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.

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

Last 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.*

