



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 18, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Isaiah 25 and Psalm 145

Leader: O LORD, you are our God; we will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

All: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Leader: We will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and we will meditate on your wonderful works.

All: We will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

* Hymn of praise

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise;
let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

based on Psalm 117

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

taken from the Heidelberg Catechism, questions 43 and 45

Leader: What benefit do we receive from Christ’s sacrifice and death on the cross?

All: Through Christ’s death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

Call to confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hymn of confession

"To Thee I Come"

To thee I come a sinner poor and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me.
To thee I come a sinner weak and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner vile upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me.
To thee I come a sinner great and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee, O God be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner lost nor have I aught wherein to trust
but where thou art, Lord, I would be, O God be merciful to me.
To glory bring me Lord at last and there when all my sins are passed;
with all the saints I'll then agree, O God was merciful to me!
O God was merciful to me!

words by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

1 Timothy 1:15 and 1 Peter 2:24-25

Here is a trustworthy statement 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 we have been healed. For once we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

* **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 power throughout 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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how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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*
words by Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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

Offertory hymn

“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

* **Scripture reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18**

text printed in the bulletin

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Foolishness of the Cross"

Dr. Michael Kruger, President, Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
(men: the shadow in a weary land)
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
(men: a home of rest, upon the way)
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
(men: the very dying One for me)
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
(men: and from my heart I confess)
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
(men: I ask, no other than his face)
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
(men: content to know no gain nor loss)
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross,
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross.
words by Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872

* 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:

Hank Currin – vocalist

Kellie Currin – vocalist

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone

Xaris Emmett – violin

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Meg Miller – vocalist

Salley Kate Pierce – piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN OUR MINISTRY PARTNER EAST LAKE EXPRESSION ENGINE for their 4th annual Summer Creative Project Concert this Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at New City Fellowship East Lake (2903 E. 37th St.). Students and faculty will be performing brand new music that they are composing together based on the theme “Do Not Fear.” This is one of their most exciting and creative presentations every year and a great introduction to what East Lake Expression Engine does.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMER CHOIR, open to everyone aged middle school and older. All rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and/or 11:00 a.m. For more information and exact rehearsal dates, please visit lmpc.org/summer-choir or email joy@lmpc.org. The next rehearsal will be the women's ensemble on June 25.

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER LECTURE SERIES on “Racial Reconciliation and Jesus” with Karen and Carl Ellis on June 25, July 30, and August 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Each lecture will be followed by a question and answer time. No nursery will be available.

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

GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

Today we welcome Dr. Michael J. Kruger as guest preacher as part of the George Long Preaching Series. Dr. Kruger is President and the Samuel C. Patterson Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is one of the leading scholars today in the study of the origins of the New Testament, particularly the development of the New Testament canon and the transmission of the New Testament text. He is the author of numerous books including *The Gospel of the Savior*, *The Heresy of Orthodoxy*, *Canon Revisited*, and *The Question of Canon*. He is also the co-editor of *The Early Text of the New Testament* and *Gospel Fragments*. Dr. Kruger is ordained in the PCA and also serves (part-time) as Pastor of Teaching at Uptown PCA in downtown Charlotte.



SERMON NOTES

“The Foolishness of the Cross”
1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

**MEMBERS & VISITORS -
PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!**

NAME _____

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive our weekly news email

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- Serving at LMPC
- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
 - men’s women’s
- Prayer opportunities

If you are a first-time or repeat visitor, please fill out your information on the other side of this card so we can follow up with you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS &
COMMENTS**

- I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

PHONE DAY EVENING

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by.

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.

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. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 18

George Long Preaching Series with Dr. Michael J. Kruger

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary only
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & video in fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Summer Adult Sunday School	Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & video in fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Child Protection Policy training	Reception Room
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with Communion <i>Commissioning of Eve Soltau and Janet Hunt</i>	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school summer youth group	JHYB

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar. For a schedule of upcoming Sunday evenings, please visit the bulletin boards outside the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall lobby.

FINANCE UPDATE

2017 Annual Budget: \$4.5 million

2017 Giving YTD: \$1.79 million

Remaining gifts needs: \$2.72million (60% of budget)

We are grateful for the generosity here at LMPC.

Remember that you can now give online at lmpc.org/give or via the ChurchLife app. You can also give through **smile.amazon.com** by choosing LMPC as the charity of your choice and making a purchase through that site.

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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 the morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.