

**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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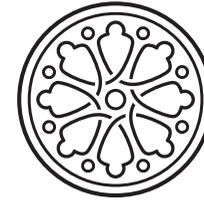
SPOUSE EMAIL

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 25

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary only
8:45 a.m.	Women's Summer Ensemble rehearsal	Choir Room
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Summer Adult Sunday School	Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
4:00 p.m.	Middle school summer Bible study	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer <i>Karen and Carl Ellis lecture series</i>	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school summer youth group	JHYB

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



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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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June 25, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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.

SERMON NOTES

“The Power of Our Words”

James 3:1-12

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

James 1:23-26

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Corporate prayer of confession

Leader: Heavenly Father, you tell us in your Word that “out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.” You tell us that we will have to “give an account on the day of judgment for every careless word.” (Luke 6:45 and Mathew 12:36)

All: We confess that we resist looking inward and want to blame all of our careless words on our circumstances and not on the condition of our hearts.

Leader: You also tell us that among believers there should not be “obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking...but rather thanksgiving.” (Ephesians 5:4)

All: We confess that we all too often indulge in foolish and coarse language, and that we all too seldom express thanksgiving.

Leader: You also tell us that “no unwholesome talk should come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit all who listen.” You tell us that our conversation should always be “full of grace and seasoned with salt.” (Ephesians 4:29 and Colossians 4:6a)

All: We confess that we often allow much unwholesome talk to come from our mouths and pay very little attention to building up others with our words. Forgive us, fill our words with grace, and realign our hearts and speech so that others might indeed be blessed by our words.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.

* Hymn of assurance "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name,
he has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace and taught us; gave us ears and gave us eyes,
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood (3x), has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x), thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"
words by John Newton, 1774

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

Offertory hymn

"O Great God"

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme. Conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

SERMON NOTES

"The Power of Our Words"

James 3:1-12

James makes vivid that:

1. words have power. (vv. 3-5a)
2. words can destroy. (vv. 5b-8)
3. words always point to what's inside (vv. 7-12)
 - our dependency. (vv. 7-8)
 - our absurdity. (vv. 9-10)
 - our identity. (vv. 10-12)

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. ³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, ⁸but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n glorify your name through me.
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* Scripture reading from James 3:1-12

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Sarah Risley (9:30)
David Paschall (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 Power of Our Words"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

words by Robert Robinson, 1758

* 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 sanctuary today is for the birth of Madeline Kay Thatcher, born to Elizabeth and Carter Thatcher on June 16.

Musicians for this week:

Noah Barnett – cello
James Bevill – guitar
Charley Crichton – bass
Kara Funke – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Rebekah Risley – vocalist
Caroline West – violin
Catherine Wiggins – 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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR THE BEGINNING OF A SUMMER LECTURE SERIES on “Racial Reconciliation and Jesus” with Karen and Carl Ellis at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer time. No nursery will be available. All are welcome!

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE WOMEN’S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY, which meets at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Reception Room. We are studying the book *The Envy of Eve* together and discussing chapters 3 and 4 this Wednesday, June 28. Please join us even if you missed the first study or can’t attend all of them.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2, SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES LYDIA AND ROBBIE SWEET WILL BE SPEAKING briefly just prior to the fellowship hall services and giving a fuller report at evening prayer. Please join us to hear an update from the Sweets on their work in Scotland and plan to arrive a few minutes prior to either 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. to hear them speak.

SAVE THE DATE FOR COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT on Friday, August 11 at the Commons, sponsored by Love Lookout. Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the movie beginning around 8:45 p.m. when the sun sets. Please bring picnic blankets, chairs, food, and beverages to enjoy. Food trucks will be on hand, so please be sure to bring cash as well!

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