



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Jared Huffman, associate pastor

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 95 and Proverbs 2

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

All: For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

* Hymn of praise

“O Worship the King”

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

based on Psalm 104, words by Robert Grant, 1833

* Prayer of thanksgiving and petition

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

Offertory hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

* Scripture reading from James 3:13-18

text printed in the bulletin

Jeff Compton (9:30)

Kate Tolson (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Identifying and Obtaining God’s Wisdom”

Brian Salter, 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.

Corporate prayer of confession

Leader: Heavenly Father, you instruct us in your Word to “trust in the LORD with all our hearts, and lean not on our own understanding.” You tell us not to be “wise in our own eyes,” but rather, to “fear the LORD and shun evil.” (Proverbs 3:5, 7)

All: We confess that we are half-hearted in our trust and often lean more on our own understanding than yours. We act as though we are wiser than you and are prone to indulge in evil rather than shun it.

Leader: You tell us in your word that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. . . . For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 1:7; 2:6)

All: We confess that rather than pursuing the gift of your pure wisdom, we are often content to settle for mere earthly wisdom. We do not fear you, but have become lukewarm and show contempt for your commands. Apart from your grace, we are fools who despise your mercy. Heavenly Father, heal our wayward and arrogant hearts, and grant us your wisdom.

Silent prayers of confession

Hymn of confession

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation’s joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.

Words: The Psalter, 1912

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Words of institution

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

*Refrain: He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
‘till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*

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“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose ev’ry promise is enough for ev’ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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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*

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Evve Soleil Bernal, born to Lauren and Tom Bernal on June 21.

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Rosalie June Barham, born to Amy and Robert Erle Barham on June 22.

Musicians for this week:

Maria Dassow – vocalist
Xaris Emmett – violin
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola

Scott Quatro – vocalist
Ben VanderHart – guitar
Bob Wharton – piano

WORLD MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: LYDIA AND ROBBIE SWEET

Robbie and Lydia met while attending Covenant College and married in 2004. After graduating with degrees concentrating in youth ministry, they both joined the youth staff of LMPC. While working on staff, Robbie received his M.A. in Theological Studies from Covenant Theological Seminary. Lydia worked full time at the church until the birth of their first child in 2008, and then continued serving as a volunteer. In 2013 the Lord called the Sweets to serve in St. Andrews, Scotland as part of MTW's Next ministry. Next exists to equip the global church to engage the emerging generation with the Gospel. The Sweets focus their efforts on serving with a local evangelical church plant, encouraging and preparing European leaders for next generation ministry. They also pursue ministry opportunities with missionary kids serving throughout Europe. Please pray for the Sweets and their vision of reaching the next generation for Christ.



The Sweets will be speaking at evening prayer tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Please join us to hear an update on their work in Scotland

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 3:13-18

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

SERMON NOTES

“Identifying and Obtaining God’s Wisdom”

James 3:13-18

1. The contrast between earthly wisdom and God’s wisdom:

- character (vv. 13-15)
- conduct (vv. 16-17)
- community (vv. 16, 18)

2. The course to obtain God’s wisdom:

- birth (1 Cor. 1:30)
- bow (Prov. 1:7)
- Bible (Col. 3:16)
- beg (James 1:5)

Big Idea: If we are going to flourish according to God’s design, we must know what true wisdom is and how to obtain it.



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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!

I AM A:

- First time visitor
- Repeat visitor

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SPOUSE

CHILDREN

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

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SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 2

8:10 a.m.	Worship service with communion	<i>sanctuary only</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Summer Adult Sunday School	<i>Upper Room</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school summer Bible study	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer <i>Report from Lydia and Robbie Sweet</i>	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school summer youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

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.

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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.