



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Offertory

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Women’s ensemble
Caroline West, violin

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*
words by Ada Ruth Habershon (1906); music by Matthew Merker
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* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* **Scripture reading from James 3:13-18**
p. 1883 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Dan Wykoff (9:30)
Bill Davis (11:00)

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon “Identifying and Obtaining God’s Wisdom”
Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 486, vv. 1, 3, 5

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

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

Communion affirmation

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Instrumental hymns for meditation

For the bread

“Amazing Grace”

For the cup

“Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response**

“O for the Wisdom from Above”

O for the wisdom from above,
pure, gentle, peaceable, and mild,
the innocence of the dove,
the meekness of a little child.

Wise may we be to know the truth,
reveal'd in every scripture page;
wise to salvation from our youth,
and wiser grow from stage to stage.

May we be learning, day by day,
more of God's Word, God's way, God's will;
his law, rejoicing to obey,
pleas'd his whole pleasure to fulfill.

James Montgomery, 1858, English Folk Tune

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Toccata on Doxology”
Michael Burkhardt

* *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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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

NAME

SPOUSE

CHILDREN

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL

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.

MARKETPLACE THANK YOU

Thank you so much for giving your time and efforts to Marketplace 2017. Marketplace is always an amazing opportunity to see people bring their individual gifts and talents before the Lord in a program that calls for so many people to work together—it is such a gift to me. I was so blessed and encouraged all week long to see the body of Christ working together. From the many people who helped with behind the scenes projects before the Marketplace week as well as the many people who were here each day during Marketplace—we had at least 206 adults and 57 middle schoolers involved serving 228 elementary and 29 pre-K children, as well as a nursery staff of 12 who served 43 little ones! To each and every person involved, please be assured that your contribution was appreciated.

*With deep gratitude to all,
Greta Erickson, on behalf of the LMPC Children's Ministry staff*

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.