



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

# Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

Derek Halvorson, President, Covenant College

Missions report

Music ministry video

\* 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: We will exalt you, our God the King; we will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day we will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

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

**All: We will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and we will meditate on your wonderful works. We will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

\* Hymn of praise

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heav’n;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
*words by Charles Wesley, 1746*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Call to confession**

taken from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

"Here Is Love"

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,  
when the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.  
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,  
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.  
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Here is love like mighty rivers poured unceasing from above:  
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all thy love accepting, love thee, ever all my days;  
let me seek thy kingdom only, and my life be to thy praise.  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou thyself has set me free.  
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,  
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

*words by William Rees, 1802-1883*

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

### Offertory hymn

"Jesus, I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of my sickness, into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of earth's sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

*words by William T. Sleeper, 1887*

### \* Scripture reading from Mark 1:1-8

*text printed in the bulletin*

Wiley Pippenger (9:30)

Cindy Tucker (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

#### Sermon

"God Prepares Us to Encounter Jesus and Embrace the Gospel"

Brian Salter, associate pastor

#### Pastoral prayer

### \* Hymn of response

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God;  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

*words by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863*

\* **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*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Noah Barnett** – cello  
**Luisa Baxley** – vocalist  
**Kellie Currin** – vocalist

**Kara Funke** – piano  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Caroline West** – violin

**Usher captains for this week:**

**Allen Jackson** – 9:30

**Ron Thomas** – 11:00

**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 fellowship hall lobby to help children interact with the sermon.

## Mark 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—<sup>3</sup>"a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup>And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

<sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## SERMON NOTES

“God Prepares Us to Encounter Jesus and Embrace the Gospel”

*Mark 1:1-8*

1. The revelation about him (vv. 1-3)
2. The repentance of sin because of him (vv. 4-5)
3. The realignment of life in light of him (vv. 6-8)

**BIG IDEA:** To rightly receive God’s Son and his Gospel, the Lord gives us life-changing revelation, repentance, and realignment.

## **SERMON NOTES**

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE** to benefit the Chattanooga area Salvation Army begins **today**. Reusable grocery bags and shopping lists are available in the fellowship hall lobby. All bags must be filled and returned to LMPC by Sunday, September 10. Our goal this year is to collect 250 food bags, which would be our largest collection to date. Please plan to participate!

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to answer questions about the Session's recommended pastoral succession plan. Then next Sunday, August 27, we will hold a congregational meeting during all five services to elect the pulpit committee. You can find an informational handout in the sanctuary narthex and fellowship hall lobby.

**JOIN US FOR THE FINAL TALK** in the series "Who are the People of God?" with Dr. Carl Ellis **tonight** at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. We will celebrate Communion together as well. All are welcome!

**PLEASE PLAN TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR FAMILY CAMP** beginning this Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00 a.m. Family Camp this year is September 15-17 at Alpine Camp in Mentone, Alabama. This popular event always fills up quickly, so be sure to update your accessLMPC account in time, and be ready to register early. For more information visit [lmpc.org/family-camp](http://lmpc.org/family-camp).

**DIVORCE CARE IS A DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** where you can find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. This ministry is open to all members and friends of LMPC and is launching this Tuesday, August 22, with orientation. For more information, please contact Leon Sulser at [leonsulser@gmail.com](mailto:leonsulser@gmail.com).

**INTERESTED IN JOINING A SMALL GROUP?** Our groups are starting up soon for the fall. Please email [smallgroups@lmpc.org](mailto:smallgroups@lmpc.org) if you would like to get involved.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## NEW SERMON SERIES

### THE GOSPEL OF MARK: THE PERSON AND PURPOSE OF JESUS

From the outset of Mark's gospel, Jesus is immediately presented as the world-changing King, the Messiah. The entire first half of the gospel focuses on the revelation of the person of Jesus, until he asks Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter rightly confesses that Jesus is the Christ, but how quickly Peter's right confession turns into rank confusion as he demands that Jesus avoid the cross. Like Peter, we may get our confession of Jesus' identity right but remain confused about his work. The second half of Mark's gospel clarifies that Jesus, as the Son of Man, came to seek and save the lost through his death as suffering servant. Finally, the gospel narrative closes with another confession as the centurion stands before the cross saying, "Surely this man is the Son of God." Our hope is that God will use this gospel to bring conviction to our confusion and clarity to our confusion so that we might more faithfully align with his purposes for the world.

## FINANCE UPDATE

**2017 Annual Budget:** \$4.503 million

**2017 Giving YTD:** \$2.580 million

**Remaining gifts needed:** \$1.923 million (43% of budget)

We are thankful for the generous giving at LMPC over the summer. Please remember that our goal is to reach \$3 million in giving by the end of August. You can give online at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).

*through August 15, 2017*

# MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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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

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Include request in the Prayer List?

Yes  No

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

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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

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EMAIL

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, August 20*

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary only</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	High school 9th grade induction & lunch <i>departing for rafting trip after lunch</i>	<i>JHYB</i>
4:00 p.m.	Town hall meeting	<i>fellowship hall</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with Communion <i>Dr. Carl Ellis lecture series</i>	<i>chapel</i>

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar). Nursery is available at all morning services.*

## OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

## CONTACT US

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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.*