



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Order of Worship

Prelude

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
arr. Terry Himebook*

Welcome and greetings

Jared Huffman, associate pastor

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 310, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

* 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 253, vv. 1, 3, 5

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

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

Offertory

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

words and music by Stuart Townend

arr. David Henry

* Doxology 731

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* Scripture reading from Mark 1:1-8

p. 1551 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Nathan Allison (9:30)

Gina Krabbendam (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"

Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 565

"All for Jesus"

* Benediction

* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

arr. Terry Himebook

* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians for this week:

Hannah Bleasdale – cello
Joy Gibbons – director, piano

Daniel Jeong – violin
Hannah Lutz – viola

Usher captains for this week:

Rob Witcher – 9:30

Nathan Thompson – 11:00

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Ruthie Howell, who died of leukemia in 1981 at age 11. Since LMPC is the only church home that Ruthie ever knew, her parents, Annetta and Charlie, honor her memory with flowers in the sanctuary every year around her birthday.

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 confession and clarity to our confusion so that we might more faithfully align with his purposes for the world.

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.

DEVICES TO AMPLIFY SOUND during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.



Mark 1:1-8

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

⁴And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The 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.

⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**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**

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:

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, August 20

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary only</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & 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. Nursery is available at all morning services.

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.

through August 15, 2017

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.