



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 3, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, associate pastor

* Call to worship

taken from Revelation 11, 12, and 15

Leader: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ.

All: **Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you.**

* Hymn of praise

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Alleluia! sing to Jesus, his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood,
“Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! bread of heaven thou on earth our food and stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, “I am with you ever more?”
words by William C. Dix, 1886

* Prayer of adoration and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.

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 Mark 1:14-20**

text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (9:30)

Drew Courtney (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 King and His Kingdom Come Near"

Frank Hitchings, senior 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, willingly forsake sin, and have sought reconciliation in all relationships.

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.

continued

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to thee;
Savior all my guilt remove and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

words: The Psalter, 1912

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Psalm 66:16-20

Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

Words of institution

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"Rejoice in All Your Works"

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Refrain: O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;
With the mountain, sky, and sea we sing your praise.*

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond' rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
 with the chorus of creation join in praise
 to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
 to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

words based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

"He Will Hold Me Fast"



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my
 pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end-less



hold through life's fear - ful path; for my love is oft - en cold;
 lost; his pro - mis - es shall last; bought by him at such a cost,
 life, he will hold me fast 'till our faith is turned to sight,



he must hold me fast. _____ He will hold me fast, he will hold me
 he will hold me fast. _____
 when he comes at last! _____



fast; for my Sa- vior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

words by Ada Ruth Habershon (1906); music by Matthew Merker ©2013 Matthew Merker Music, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of praise

"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

continued

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*

Celebrating the baptism of Luke Ebenezer Wharton at the 6:00 p.m. service in the sanctuary tonight are his parents, Stephanie and Ben Wharton; his grandparents, David and Stephanie Wharton, and Bob and Jeanne Phillips; and his great-grandparents, Merilyn Hall and Bob and Peg Wharton.

Musicians for this week:

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone

Xaris Emmett – violin

Kara Funke – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Meredith Lee – cello

Jennifer Mixon – vocalist

Jonathan VanderHart – vocalist

Usher captains for this week:

Zach Walley – 9:30

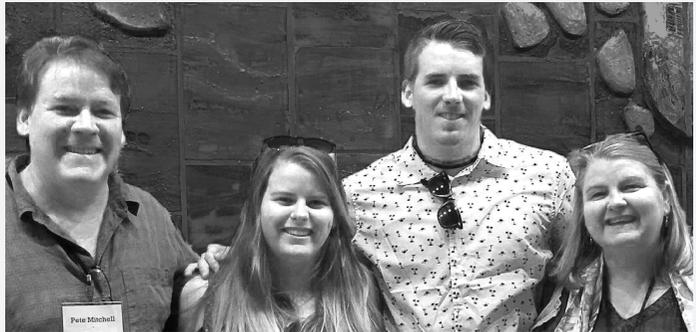
Peter Lindquist – 11:00

WORLD MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: RUTH AND PETE MITCHELL

Join us in welcoming supported missionaries, Ruth and Pete Mitchell, to the mountain during their home missions assignment. Pete and Ruth met at King College in Bristol, Tenn. After marrying in 1985, they moved to Boston where Pete completed an M.Div. degree at Gordon-Conwell Seminary. He then served as a pastor to children and families at Christ Community Church (PCA) in Franklin, Tenn., and Ruth worked as a teacher at Christ Presbyterian Academy.

In 1992 the Mitchells joined the MTW church-planting team in Marseille where they served a church revitalization effort in the center city and a church plant in the south. In 2014 the Mitchells led the MTW team to a new location in Toulouse (southwest France). In a collaborative effort with an existing church in the center city, the MTW team is seeking to plant a new church in the western suburbs. In 2017 the exploratory mission of MTW in West Toulouse was approved as an evangelistic outpost of the UNEPREF denomination.

The Mitchells will give a report tonight at evening prayer beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



IN MEMORIAM

Edwin H. Shuck, Jr.

October 9, 1923 – August 25, 2017

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to serve with Hedgehog Grove, an evening of care and fun for children with special needs and their siblings, please plan to attend the Information and Training Night on Tuesday, September 12 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The first part of the meeting will be Child Protection Policy Training, and the second part will be a training and information session for new and returning volunteers. Please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org if you are interested.

BUILD-A-BAG UPDATE

We have distributed all of our reusable Salvation Army bags. If you'd still like to participate and did not pick up a bag, please download the shopping list from lmpc.org/build-a-bag, and pick up a reusable bag on your shopping trip. Please remember to return your filled bag to the parlor by Sunday, September 10.

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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS CREATED BY THE DEVASTATING FLOODS IN HOUSTON, the LMPC Home Missions Committee will contribute to relief efforts through MNA's Disaster Response ministry. If you are interested in making a financial contribution or learning more about on-the-ground relief efforts, please contact Stephanie Young in the missions office.

MOST FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN the week of September 11, with the Wednesday morning Bible study at LMPC beginning this week. All women are welcome to join, including new women at LMPC. Visit lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies for the full schedule and study information.

ALL REGULAR WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES, including children's choirs, the fellowship dinner, and children's clubs, will resume this week. If you would like to register your children for choir, you can do so online at lmpc.org/childrens-choirs. You can also find more information about Wednesday nights at lmpc.org/wednesday.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH TEAM GREEN BEAN RECON GAME THING is this Friday, September 8 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP to christie@lmpc.org by this Wednesday, September 6 if you would like to participate. Remember to bring a flashlight and wear dark clothes!

CELEBRATE UGANDA will be held on Sunday, September 10, beginning at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Please join us to hear from the High School Youth Uganda team as they report on their trip.

THE NEXT VIP EVENT WILL BE DINNER AND LOCAL HISTORY IN PICTURES on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$5 per person and the deadline to register is this Thursday, September 7. Please register at lmpc.org/vip or by sending your check to the LMPC church office.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS, for those who are interested in joining LMPC or learning more about what we believe, is scheduled for September 29-October 1. For more information and to sign up, email julie@lmpc.org or call 423-424-5973 by Friday, September 15.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A MASS CHOIR during the Kristyn and Keith Getty concert on Saturday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium, or register your child (ages 4-10) for a workshop with Kristyn Getty on the same day, please contact Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org. The registration deadline for the adult choir is as soon as possible, and for the children's workshop it is Sunday, September 17. More information on both opportunities can be found in the choir room.

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

SERMON NOTES

“The King and His Kingdom Come Near”

Mark 1:14-20

1. What does it mean that the Kingdom is at hand? (vv. 14-15a)
Jesus is announcing:
 - the advancement of God’s rule “on earth as it is in heaven” in both individual hearts and this world, despite intense opposition for the present.
 - the beginning of the renewal of God’s creation, looking forward to the day when he will rule his Kingdom in glorious triumph with no opposition.

2. How are we to respond when the Kingdom comes near?
 - We are to repent and believe the good news. (v. 15b)

3. What happens when the King calls us?
Our lives are:
 - rightly interrupted. (vv. 17, 20)
 - profoundly redirected. (vv. 17-20)
 - purposely redefined. (v. 17)

BIG IDEA: Life changes completely when the King and the Kingdom are at hand.



Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**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 (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 3

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.	Sunday School for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with Communion	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer <i>Missions report from Ruth and Pete Mitchell</i>	<i>sanctuary</i>

For more events this week, visit 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.

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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.