



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24, 2017 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Introit

“Sing to the Lord a New Song”
Kara Funke

Covenant Singers

Sing a new song to the Lord.
All earth sing praise to the Lord. Alleluia!
Proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory to worlds far away.
Great is the Lord and greatly we praise.
Singing his glory our voices we raise.
words from Psalm 96

* Call to worship

Psalm 96:1-4a

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

* Hymn of praise 53, vv. 1, 2, 5

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Luke 18:10-14

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: “God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.” But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer of confession “Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy)”
Becki Slagle Mayo

Kyrie, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
When I feel afraid, when I'm all alone,
when I've lost my way, bring me safely home.
Kyrie, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Timothy 1:15 and Psalm 6:9

Leader: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ
Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Thanks be to God.

**All: The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer.
 Thanks be to God.**

* Hymn of assurance

“O Jehovah, Hear My Words”

Verse 1: Covenant Singers, Verses 2-4: Covenant Singers and Congregation

O Jehovah, hear my words; to my thoughts attentive be.
Hear my cry, my King, my God, for I make my prayer to thee.
With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice and cry;
in the morn my prayer arrange and keep constant watch will I.

Truly thou art not a God that in sin doth take delight;
evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud stand in thy sight.
Evildoers thou dost hate; liars thou wilt bring to naught.
God abhors the man who loves deed of blood or lying thought.

But in thine abundant grace to thy house will I repair;
looking to thy holy place, in thy fear I'll worship there.
Since, O Lord, mine enemies for my soul do lie in wait,
lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way before me straight.

But let all that trust thy care ever glad and joyful be;
let them joy who love thy name, for they guarded are by thee.
And a blessing rich, O Lord, to the righteous thou wilt yield;
thou wilt compass him about with thy favor as a shield.

words from Psalm 5; ABERYSWYTH

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

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Dan Forrest

(Words for meditation may be found in the Trinity Hymnal, #642.)

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Mark 2:1-12**

Stephanie Wharton (9:30)

p. 1553 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Bill Davis (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 Change the King Brings”

Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 119**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Charles Wesley

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Hannah Bleasdale – cello

Joy Gibbons – piano

Usher captains for this week:

Warren Cole – 9:30

Charley Stephens – 11:00

Covenant Singers

Mary Grace Donaldson
Sarah Husky
Hallie Blair Quatro
Laney Beckwith
Jane Metcalfe
Hannah Pratt
Hannah Pulliam

Marie Bowen
Milagro Guerra
Debra Patricia
Hope Rodgers
Jasmine Brandt
Hope Merrill
Gracie Woodrow

We welcome the Covenant Singers today to our sanctuary worship services. They are under the direction of Kara Funke, with Joy Gibbons, accompanist.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Martha Kent on the occasion of her birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kent, Dr. and Mrs. Craig Kent, Mr. and Mrs. David Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Kent, and their families.

The rosebuds in the fellowship hall today are for the births of Grigsby Lee Hildebrand, born to Ellie and Jay Hildebrand, and Thaddeus Edward Stevens, born to Sarah and James Stevens, both on September 7.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US ON OUR DAY OF PRAYER this Wednesday, September 27. We will hold three different prayer gatherings in the LMPC chapel that day: 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to gather as a community to pray together.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS HAVE BEGUN. You can return your ballot to the church office, or you can complete your ballot online at lmpc.org/nominations. As a member, participating in officer nominations and elections is one of the most important ways that you can support the work of LMPC. The deadline for nominations this year is Sunday, October 1.

CALLING ALL RINGERS! Seasonal handbells will begin rehearsals on Monday, October 9. We will meet weekly in the choir room from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to prepare for upcoming sanctuary services. Interested ringers who read music: sign up before October 1 by emailing joy@lmpc.org.

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

Mark 2:1-12

¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." He said to the paralytic, ¹¹"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹²He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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.

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 (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 24

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>
4:00 p.m.	First middle school small groups	<i>various homes</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer <i>with report from Daniel Watts, Every Generation Ministries</i>	<i>chapel</i>

*Nursery is available at all morning services.
For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.*

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.