



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 1, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

taken from Ephesians 1

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

All: In him we were also chosen, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

* Hymn of praise

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
'til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!
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* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith in Christ alone (Solus Christus):

Leader: We praise you for the cry of the Reformation and affirm that
salvation is found in Christ alone. In your Word, you tell us:
"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under
heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

**All: "There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the
man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men."
(1 Timothy 2:5-6a)**

Leader: "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and
through him to reconcile to himself all things . . . by making peace
through his blood, shed on the cross." (Colossians 1:19-20)

**All: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes
to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)**

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

Offertory hymn "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

continued

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.
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* **Scripture reading from Mark 2:13-17**
text printed in the bulletin

Margot Kapic (9:30)
Merrile Stroud (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Expanding the Kingdom through Extravagant Grace"
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 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

words by Augustus Toplady, 1776

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

John 3:16-17

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

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow.
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

words by William Williams, 1745

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

continued

Refrain: Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
Refrain

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

Refrain
words by Will L. Thompson, 1880

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of praise** “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus, what a friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
words by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

* **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*

Musicians for this week:

Xaris Emmett – violin

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Meredith Lee – cello

Hannah Lutz – viola

Elena Sneller – vocalist

Bob Wharton – piano

Catherine Wiggins – vocalist

Usher captains for this week:

Matthew Smisson – 9:30

Ron Thomas – 11:00

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Blair Caroline Gillison, born to Stephanie and Steve Gillison on September 21.

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION, we affirm our belief in five foundational truths of the Christian faith, often called the “five solas.” “Sola” is the Latin word for “alone” or “only.” These five principles serve as theological pillars of the Christian faith:

- Sola Scriptura, or by Scripture alone
- Sola Fide, or through faith alone
- Sola Gratia, or by grace alone
- Solus Christus, or by Christ alone
- Soli Deo Gloria, or for the glory of God alone

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 2:13-17

¹³Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

SERMON NOTES

“Expanding the Kingdom through Extravagant Grace”

Mark 2:13-17

The King expands his Kingdom through:

1. sovereignly calling those whom we would least expect. (vv. 13-14)
2. relationally engaging with those who *seem* farthest away. (vv. 15-16)
3. clearly diagnosing the hearts of those who *think* they are the closest. (vv. 16-17)

“Jesus is more pleased with our faults mixed with repentance than our virtues tainted with pride.” *Unknown*



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEXT GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE! You can easily give any amount to LMPC via your phone. Just text "LMPC" along with the amount you want to give, to 73256. Please note: the church will incur a 3% fee with each credit card gift, so please consider covering that fee in addition to your gift. If you have any questions, please contact David Fowler in the church office. For more ways to give, visit lmpc.org/give.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS ARE DUE TODAY. It's not too late to participate! You can return your ballot to the offering plate or church office, or you can complete your ballot online at lmpc.org/nominations.

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

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, October 1

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>
4:15 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<i>various homes</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer <i>with Missionary Prayer and report from Lucas Mininger, Jr.</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.