



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 29, 2017 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | *Reformation Sunday*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Jared Huffman, associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Leader: Be still and know that he is God; he will be exalted among the nations, he will be exalted in the earth.

All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

* Hymn of praise

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

words by Martin Luther, 1529

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation that God alone is worthy of all glory (Soli Deo Gloria):

Leader: Holy God, we praise you for the cry of the Reformation and affirm that you alone are worthy of all glory. Therefore, people of God, what is the chief end of man?

All: Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever. This is our all-consuming purpose. Our every activity is to be sanctified to the glory of God alone. (based on the Westminster Shorter Catechism, question one)

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. In him we have been chosen, in order that we might be for the praise of his glory. (based on Ephesians 1)

All: To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and power forever and ever! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. (Revelation 5:13; Romans 11:36)

Call to confession

taken from Isaiah 30

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

Hymn of confession

“To Thee I Come”

To thee I come a sinner poor and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me.
To thee I come a sinner weak and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner vile upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me.
To thee I come a sinner great and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee, O God be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner lost nor have I aught wherein to trust
but where thou art, Lord, I would be, O God be merciful to me.
To glory bring me Lord at last and there when all my sins are passed;
with all the saints I'll then agree, O God was merciful to me!
O God was merciful to me!

words by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Therefore, be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.

* Hymn of assurance

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

words by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

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

Offertory hymn

“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

* Scripture reading from Mark 3:20-35

text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (9:30)

Jonathan Scott (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Who Is Jesus’ True Family?”

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too;
human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Soul then know thy full salvation, rise o’er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father’s smiles are thine!
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heav’n, cans’t thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav’n’s eternal days before me, God’s own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days,
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

words by Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833

* **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:

David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Meredith Lee – cello
Hannah Lutz – viola

Salley Kate Pierce – piano
Catherine Wiggins – vocalist

Usher captains for this week:

Rob Parker – 9:30

Ron Thomas – 11:00

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MOTION PRESENTED BY THE LMPC PULPIT COMMITTEE at the five congregational meetings on October 22 passed with over 98% of the vote being “yes.” As part of the next step in the process, the Presbytery will vote on the new calls for Pastors Novenson and Salter at a future meeting. To find out more about the process, visit lmpc.org/pastoral-succession.

TONIGHT AT 6:00 P.M. WE WILL GATHER AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH for a combined Tennessee Valley Presbytery service to recognize the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Dr. Hans Madueme, Professor of Biblical Studies at Covenant College, will be preaching.

THE NEXT VIP EVENT will be a “Patriotic Sing-along and Salute to Our Veterans” on Tuesday, November 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at LMPC. A delicious luncheon will be served before beginning our program. You can register by this Friday, November 3, at lmpc.org/vip or by sending your check to the LMPC church office.

WILL YOU BE FACING THE HOLIDAYS after a separation or divorce, and wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? We will be holding a “Surviving the Holidays” seminar on Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. If you are interested, please contact Leon Sulser at leonsulser@gmail.com.

HELP US PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING 2018 BUDGET YEAR with a strong launch on Sunday, November 12. Members should receive a brochure in the mail this week. We encourage you to begin sending in your personal giving plans online at lmpc.org/giving-2018. Visit lmpc.org/give for more information on the 2018 budget.

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, ALL FIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERS from our Home Missions program will be visiting and speaking in all five services and adult Sunday School classes. Be on the lookout next week for a full speaking schedule.

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

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²²And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." ²³So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. ²⁸I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. ²⁹But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." ³⁰He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

³¹Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.

³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." ³³"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. ³⁴Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

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

SERMON NOTES

“Who Is Jesus’ True Family?”

Mark 3:20-35

1. The accusation of Jesus’ natural family: he is out of his mind! (vv. 20-21)
 - Responding action: control him

2. The accusation of Jesus’ religious family: he is possessed! (vv. 22-30)
 - Responding action: avoid him

3. The allegiance of Jesus’ true family: they listen to him and obey him. (vv. 31-35)



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed for Hedgehog Grove on Friday, November 10 from 5:15- 9:00 p.m. Hedgehog Grove is a ministry that provides an evening of fun and care for children with special needs and their siblings. If you are interested in preparing food dishes or serving as a buddy to a child with special needs or their sibling, please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.

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 29

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| 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> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Prayer meeting with elders <i>all are welcome to bring prayer needs</i> | <i>Joe Novenson's office</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship service | <i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. | Membership Sunday | <i>fellowship hall</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. | TVP Reformation Service | <i>Covenant Presbyterian Church</i> |
| 7:30 p.m. | High school youth group | <i>JHYB</i> |

Nursery is available at all morning services.

Children of any age are welcome to participate in worship services. Crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon are available in the fellowship hall lobby.

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.