



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 19, 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

based on Psalms 33 and 103

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD! Sing to him a new song. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

All: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

Leader: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

All: For he spoke and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.
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Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.
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Angels help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
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words by Henry Lyte, 1834

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

taken from Romans 13 and Acts 3

The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Repent, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from 1 Timothy 1 and 1 Peter 2

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

*** Hymn of assurance** "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever living One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
words by Lidie Edmunds, 1891

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

Offertory hymn

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men;
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

words by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150

Membership vows

* Scripture reading from Mark 4:26-34

text printed in the bulletin

Nancy Huffman (9:30)

Sarah Risley (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 Kingdom Starts Small but Ultimately Triumphs over All”

Brian Salter, associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.

Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.

All creation holds together by the power of your voice.

Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

Refrain: You're the Author of creation;
you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*
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* **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:

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola

Salley Kate Pierce – piano
Emmie Thompson – vocalist
Catherine Wiggins – vocalist

Today we welcome our new interim organist in the sanctuary,
Ethan McGrath. Please extend a hearty welcome to Ethan.

Usher captains for this week:

Matthew Smisson – 9:30

Sam Bicking – 11:00

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Josiah Ezekiel Anderson, born to Rachel and Hans Anderson on November 8.

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Strotman Stephen Sceggel, born to Allie and Tim Sceggel on November 14.

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.
²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." ³⁰Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. ³²Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." ³³With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

NEW MEMBERS JOINING LMPC TODAY

Louise and Jason Cha
Amy and David Fowler
Marijke Griffin
Marni and Steve Halvorson
Erin and Jeff Humphries
Forrest Hunter
Margaret and Richard Luken

Lisa Phillips and Anthony Weaver
Ben Ray
Sarah and Wes Robbins
Matt Schroeder
Melanie Terpstra
Kaitlyn Winking

SERMON NOTES

“The Kingdom Starts Small but Ultimately Triumphs over All”

Mark 4:26-34

The growth of God’s small kingdom seed is:

1. often unrecognizable. (vv. 26-27, 30-31)
2. powerfully advancing. (vv. 28, 32a)
3. ultimately unstoppable. (vv. 29, 32b-34)

BIG IDEA: Don’t underestimate that which God activates! His Kingdom is like the growth of a small seed, often unrecognizable at first, yet powerfully advancing and ultimately unstoppable.



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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP US PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING 2018 BUDGET YEAR. We encourage you to send in your personal giving plans in person or online at lmpc.org/giving-2018. Visit lmpc.org/give for more information on the 2018 budget.

JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE which will be hosted by Church of the First Born, 3418 St. Elmo Ave, this Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. Pastors from LMPC, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain United Methodist Church, and Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church will be participating. The offering taken this year will go to Widows Harvest, strategic ministry partner of LMPC.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LOVE LOOKOUT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION at Caldwell Commons (the park across the street from the Commons) on Friday, December 1, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will light the tree, listen to live music, and enjoy refreshments with friends and neighbors.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR IS OPEN to all interested singers, middle school-age and up. Rehearsals will be on Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17 at 8:15 a.m. and Wednesdays, December 13 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. We ask that you attend at least two rehearsals, and you can sign up to sing at one, two, or all three Christmas Eve services. Please contact Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org if you are interested.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE THIRD ANNUAL LMPC CHRISTMAS HYMN SING on Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us as we celebrate the incarnation through the singing of hymns, listening to vocal and instrumental ensembles, and the reading of God's Word. Following the service, hors d'oeuvres will be served and we will enjoy the season together. Nursery is provided.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY NIGHT ON DECEMBER 6 as we host our friends from Hope for the Inner City! We'll enjoy pizza, hear more from our ministry partners, play bingo (winning prizes for the Christmas Store), and finish packing the trucks with items from the toy collection.

MEN OF LMPC: REGISTER NOW for the Mountain Men Retreat, February 23-25, 2018 at Guntersville State Park in Guntersville, Al. The keynote speaker will be Rankin Wilbourne of Pacific Crossroads Church in Los Angeles. The deadline to register is December 15. For more information and to register, visit lmpc.org/men.

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

WORLD MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: UK PARTNERSHIP



The UK Partnership exists to connect PCA churches with Reformed churches and church planting initiatives in England and Scotland. They hope to raise \$1,000,000 for UK church Planting efforts over a 10-year period. Now, halfway through that 10-year period, they have raised over \$700,000.

The UK Partnership is unique in that there are no dues or staff. U.S. churches are given the opportunity to meet the church planters from the UK, learn more about their work, and invest if they are interested. Currently, nine churches and two organizations are participating.

LMPC is privileged to partner with Ralph Cunnington at City Church Manchester and Jonty Rhodes at Christ Church Central Leeds. Frank and Mary Vassar Hitchings, Brian Salter, and World Missions Chairman Marc Erickson were able to travel to the UK to meet with Ralph, Jonty, and other UK church planters for nearly 10 days during the 2017 partnership meeting.

HOME MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY: HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY CHRISTMAS STORE

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys at LMPC beginning today through Wednesday evening, December 6, for Hope for the Inner City's Christmas Store. You can find a list of suggested gifts on our website, and you can drop off your donation at children's classroom E-204 (located near the courtyard entrance to the sanctuary). For other opportunities with our home missions strategic partners, you can pick up a volunteer guide in the sanctuary narthex or fellowship hall lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Young in the missions office.

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, November 19

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>
4:15 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with Communion	<i>chapel</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.