



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 19, 2017 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from John 3 and Lamentations 3

For 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. Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

### \* Hymn of assurance 32

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

#### Offertory

"Celtic Laud"

Chancel Choir

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat,  
for bread and for wine the gift of your feast,  
the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees,  
for coal in the fire, your Spirit in me,  
the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,  
for every new birth, for grace and for life,  
the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

*words by Pamela Martin and music by Craig Courtney*

### \* Doxology 731

### \* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

#### Membership vows

### \* Scripture reading from Mark 4:26-34

*p. 1558 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Laura Stephens (9:30)  
Andrew Mutter (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word



**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.

### **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

### Mark 4:26-34

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

## 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..



## **SERMON NOTES**

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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](http://lmpc.org/giving-2018). Visit [lmpc.org/give](http://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](mailto: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](http://lmpc.org/men).

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://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!

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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

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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:

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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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 narthex and at the front of the sanctuary.

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://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.*

## CONTACT US

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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.

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.