



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 25, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack in front of you to share important information with us; an online form is available by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you **silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship** so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God.*

CHILDCARE: *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to the crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon that are provided for children each week.*

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

Sonata No. 1, II. Adagio
Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

Introit

"Joyfully Sing!"

Women's Ensemble

Joyfully sing alleluia, glory in the highest,
praising the name of God above, glory in the highest.
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now gladly sing unto our God.
text and music by Linda Steen Spevacek, 1990

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

* Hymn of praise 302

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

* Prayer of adoration

* Affirmation of faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles’ Creed was so named because it summarized what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus’ name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: “quick” instead of “living” and “catholic” instead of “universal.” Also, when we say that Christ “descended into hell,” we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, as we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Hymn of confession

“I Plead for Grace”

Ensemble: I plead for grace, O God of steadfast love;
by your great mercy, all my sin remove.
Deeply ashamed for spurning you alone,
I stand condemned before your holy throne.

Though you want truth and purity within,
I am unclean, conceived with inborn sin.
Purge me with blood, and wash me white as snow.
Hide my transgressions; heal my broken soul.

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Create in me a spotless heart, I pray.
Take not your Spirit! Cast me not away!
Restore to me salvation's joy anew;
then I will teach the lost to turn to you.

**All: Save me, O God—with blood my hands are stained!
Open my lips to praise your righteous name.
Though you reject a thoughtless sacrifice,
my broken, contrite heart you'll not despise.**

**Lord, in your goodness, build up Zion's walls.
Let not my sin tear down your glorious cause.
May you delight in ev'ry sacrifice,
offered by sinners you have purified.**

**God can be just, and sinners justify,
for Jesus bled God's wrath to satisfy.
My sins the spikes that nailed Christ to the tree—
God's love and justice there for all to see.**

text by Joseph Tyrpak; music by Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

* Hymn of assurance

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

There's a welcome for the sinner and his grace flows like a flood;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.

text by Frederick W. Faber, 1862; music by John Stainer, 1887, WYCLIFF

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

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

Women's Ensemble

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.
text by John Newton, 1779; traditional American melody, arr. Thomas Quigley, 2022

* **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.**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 9:25-10:11**
p. 182 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Dan Wykoff (9:30)
Jen Schaefer (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Mercy for Rebellious People"
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 598**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

Toccata on "Amazing Grace"
J. Christopher Pardini

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

Celebrating the baptism of Albert Layne Bosshardt at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Mary and Jonathan Bosshardt, and his grandparents, Cynthia and James Gillis Sr. and Elaine and David Bosshardt.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The high school youth Uganda team will share a report from their recent trip.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME Brennan Griffin, who officially joined us this week as LMPC's new Director of Children's Ministry. She has spent the last 20 years teaching in Walker County at Fairyland Elementary School.

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE at lmpc.org! Take a look around and check out the new and improved features.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND: If you are a mom of young kids or simply desire casual fellowship with other LMPC women, join us on the LMPC playground on July 7 for fun and conversation from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. We'll have popsicles for the kids and coffee/cold drinks for the adults! No registration required.

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS, hosted in individual homes in our community on July 13. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please register on Realm Connect.

VIPS, CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY with Wacky Bingo in the fellowship hall on July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy bingo, a boxed dinner, and lots of wild and wacky prizes! Please register on Realm Connect by July 14; cost is \$6. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

IF YOU ARE AN ADULT WHO WANTS TO JOIN the church, or you would like to learn about what we believe, mark your calendar for the Intro to LMPC class on August 19 and 20. Please register on Realm Connect by August 4. If you are not yet on Realm Connect, access registration by clicking the link on the event page: lmpc.org/intro-to-lmpc.

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

Deuteronomy 9:25-10:11

²⁵“So I lay prostrate before the LORD for these forty days and forty nights, because the LORD had said he would destroy you. ²⁶And I prayed to the LORD, ‘O Lord GOD, do not destroy your people and your heritage, whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²⁷Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not regard the stubbornness of this people, or their wickedness or their sin, ²⁸lest the land from which you brought us say, “Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land that he promised them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to put them to death in the wilderness.” ²⁹For they are your people and your heritage, whom you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm.’

¹“At that time the LORD said to me, ‘Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain and make an ark of wood. ²And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.’ ³So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. ⁴And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me. ⁵Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark that I had made. And there they are, as the LORD commanded me.”

⁶(The people of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And his son Eleazar ministered as priest in his place. ⁷From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land with brooks of water. ⁸At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD to stand before the LORD to minister to him and to bless in his name, to this day. ⁹Therefore Levi has no portion or inheritance with his brothers. The LORD is his inheritance, as the LORD your God said to him.)

¹⁰“I myself stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD listened to me that time also. The LORD was unwilling to destroy you. ¹¹And the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.’”

SERMON NOTES

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 25

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
4:00 p.m.	Middle school Bible study.....	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with Uganda team report.....	fellowship hall
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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For additional help with Realm Connect, or to request an account, email Katie Holstege at katie@lmpc.org.

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. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



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 all morning services and in the evening on the third Sunday of every month. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.