



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 9, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Joseph Wingfield, ruling elder

* **Call to worship**

from Psalm 102 and 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

All: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion, he satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: In the beginning he laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of his hands. They will perish, but he will remain the same, and his years will never end. The children of his servants will live in his presence; their descendants will be established before him.

All: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

* **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.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

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.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

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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text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Responsive prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

All: We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us.

adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, Morning and Evening Prayer

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

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 we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

* 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 everliving 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 written 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*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831

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

Offertory hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music from traditional English melody, O WALLY WALLY

Sacrament of baptism

Catherine and Zach Plating bringing Roger Hankins Plating

*** Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 11:1-21**

David Fowler

¹"You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. ²And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, ³his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land, ⁴and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day, ⁵and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place, ⁶and what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel. ⁷For your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did.

⁸“You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess, ⁹and that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰For the land that you are entering to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and irrigated it, like a garden of vegetables. ¹¹But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, ¹²a land that the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. ¹³And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹⁴he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. ¹⁵And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. ¹⁶Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them; ¹⁷then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will perish quickly off the good land that the LORD is giving you.

¹⁸“You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ²⁰You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Loving Obedience to God”
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Loving the Lord involves:

1. the present generation clearly accepting the responsibility of obedience. (vv. 1-7)
2. all generations soberly acknowledging the blessing of obedience and curse of idolatry. (vv. 8-17, 22-32)
3. the next generation constantly receiving the Lord’s instruction. (vv. 18-21)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** “Come, People of the Risen King”

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev’ry tongue rejoice!
 One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev’ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all.” *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**

Musicians for this week:

Ismael Bartolome – violin

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Perry – vocals

Mark Perry – vocals

Kara Riley – piano

Christley Vaughn – vocals

Chapman Whitted – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of Roger Hankins Plating at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Catherine and Zach Plating, and his grandparents, Mary Vassar and Frank Hitchings and Paula and John Plating.

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Scottie Phog Woodruff, born to Hope and Zach Woodruff on June 28.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR A MINISTRY FAIR to be held on Sunday, August 13, for the purpose of learning about opportunities to serve and connecting with those already serving. Visit lmpc.org/ministry-fair for more information.

WE NEED TEACHERS AND HELPERS to serve in children's ministry on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. No teaching experience is necessary—just a desire to nurture, love, and grow in grace with the children here at LMPC. Please contact Brennan Griffin at brennan@lmpc.org if you are interested in volunteering with our children's ministry team, and she will coordinate your training and screening process.

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS, hosted in individual homes in our community on July 13. 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 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, register 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.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT needs substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Contact MDO Director Megan DeMoss, megan@lmpc.org, for more information.

MISSIONS NEED: Gently-used twin mattresses and dressers are needed by an attendee of LMPC. If you have one to donate, please contact Stephanie Young, Missions Coordinator, at stephanie@lmpc.org.

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