



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 6, 2023 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. 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

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Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

\* Call to worship

from Psalm 107

**Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

**All:** **Let us give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds. Let us exalt him in the assembly of the people. Let the wise heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD.**

\* Hymn of praise

“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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**\* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

**Offertory hymn**                      "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me in his light,  
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;  
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;  
whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,  
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,  
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;  
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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**\* Scripture reading from Luke 11:29-36**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Marianne Stern (9:30)

Ed Salter (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 Sign of Jonah"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

### Pastoral prayer

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.*

### Hymn of confession

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

*Refrain:* Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*  
text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by DH, 2012

### Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 1 John 4 and 1 Peter 2

Leader: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his  
Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

All: **For 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.**

### Words of institution

## Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

**All: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.**

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

**All: We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

## Prayer of consecration

### Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

### "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

*continued*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*  
*text by Thomas O. Crisholm, 1923; music by DH, 2023*

“I Have a Shelter”

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me.  
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.  
O Jesus, I will hide in you, my place of peace and solace.  
No trial is deeper than your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me.  
Though justice charges me with guilt, your grace will not refuse me.  
O Jesus, I will hide in you, who bore my condemnation.  
I find my refuge in your wounds, for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me.  
For in my weakness, I have learned your strength will not forsake me.  
O Jesus, I will hide in you, the one who bears my burdens.  
With faithful hands that cannot fail you'll bring me home to heaven.  
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\* **Prayer of thanksgiving**

\* **Hymn of praise**                      “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood;  
upheld, protected, gathered up.

*Refrain:* We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
“He has done great things,” we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, O how long?  
O God of Jacob be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom. *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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Ellie Henry** – vocals

**Maddie Lee** – piano

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Sam Miller** – violin

**Christley Vaughn** – vocals

## Luke 11:29-36

<sup>29</sup>When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. <sup>30</sup>For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. <sup>32</sup>The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

<sup>33</sup>“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>34</sup>Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup>Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. <sup>36</sup>If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.”

### SERMON SERIES: LUKE

*We return to the sermon series in Luke we began in August 2021, resuming in chapter 11, verse 29.*

Luke begins his Gospel with an explicit purpose statement: he wants his friend Theophilus “to have certainty concerning the things you have been taught” (Luke 1:4) about Jesus and, “the things that have been accomplished among us” (Luke 1:1). To provide that certainty, Luke wrote an “orderly account” about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus based upon eyewitness testimony.

Like a good investigative reporter, Luke tracks down the full Gospel story of Jesus and his mission to seek and save the lost. Through these stories, we learn of God’s plan of salvation for all, Jew and Gentile alike, as accomplished in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We learn what a follower of Jesus is called to be, how we are called to proclaim the good news of Jesus, and how we are called to live in a world hostile to that proclamation. We learn, too, of God’s heart for the outcast, and the welcome all sinners can expect when they run home to God.



## **SERMON NOTES**

“The Sign of Jonah”

*Luke 11:29-36*

### **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: VISION OF MERCY**

Vision of Mercy provides services to the homeless community in the greater area of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They serve individuals who are displaced from their families, homes, and society while assisting them every day with essential needs. In different seasons, Vision of Mercy provides hot meals, food bags, toiletries, sleeping bags and tents, and blankets. While distributing, they are able to pray and connect with a multitude of homeless communities to better understand their needs. Vision of Mercy has regular opportunities for LMPC members to serve within their ministry. Please visit the Ministry Fair on Sunday, August 13, for more information.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION** is open through August 31; don't miss out! Learn more at [lmpc.org/family-camp](http://lmpc.org/family-camp).

**THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED** all day on Wednesday, August 9 so the entire staff may attend safety and personnel training off site.

**SUPPORTED HOME MISSIONS PARTNER, VISION OF MERCY**, will host a community feeding event on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Miller Park. Volunteer opportunities are available on both Friday and Saturday and include packing food bags, setting up, and interacting with guests. Please contact Missions Director Stephanie Young at [stephanie@lmpc.org](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org) to help.

**NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, WE WILL KICK OFF THE MINISTRY YEAR** with Sunday School beginning for children and youth at 11:00 a.m. and the Ministry Fair for adults. Renew your service this fall and find a ministry where you can use your gifts to serve the Lord. Chat with those already serving and learn what opportunity is right for you, while enjoying breakfast fare! Drop in on the Ministry Fair in the Conference and Reception Rooms during either hour. We recommend you download the Realm Connect app on your phone and log in. Sunday School for adults will resume on August 20.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to a service of installation for John Mark Scruggs, our new pastor of congregational care, on Sunday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following this service, we will enjoy cookies together as we celebrate with the Scruggs family. Nursery will be provided.

**THE ANNUAL VIP MOVIE NIGHT** will be held on Tuesday, August 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please register on Realm Connect by August 13 and submit your payment of \$5.

**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 Friday, August 18 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

**SUPPORT GROUPS RESUME THIS FALL.** If you are grieving, find comfort and support at *GriefShare*, which will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays beginning on August 18. Register on Realm Connect for \$20, which includes the workbook. *Care for the Caregiver* will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, beginning August 22. No registration is required. For more info, visit [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups).

**OUR WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FALL KICKOFF** will be held on on Sunday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m. Come gather for an evening of fellowship, food, and worship as we prepare for a year of growth together. No registration required; cost is \$10.

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, August 6*

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| 9:30 a.m.  | Worship service with communion.....                   | <i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Elders available to pray for your needs .....         | <i>Brian Salter's office</i>           |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship service with communion.....                   | <i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i> |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer ..... | <i>chapel</i>                          |

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

### JOIN US ON REALM CONNECT:

Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. In anticipation of our Ministry Fair, everyone will need their own Realm Connect account. Request one today by visiting [lmpc.org/realm](http://lmpc.org/realm).

### 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.