



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 6, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

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**

Marianne Stern

²⁹When 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. ³⁰For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹The 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. ³²The 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.

³³“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. ³⁴Your 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. ³⁵Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. ³⁶If 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.”

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

The Word of God is sufficient to lead us to:

1. repentance and faith. (vv. 29-32)
2. examination and reflection. (vv. 33-36)

Pastoral prayer

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This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God’s people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord’s Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Ellie Henry – vocals

Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

Christley Vaughn – vocals

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION is open through August 31; don't miss out! Learn more at 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 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.

OUR WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FALL KICKOFF will be held 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.

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.

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.