



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* **Call to worship**

from Psalm 103

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

All: He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

All: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* **Hymn of praise**

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

* **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.

Prayer of confession

from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

All: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 1 John 4

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

* Hymn of assurance

"His Mercy Is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

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

Offertory hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

Sacrament of baptism

Laura and William Probasco bringing Laura Rowland Probasco

*** Scripture reading from Luke 12:1-12**

David Fowler

¹In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ²Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ³Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

⁴"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. ⁸And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, ⁹but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Keeping the End in View"

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Jesus calls his disciples to keep the end in view so that we will:

1. beware of hiding, knowing all will be revealed. (vv. 1-3)
2. fear the One you don't have to be afraid of. (vv. 4-12)
 - He rules, cares, forgives, and provides.

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess,
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *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:

Xaris Emmett – violin
Calvin Garriott – piano
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – guitar
Katie Mindeman – vocals
Matthew Mindeman – vocals
Hannah Perry – vocals

Celebrating the baptism of Laura ("Lollie") Rowland Probasco in the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Laura and William Probasco, and her grandparents, Sheri and Jeff Carmichael and Alexis and Scott Probasco.

Celebrating the baptism of Noah Tyre Chafin at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Ashleigh and Chris Chafin, and his grandparents, Cindy and Daniel Glecier and Wanda and Samuel Chafin.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME Nathan Connor, LMPC's new Co-Director of Middle School Ministry. Nathan participated in youth group at LMPC as a high school student and has been a volunteer leader with our middle school ministry for the past two years. He is in his final year at UTC, studying exercise science. Nathan joined the LMPC staff part-time starting on August 9, and will transition to full-time in May 2024.

TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING, join us for a communion service in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. We will continue our series in 2 Timothy. Nursery will be provided. To see the Sunday Evening Gathering schedule, please visit lmpc.org/sundaynight.

OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG COLLECTION continues through September 3. Pick up a list and reusable grocery bag from the fellowship hall lobby and help us fill the Salvation Army's food pantry. Assemble one (or more!) food bags using the list attached to the bag and drop off filled bags on Sunday mornings under the porte-cochere.

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

CELEBRATE THE START OF OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ministries with our first fellowship dinner of the fall at The Commons on August 30 at 5:30 p.m. We will enjoy BBQ pork and other picnic foods. Costs are \$6 for teens/adults, \$4 for elementary-age, and free for ages 5 and under. All other Wednesday night activities resume September 6; learn more at lmpc.org/wednesday.

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION is open through August 31; don't miss out! Learn more at lmpc.org/family-camp.

WOMEN, JOIN A BIBLE STUDY this fall and study God's Word together. Find a day and time that works for you; see all studies at lmpc.org/groups.

THIS FALL, ATTEND A WEDNESDAY afternoon or evening study for adults beginning September 6. At 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, the topic is "History of the Church," taught by Addison Soltau. At 6:15 p.m. in the Upper Room, the topic is "The Epistle of Romans," taught by Jim Blankenship.

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

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE AT LMPC?

Find your next opportunity or build on the connections you made at the Ministry Fair to get involved in serving. Using the latest feature in Realm Connect you are now able to share your interest in serving, choosing from more than 70 opportunities from a variety of ministry areas. To access: open the app, tap MORE, and tap SERVING. From there, fill out your SERVING PROFILE by selecting skills and interests that apply to you. Next, browse OPPORTUNITIES by team to find a role, or search by the name. You'll see that the best matches to your skills and interests appear at the top of the list. Now you're connected to ministry area leaders who can contact you when an opportunity becomes available. Need help getting started? Request a Realm Connect account by visiting lmpc.org/realm, or contact onrealm@lmpc.org for more support.