LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 27, 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

Welcome and greetings Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

*** Call to worship** based on Psalm 66

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

All: Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on our behalf! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.

Leader: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping, and though he has led us through many trials, he has brought us to a place of abundance.

All: Come and listen, all you who fear God; and hear what he has done for us. We cried out to him and he has surely listened. Praise be to God, who has not rejected our prayers, or withheld his love from us!

*** Hymn of praise** "Rejoice in All Your Works"

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Refrain: O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. In love you predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring all things in heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

Call to confession based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hymn of confession "Jesus, I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of earth's sorrows and into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.
text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace based on 1 John 3 and Ephesians 2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

For because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

* **Hymn of assurance** "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825

Litany of dependence on God alone from Psalm 62

Leader: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation.

All: He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Leader: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation.

All: He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Leader: My salvation and my honor depend on God, he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.

All: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

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

Offertory hymn "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other; my soul is satisfied in him alone.

As summer flowers, we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by,
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light,
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *Refrain*

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Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
my value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. *Refrain*
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* **Scripture reading from Luke 12:13-34** Mary Kaufmann (9:30)
text printed in the bulletin Jim Richter (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "From Self-Dependence to God-Dependence"
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

* **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:

Isaiah Braddock – cello
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Hannah Perry – flute
Kara Riley – piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN, JOIN US TONIGHT FOR the Women's Discipleship Fall Kickoff at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for dinner, worship, and fellowship. 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.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, September 3, for the purpose of congregational consideration to call TE Chad Middlebrooks and TE Aaron Tolson as associate pastors.

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.

THE ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG COLLECTION ends Sunday, September 3. Please finish assembling your food bags using the list attached to the bag and drop off filled bags today or next Sunday under the porte-cochere.

THIS FALL, ATTEND A WEDNESDAY afternoon or evening study for adults. 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 to the Romans," taught by Jim Blankenship. Studies begin September 6.

COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING MORNING WORSHIP on September 10. Due to the Labor Day holiday, it has been moved from the first Sunday of the month.

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

Luke 12:13-34

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with
me.” 14 But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 And he said to
them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist
in the abundance of his possessions.” 16 And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich
man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to
store my crops?’ 18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones,
and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have
ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ 20 But God said to him, ‘Fool!
This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’
21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

22 And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what
you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the
body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither
storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!
25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 26 If then you
are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 27 Consider the
lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field
today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little
faith! 29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For
all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.
31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32 “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell
your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow
old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth
destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

SERMON NOTES

"From Self-Dependence to God-Dependence"
Luke 12:13-34

1. Jesus exposes the foolishness of self-sufficiency and self-indulgence. (vv. 13-21)

2. Jesus exhorts us to liberating dependence on our Father who has given us the Kingdom. (vv. 22-34)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 27

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	*sanctuary & fellowship hall*
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults	*Conference Room*
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	*Brian Salter's office*
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	*sanctuary & fellowship hall*
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children	*various locations*
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small group prep	*JHYB*
6:00 p.m.	Women's Discipleship Fall Kickoff	*fellowship hall*
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	*JHYB*

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

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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.