



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 3, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack in front of you to share important information with us; an online form is available by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin. 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

Prelude

*"Sleepers Wake!"
J. S. Bach*

Welcome and announcements

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 97

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

All: For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

*** Hymn of praise 101**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

James 1:23-26

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance 529

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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

Offertory

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Chancel Choir

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by John Wyeth, 1813, arr. James Mulholland, 1985, NETTLETON

* **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.**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Luke 12:35-48**

p. 1036 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Jennifer West (9:30)
Sarah Donaldson (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Ready and Waiting"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 320, vv. 1, 2, 4**

"Rejoice, All Ye Believers"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

Congregational meeting

* **Postlude**

Postlude on *"Lancashire"*
Michael Helman

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BUILD-A-BAG ENDS TODAY! Please drop off your bag under the porte-cochere for the Salvation Army food collection. Volunteers are needed to help load filled bags onto the truck on Wednesday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m.; email stephanie@lmpc.org to help.

VIP TRIVIA NIGHT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. Compete in teams, enjoy ice cream, and bring an umbrella to donate to Shepherd's Arms Rescue Mission. Please register on Realm Connect or in the church office by September 8; cost is \$5. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

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.

ALL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE FALL resume September 6, including youth groups and studies, children's choir and clubs, adult classes and studies, and fellowship dinner. See lmpc.org/groups for descriptions of events. Join us!

LMPC YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 23-40) are invited to the home of Mary and Wil Nettleton for a potluck dinner on Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share; the Nettletons will provide the meat. Kids are welcome! Please register on Realm Connect by Tuesday, September 12.

WOMEN'S FALL BOOK CLUBS will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. Choose a book and register for the corresponding location to eat and discuss together. See all options and register on Realm Connect by September 24.

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will be held in various homes on Thursday, September 28. Build friendships, laugh hard, and eat meat! Register on Realm Connect by September 20, and let us know if you are bringing a friend.

DO YOU KNIT? Join the Knitwits on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Dottie Brock's home. Currently, they are making baby packets for two inner-city clinics. For more information, email Dottie at dottiebrock65@gmail.com.

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

Luke 12:35-48

³⁵“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

⁴¹Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?” ⁴²And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? ⁴³Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁵But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.”

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

All members received an email inviting participation in the officer nomination process. Please visit lmpc.org/officers to not only submit your nominations but also see a list of those eligible to serve as officers, a video explanation, and answers to frequently asked questions. Submit nominations online OR call the church office at 423-821-4528 to request a paper ballot. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, September 24. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 3

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults.....	<i>Conference Room</i>
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	<i>Brian Salter's office</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	<i>various locations</i>
	No Sunday Evening Gathering	

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

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

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- Access our online church directory
- Update your contact and personal information, including photo
- Manage your church giving and pledging

Find more details on how to join and use Realm Connect at lmpc.org/realm.

For additional help with Realm Connect, or to request an account, email Katie Holstege at katie@lmpc.org.

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.*

CONTACT US

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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. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.