



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 10, 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 Isaiah 25

Leader: O LORD, you are our God; we will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

All: **You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.**

Leader: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

All: **The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. In that day we will say, "Surely, this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!"**

*** Hymn of praise**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; music traditional Welsh hymn melody, JOANNA

* 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

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight; Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*

*original text by Ada Habershon, 1906; alt. text and music by Matt Merker ©2013 Matthew Merker Music, ARP,
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* **Scripture reading from Luke 12:49-59**
text printed in the bulletin

Annie Reynolds (9:30)
Barbara Wingard (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Discerning the Times"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Colossians 1:19-22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: O the unspeakable mysteries and treasures of mercy that are presented to us in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper!

All: Here we have communion with God our Father who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Here we have communion with our blessed Redeemer, as crucified and glorified, and offered to us, as our quickening, preserving, strengthening Head.

Here we have communion with the Holy Spirit, applying to our souls the benefits of redemption, drawing us to the Son, communicating light, life, and strength from him unto us, and increasing his graces in us.

Here we have communion with the body of Christ, his sanctified people.

Leader: When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember the finished work of Christ, receive nourishment, and anticipate the glory to come.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
adapted from The Practical Works of Richard Baxter, vol. 10 and The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"I Boast No More"

No more, my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done.
I quit the hopes I held before, to trust the merits of thy Son.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

Now, for the loss, I bear his name; what was my gain I count my loss.
My former pride I call my shame and nail my glory to his cross.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

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Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake.
O may my soul be found in him and of his righteousness partake!
No more, my God, I boast no more.

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before thy throne;
but faith can answer thy demands by pleading what my Lord has done.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), music by Sandra McCracken, 2005

"My Savior Left His Throne Above"

My Savior left his throne above, exchanged his wealth for poverty.
He took my hate and gave his love; all this and more he did for me.
Because he chose the lowly way and bowed before his Father's will,
I can with all assurance say my God is near and loves me still,
my God is near and loves me still.

He felt the storms of human pain, he felt temptation's whelming seas.
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain; all this and more he felt for me.
Because he knows my ev'ry strife and is acquainted with my grief,
I can't be shaken in this life; the Friend of Sinners walks with me,
the Friend of Sinners walks with me.

He kept his Father's ev'ry word; the law he followed perfectly.
So all God's pleasure he secured; all this and more he earned for me.
Because his righteous life is mine and all his merits now I own,
I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known,
I am adopted, loved, and known.

When Jesus left his heav'nly home, his face was set on Calvary.
The steepest hill he climbed alone; all this and more he did for me.
Because he died once for all time and bore the curse of death and hell,
final forgiveness here is mine; so it is finished, all is well,
yes, it is finished, all is well.

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* Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of praise

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge: the Lamb who is my righteousness,
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace,
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;
and when he calls me it will be paradise, his face forever to behold,
his face forever to behold.

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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:

Carson Culbertson – guitar
Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Hannah Perry – vocals

Luke 12:49-59

⁴⁹“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

⁵⁷“And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. ⁵⁹I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.”

SERMON NOTES
"Discerning the Times"
Luke 12:49-59

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING, we will have a time of prayer devoted to the missionaries supported by LMPC. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's Build-a-Bag collection for the Salvation Army. We collected a total of 285 bags for their area food pantry!

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.

AARON TOLSON AND CHAD MIDDLEBROOKS will be installed as our new associate pastors during the Sunday Evening Gathering communion service on September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be provided.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24. 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. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.

STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNICATION AND GROW YOUR RELATIONSHIP! Couples, come to The Marriage Course, held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for seven weeks, beginning September 26. The cost is \$50 and dessert is provided. You and your spouse will be seated at a table to discuss the video course only with each other. Even a great marriage can be better. Register on Realm Connect by Sunday, September 24.

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! Please register on Realm Connect by September 20, and let us know if you are bringing a friend.

IN RESPONSE TO THE DEVASTATING FIRES in Lahaina, Maui, the Home Missions Committee has made a donation to disaster response efforts to assist with relief. For more information, please visit pcamna.org/maui-fires.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 10

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<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 with communion.....	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

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

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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.

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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.