



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24, 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

*"E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"
Paul Manz, arr. Philip Brunelle*

Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 145

Leader: We will exalt our God the King; we will praise his name for ever and ever.

All: **The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures through all generations. The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

All: **Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

*** Hymn of praise 447, vv. 1, 3, 4**

"Christ for the World We Sing"

*** Prayer of adoration**

Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Katherine and Roy MacGregor bringing Lewis Andrew MacGregor

*** Affirmation of faith (11:00)**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of "living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

Call to confession

Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer (11:00)

"Healer of My Soul"

Chancel Choir

Healer of my soul, keep me at evening.
Keep me at morning, keep me at noon, healer of my soul.

Keeper of my soul, on rough course faring,
help and safeguard my means this night, keeper of my soul.

continued

I am tired, astray and stumbling.
Shield my soul from the snare of sin.

Healer of my soul, keep me at evening.
Keep me at morning, keep me at noon, healer of my soul.
text and music by John Michael Talbot, 1983; arr. Carol Browning, 2003

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 2

In Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells bodily, and we have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

* **Hymn of assurance 468**, vv. 1, 3, 4

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

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

Offertory

"Be Filled with the Spirit"

Chancel Choir

Be filled with the Spirit.
Speak to one another with psalms,
speak to one another with hymns;
speak to one another with songs.
Speak to one another with spiritual songs.
Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord.

Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks to God,
giving thanks in all things,
giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
text from Ephesians 5:18-20; arr. Craig Courtney

* **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 13:10-17**
p. 1037 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Wil Nettleton (9:30)
Barby Gifford (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Responding to the Freedom Christ Brings"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:
alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! heav'nly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;
alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, you the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
You within the veil have entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
by your Spirit, lift us heavenward in the Eucharistic feast!
text by William Chatterton Dix, 1866; music by Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855, HYFRYDOL

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director
Nick Hartline – clarinet

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." ¹³And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

¹⁴But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Celebrating the baptism of Lewis Andrew MacGregor at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Katherine and Roy MacGregor, and his grandparents, Katie and Jan Frederic Dudt and Pat and Paul MacGregor.

Celebrating the baptism of Rosalyn Freya VanderHart at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Mary Kate and Ben VanderHart, and her grandparents, Diana and John Reed.

SERMON NOTES

“Responding to the Freedom Christ Brings”

Luke 13:10-17

1. An instantaneous healing revealing the King’s power (vv. 10-13)
2. An indignant response revealing a hardened heart (v. 14)
3. An irrefutable indictment revealing blatant hypocrisy (vv. 15-17)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING MISSIONARY GUESTS: RUTH & PETE MITCHELL

The Mitchells have been with Mission to the World (MTW) in France since 1992. They currently lead the church-planting team serving in Toulouse, in southwest France. Toulouse, a city of nearly one million inhabitants, is the fourth-largest and one of the fastest-growing cities in France, and an aerospace technology hub. The team is seeing growth through personal evangelism, community service, and newcomers arriving in the region looking for an evangelical church. Pete's primary responsibilities are leading, preaching, and developing the church plant and new leadership. Ruth mentors young French believers, trains teachers of children, and counsels. She is also a part of the Member Care council for MTW Europe and enjoys caring for new missionary families on the field.

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023

Annual Budget: \$5,641,820

Giving YTD: \$2,812,469

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,829,351 (50% of budget)

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$822,938

Unpledged Giving Need: \$2,006,413

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. As we are currently about 8% (or \$256,000) behind last year's giving, please consider contributing toward the 2023 budget if you haven't yet this year. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR A MISSIONS REPORT at tonight's Sunday Evening Gathering at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, where we will hear from Ruth and Pete Mitchell, serving in France.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS CLOSE TODAY. Please visit lmpc.org/officers to submit your nominations.

WOMEN'S FALL BOOK CLUBS will be held this 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 TODAY.

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. TODAY is the deadline to register on Realm Connect.

COLLEGE STUDENTS, join us for lunch on Sunday, October 1 at 12:15 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building and find out how to get connected at LMPC.

THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga; save the date.

SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITY: Two of our World Missions Committee members will be traveling to Juba, South Sudan, November 1-10 with Reconciliation Ministries (RMNI.org). If you are interested in joining the team, utilizing your gifts to reach the men and women in South Sudan, please contact Jim Sutherland at jim@RMNI.org.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 24

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 groups	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missions report	fellowship hall
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

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

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

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- 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.*

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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.