



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 1, 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

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

based on 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: He made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

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**

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*
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*** 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 "Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer?
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
O how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
O the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
O the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath, I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day, I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

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*** Scripture reading from Luke 13:18-21**

text printed in the bulletin

Rachel Adams (9:30)

Hilda Jemison (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Nature of the Kingdom"

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

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

"Depth of Mercy"

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?
God, the Just, his wrath forbears; me, the chief of sinners, spares.
So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways,
making clear my desp'rate need for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.
Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.
There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands,
scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free.
text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Colossians 1

God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. For 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.

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

“Let Me Find Thee”

Behold me here, in grief draw near, pleading at thy throne, O King.
To thee each tear, each trembling fear, Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.
Let me find thee; let me find thee.
Let me find thee, Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Look down in love, and from above, with thy Spirit satisfy.
Thou hast sought me, thou hast bought me, and thy purchase, Lord, am I.
Let me find thee; let me find thee.
Let me find thee, here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken, longings of my heart to thee.
All the crying, all the sighing of thy child accepted be.
Let me find thee; let me find thee.
Let me find thee, wounded healer, suff’ring Lord.
text by Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; music by Matthew Smith, 2012

“I Set My Hope”

(see facing page for words and music)

* Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of praise

“Let the Nations Be Glad”

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.
May redemption be the theme of our song.
For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall proclaim
to the corners of the earth that Christ has come.

Refrain: Let the nations be glad, let the peoples rejoice,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the nations be glad.

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,
many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.
Still we’re holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,
shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *Refrain*

continue to verse 3

"I Set My Hope"

1. When this life of tri-als tests my faith, I set my hope on Je - sus. When the
2. Though I fal - ter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Je - sus. When I
3. Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though it

ques-tions come and doubts re - main, I set my hope on Je - sus. For the
fail the fight and sink with - in, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though the
of - fer all its vain re - wards, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though this

deep - est wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deep - er. There's a
shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of jus - tice, I will
heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace e - nough to fin - ish. Till I

truth that's more than all I feel; I set my hope on Je - sus. I set my hope on
cast my life on Cal - va - ry; I set my hope on Je - sus.
wor - ship on that fi - nal day, I set my hope on Je - sus.

Je - sus, my rock my on - ly trust, who set his heart up -

on me first. I set my hope on Je - sus.

As your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,
with the glories of the Gospel to explain,
now we pray your Kingdom come, and we pray your will be done
for the honor and the glory of your name. *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:

Isaiah Braddock – cello

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Perry – flute

Hallie Blair Quatro – vocals

Maria Rhodes – vocals

Jeremy Taylor – piano

Luke 13:18-21

¹⁸He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

²⁰And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

SERMON NOTES

“The Nature of the Kingdom”

Luke 13:18-21

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS, join us for lunch TODAY at 12:15 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building and learn how to get connected at LMPC.

WE WILL COMMISSION JIM SUTHERLAND AND PETER LINDQUIST for their upcoming trip to South Sudan at our Sunday Evening Gathering tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel, where we will also pray for our supported missionaries.

INTERESTED IN A SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITY? Join the team traveling to Juba, South Sudan, November 1-10 with Reconciliation Ministries (RMNi.org) and utilize your gifts. Contact Jim Sutherland at jim@RMNi.org for more information.

LMPC MEN, save the date for a breakfast on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 a.m.

THE TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL is Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. Save the date and plan on joining us at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga.

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

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.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 1

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>
12:15 p.m.	College lunch	<i>JHYB</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<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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- 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.