



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 1, 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

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #261)

Welcome and announcements

Steve Kaufmann, 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 353, vv. 1-4

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

* 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

“O Love”

Chancel Choir

O Love that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Love that will not let me go.

text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Elaine Hagenberg, 2016

* **Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

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

p. 1037 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Olivia Oster (9:30)

Margaret Compton (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”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession 485, vv. 1, 3, 4

“O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry”

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

For the bread 480

"Come, for the Feast Is Spread"

For the cup

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Instrumental meditation

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the Lord of life,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*
African American spiritual; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1984, BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response** 644

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
arr. Bruce Greer

Musicians for this week:

David Fray – cello
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, 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"

The Kingdom of God is marked by:

1. small beginnings but an irrepressible end. (vv. 18-19)

2. small deposits but a permeating effect. (vv. 20-21)

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>

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.