



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord, seek us, O Lord, find us in thy patient care;
Be thy love before, behind us, round us, everywhere:
Lest the god of this world blind us, lest he speak us fair,
Lest he forge a chain to bind us, lest he bait a snare.
Turn not from us, call to mind us, find, embrace us, bear;
Be thy love before, behind us, round us, everywhere.*

OCTOBER 8, 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**

Josh Brower, co-director of high school ministry

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 36 and Psalm 145

Leader: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

All: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love!

Leader: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. For with you is the fountain of life.

All: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
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text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

from Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him. Let him turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* Hymn of assurance

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

continued

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*
text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; music from a Swedish folk tune

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

Offertory hymn

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.
text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Sacrament of baptism

Rachel and David Kaufmann bringing Charlotte Joyce and Michael Auten Kaufmann (9:30)
Raeanne and Kevin Regan bringing Shiloh Rae Regan (11:00)

*** Scripture reading from Luke 13:22-30**

text printed in the bulletin

Frank Hitchings (9:30)

Steve Reynolds (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“An Urgent Response to an Ultimate Question”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!
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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:

William Darby – vocals
Greta Erickson – vocals
Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Chapman Whitted – guitar

Celebrating the baptisms of Charlotte Joyce Kaufmann and Michael Auten Kaufmann at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are their parents, Rachel and David Kaufmann, and their grandparents, Shari and Roger Collins and Mary and Stephen Kaufmann.

Celebrating the baptism of Shiloh Rae Regan at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Raeanne and Kevin Regan, and her grandparents, Laurie and Ron Gialanella and Lynn and Brian Regan.

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

CRITICAL NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS. Our Wednesday Night Kids' Club must grow their team of volunteers in order to continue offering this valuable program each week. Could you be an extra set of helping hands in a classroom, be a one-on-one buddy for an individual child, or substitute on occasion when a regular volunteer can't make it? Please email Director of Children's Ministry Brennan Griffin at brennan@lmpc.org if you are interested in supporting this ministry. Screening/training required.

LMPC'S NEW BLOG, EVERYDAY FAITH, launched this week at lmpc.org. Look for new articles regularly on a variety of topics relevant to your spiritual life, church life, and our culture. This week, read Pastor Brian Salter's article, "We Are All Undergoing Renovation." Part of our vision at LMPC is to equip disciples biblically and extend resources generously. Benefit personally and share with others by engaging with our three regularly released publications: the new Everyday Faith blog, Pillar & Ground podcast, and From the Pulpit (weekly sermons now found wherever you get your podcasts).

"THE BRIDGE" IS A GATHERING OF WOMEN of all ages coming together to fellowship and hear how God has been at work in the lives of our LMPC women. On Thursday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m., Lee Ballenger and Charlotte Lindeman will share how God has met them in the midst of grief, disappointment, and broken dreams. Dinner will be provided for \$10. Please register via Realm Connect by Tuesday, October 17.

LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall where we will enjoy a time of prayer together. No registration required.

THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL is Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. Meet at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga as we observe Reformation Day with brothers and sisters throughout the the Tennessee Valley Presbytery. Combined choirs and orchestra from multiple churches will lead the congregation in great hymns of the faith, and foundational readings and Scripture will remind us of the significance of Reformation Day.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Christopher Douglas Wright

November 13, 1984 – September 29, 2023

Luke 13:22-30

²²He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them,

²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!'

²⁸"In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

SERMON NOTES

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 8

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
	No Sunday Evening Gathering	

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

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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.