



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You, our great God, are King of the Universe, dwelling beyond all worlds and stars and yet intimately present to human hearts. You were the one willing to suffer so that we might be healed, willing to stoop to us in our misery, so that we might stand tall as loved sons and daughters. You have served us even when we were unwilling to serve you, and longed for us even when we had ignored you. Surely you are a God of amazing grace who, out of your triune bounty, gives us all things.

OCTOBER 22, 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. We encourage you to read the text on the front of the bulletin as we prepare to worship together (attribution on the back cover).*

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 crayons and children's bulletins.*

** Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Wingard, ruling elder

* Call to worship

from Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

Leader: When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

All: **You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

* Hymn of praise

"Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

from Philippians 2:6-11

Leader: What do the Scriptures teach us about Jesus Christ?

All: That he, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Call to confession

from Isaiah 5 and Proverbs 28

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.
Their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when, through grace, in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood (3x) has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x); thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

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

Offertory hymn

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our souls.
From the waters of his mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of his presence all his saints are richly fed.
With the oil of his anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his Kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them; he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.
text by Marva J. Dawn, 1999; music by Caleb Fincher and Kara Young, 2019

New member vows

* **Scripture reading from Luke 14:1-14**
text printed in the bulletin

Tabitha Kopic (9:30)
Jill Pulver (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Jesus' Aim for Genuine Humility"
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
foes may hate and friends disown me; show thy face, and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine!
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heav'n, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.
text by Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833; music by Bill Moore, 2001

*** 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:

Paul Dassow – vocals

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone

Ellie Henry – vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Kara Riley – piano

Sophia Riley – vocals

Chapman Whitted – guitar

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals were recently received by the Session into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Kennedy Barber
Loni and Robert Barber
Mary and Jon Cordes
Emily and Logan Dahms
Ian DeGraaf
Dakota Hardin

Eva Knight
Gaelin Knight
Sophie and Travis Knight
Caroline Maclellan
Malory and Jordan Payne
Laura and William Probasco

Rae and Kevin Regan
Diane Shuck
Sylvie and Noah Thomas
Bethany and Chapman Whitted

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING, join us for a communion service in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

AS WE CONSIDER YEAR-END GIVING to the annual budget, as well as to the RENEW campaign, our pastors have made available a five-day devotional resource, “Gifts for a King,” examining generosity to Jesus. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you steward your resources. We have a limited number of print copies of this booklet from the PCA Foundation available in the Narthex and fellowship hall lobby; it is also available electronically using this QR code.



Gifts for a King

MISSIONARY GUESTS often visit Lookout Mountain during their time in the states. If you are interested in hosting a visitor, please contact Missions Coordinator Stephanie Young at stephanie@lmpc.org.

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. Join us at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga as we observe Reformation Day. Combined choirs and orchestra from multiple churches will lead the congregation in great hymns of the faith and foundational readings. If you need nursery, please register at 1stpresbyterian.com/events.

GRIEF IS HARDER AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. Find support with the GriefShare seminar, “Surviving the Holidays,” and get practical tips for navigating the season after loss. Register on Realm Connect for this event on Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 23–40) FRIENDSGIVING will be held at Mary and Wil Nettleton’s home on Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. The Nettletons will provide the turkey and ham; bring a side or dessert to share. This is an adults-only event. Please register on Realm Connect by Monday, November 13.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SERVE THE CITY: Boxes of Blessings on Saturday, December 2. All ages are welcome to serve together for this large-scale ministry project assembling food boxes for the greater Chattanooga community. More information to follow.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A PARENTING CONFERENCE on March 1 and 2, 2024. We will welcome Dr. John L. Cox, author of *Setting Parents Free*.

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

Luke 14:1-14

¹One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

SERMON NOTES

“Jesus’ Aim for Genuine Humility”

Luke 14:1-14

RENEW UPDATE: FALL 2023

Scan this QR code to see the Fall 2023 RENEW update, including where we are financially and what we are looking forward to in the spring.



GIVING UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Annual Budget: \$5,641,820

Giving YTD: \$3,182,386

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,459,434 (44% of budget)

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$530,290

Unpledged Giving Need: \$1,929,144

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. As we are currently about 5% (or \$185,000) 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 22

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| 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 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Sunday Evening Gathering with communion | sanctuary |
| 7:30 p.m. | High school youth group | JHYB |

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

SET UP GIVING IN REALM CONNECT

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Connect account, tap "Giving," and tap the blue button that says "+Give" (or "Make a gift" if you're on the app) to create a new gift. From there, set up a one-time or recurring gift. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm for future gifts or event payments. Don't have a Realm Connect account? Request one today by visiting lmpc.org/realm.

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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.