



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“The more fundamental question is whether you live your life for the Lord and the gospel,
or whether the Lord and the gospel are there to give you a better life.”*

— J. Elem (Chinese House Church pastor)

NOVEMBER 5, 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.*

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

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

All: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

Leader: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

All: **They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all may know of your mighty acts. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

Refrain: You're the Author of creation;
you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Prayer for the persecuted church

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

All: **This morning, we pray for those members of your flock whose lives and ministries are oppressed.**

Leader: Show your great mercies to our brothers and sisters who are persecuted, cast in prison, and daily condemned to death for the testimony of your truth. We ask that, though they are utterly destitute from the aid of men, your sweet comfort will never depart from them. Rather, enflame their hearts with your Holy Spirit that they may boldly and faithfully abide such trials as your godly wisdom may appoint, so that the Kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ may increase and shine through all the world.

All: **Teach us to taste and see your eternal goodness as we face our own weaknesses and hardships—never forgetting that your grace is sufficient for us and your power is made perfect in weakness. May opportunities abound to share with others your great love found at the cross, and may the church here and around the world be refreshed by your sustaining power, to the praise of your glorious grace. Amen.**

adapted from "A Prayer for the Whole Estate of Christ's Church," included in a worship service written by John Knox, Geneva, 1556; 2 Corinthians 1:3, 12:9-10; Ephesians 1:6

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

Offertory hymn

“For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Allelu.

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, Allelu.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
text by William How, 1864; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* **Scripture reading from Luke 14:25-35**
text printed in the bulletin

David Fowler (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 “The Cost of Discipleship”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

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

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.
text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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.

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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

"Eternal Weight of Glory"

Now the days and hours and moments of our suff'ring seem so long;
and the toilsome wait and wond'ring threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing where our faith is thin and weak;
but our hope is set on Jesus, and we cling to him, our strength.

O eternal weight of glory! O inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured, like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory, and our broken years restored.

We will see our wounded Savior. We'll behold him face to face;
and we'll hear our anguished stories sung as vict'ry songs of grace.
For behold! I tell a myst'ry: at the trumpet sound we'll wake.
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!" when we meet our King of Grace.
Every year we thought was wasted; every night we cried, "How long?"
All will be a passing moment in our Savior's vict'ry song.

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"Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us; and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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*** Prayer of thanksgiving**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

*** 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
Anna Davis – flute
Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Maddie Lee – vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

SERMON NOTES
“The Cost of Discipleship”
Luke 14:25-35

1. Clarification about discipleship: There is no discipleship without a cross. (vv. 25-27)
2. Illustrations for discipleship: There is no discipleship without cost. (vv. 28-33)
3. Implication: Count the eternal cost of *not* following Jesus. (vv. 34-35)



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Centuries ago, believers developed what is now known as the “Calendar of the Church Year.” It was designed to assist both unlearned and illiterate believers in mastering the truths of the Kingdom of God by causing them to “walk through” the events of redemptive history. All Saints’ Day, November 1, was chosen to call all believers to remember the faithful saints who had already finished their race and gone home to heaven. On All Saints’ Sunday we join the historic practice and recall the lives of our members who have gone on to glory in the past year.

Virginia Cross — January 6, 2023

Robert Marshall — January 14, 2023

Betty McGee — March 20, 2023

Pat Monroe — April 2, 2023

Ansley Moses — March 12, 2023

Peter Platt — October 26, 2023

Lenny Snow — May 28, 2023

Ellen Thompson — December 7, 2022

Barb Vermeer — May 3, 2023

Chris Wright — September 29, 2023

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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONARIES tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel for our Sunday Evening Gathering. There will be an emphasis on prayer for the persecuted church.

RENEW COMMITMENT CARDS are available in the fellowship hall lobby and Narthex display racks for anyone who has not yet had the chance to pledge or give. To increase a commitment or inquire about a current commitment, please contact our Director of Finance & Operations, Margaret Lowery, at margaretlowery@lmpc.org.

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 23-40) FRIENDSGIVING will be held at Mary and Wil Nettleton's home on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 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 6.

GATHER YOUR LEAF BLOWERS, RAKES, GLOVES, SHEARS, AND WHEELBARROWS to clean up around the church! The deacons invite everyone to the Annual Fall Church Work Day on Saturday, November 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until noon. Tasks include leaf collection, weeding, and vine removal. Donuts and drinks will be available for volunteers. The whole church family is encouraged to come and participate.

A SPECIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY MISSIONS REPORT is planned for Sunday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a time of family fun and fellowship as we hear from Dr. Ananthi Jebasingh with Friends of the Good Samaritans School in India. Children's activities and light refreshments available and nursery provided.

ANTICIPATE ADVENT at a women's evening gathering on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will have dessert and decaf, assemble fresh advent wreaths, and hear from a panel of LMPC women about how we can prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus. Please register on Realm Connect by November 14. Cost is \$10.

SERVE THE CITY: BOXES OF BLESSING is a large-scale ministry project that partners with volunteers, ministries, and churches to provide food for families in need. LMPC is taking on the challenge this year on Saturday, December 2! We need many hands to assemble boxes at the Chattanooga Bakery; all ages are welcome. Once assembled, boxes will be distributed through local ministry partners, schools, and non-profits. Register on Realm Connect for either a 9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. time slot.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 5

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	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 with communion.....	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 Missionary Prayer	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

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

UPDATE YOUR REALM CONNECT PHOTO

Did you know you can update your profile picture in Realm Connect? Keeping your photo current helps staff and church members, especially newcomers, feel more connected. Update your photo by logging in, going to More → your current photo or initials → My Profile → then tapping the pencil next to your picture at the top of the screen to either take a photo or choose one from your device. Need help? Contact onrealm@lmpc.org for assistance.

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.