



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*“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 • 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. 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

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**Prelude**

"Elegy"  
Anton Wilhelm Leupold

**Welcome and greetings**

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**\* 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 358, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6**

"For All the Saints"

**\* 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**

“All Things New”

Chancel Choir

Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross,  
sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wand’ring, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new.  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.

Sight after myst’ry, sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain,  
near after distant, gleam after gloom, love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new.  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.  
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*text by Frances Havergal and music by Elaine Hagenberg © 2021 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI Lic. #152036*

**\* 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 14:25-35**

*p. 1039 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Frank Hitchings (9:30)

Dorcas Crenshaw (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"**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**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**

**"Jesus, Thou Art My Righteousness"**

Jesus, thou art my righteousness, for all my sins were thine.  
Thy death hath bought of God my peace; thy life hath made him mine.

Forever here my rest shall be, close to thy bleeding side;  
this all my hope and all my plea: for me the Saviour died.

My dying Saviour and my God, fountain for guilt and sin,  
sprinkle me ever with thy blood, and cleanse and keep me clean.  
*text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by John B. Dykes, 1866, ST. AGNES*

**Silent prayers of confession**

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.**

**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 449, vv. 1, 3**

“We Rest on Thee”

**For the cup**

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Instrumental meditation

Jerusalem, my happy home,  
when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints!  
O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found,  
no grief, no care, no toil.

Thy saints are crowned with glory great;  
they see God face to face.  
They triumph still; they still rejoice;  
most happy is their case.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
God grant that I may see  
thine endless joy and of the same  
partaker ever be!

*text by Joseph Bromehead, 1747–1826; American folk tune, arr. Wilbur Held, LAND OF REST*

**Prayer of thanksgiving**

\* **Hymn of response 642**, vv. 1, 4, 5

“Be Thou My Vision”

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“For All the Saints”  
*arr. Arthur Hutchings*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**David Fray** – cello  
**Joy Gibbons** – director, piano

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano  
**Harrison Wells** – trumpet

## 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](mailto: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](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## Luke 14:25-35

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“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. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup>“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? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup>Or 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?

<sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It 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.”

## 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

**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)



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## **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](http://lmpc.org/give).

## 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

*Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.*

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://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](mailto: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.*

### CONTACT US

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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.