



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.*
- Charles Wesley, "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

NOVEMBER 12, 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

Prelude

"He Hideth My Soul"

arr. Mark Hayes

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #175)

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 86

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

All: **All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.**

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts; we will glorify your name forever.

All: **For great is your love toward us; you have delivered us from the depths of the grave. You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, abounding in love and faithfulness.**

* Hymn of praise 4, vv. 1-4

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

* Prayer of adoration

Missionary report (9:30)

* Affirmation of faith (11:00)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: “quick” instead of “living” and “catholic” instead of “universal.” Also, when we say that Christ “descended into hell,” we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

Call to confession

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2

Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

* Hymn of assurance

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill;
from his shining throne on high comes to watch me where I lie. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:
Jesus loves me, when I die he will take me home on high. *Refrain*
text by Anna B. Warner, 1859; music by William B. Bradbury, 1861, JESUS LOVES ME

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

Offertory

“God of the Sparrow”

Chancel Choir

God of the sparrow, sing through us songs of deliverance, songs of peace.
Helpless, we seek you, God our joy; quiet our troubles, bid them cease;
quiet our troubles, bid them cease. Alleluia.

God of the sparrow, God of hope, tenderly guide us, be our song.
God of affliction, pain, and hurt, comfort your children, make us strong;
comfort your children, make us strong. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God of the sparrow, care for us; speak in our sorrow, Lord of grief.
Sing us your music, lift our hearts, pour out your mercy, send relief.

God, like the sparrow, we abide in your protection, love, and grace.
Just as the sparrow in your care, may your love keep us all our days;
may your love keep us all our days. Amen.

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*** 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.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from Luke 15:1-10**

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

Cara Palmer (9:30)
Roger Gulick (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 Heart of the Savior”

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 599**

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

“There Were Ninety and Nine that Safely Lay”

Ira D. Sankey

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – piano

Joy Gibbons – organ, director

Luke 15:1-10

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY MISSIONS REPORT. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, where we will hear from Dr. Ananthi Jebasingh with Friends of the Good Samaritans School in India. Children's activities and light refreshments available. Nursery provided.

THE ANNUAL AMANI YA JUU HOLIDAY SALE will be held Thursday, November 16 from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, November 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Shop for handmade products and make your Christmas gift giving more meaningful!

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 preparing our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus. Register on Realm Connect by November 14. Cost is \$10.

COME HEAR OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SING on Wednesday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as they share "Songs of the Season." Following the program, join us for Family Night, including pizza and bingo in the fellowship hall; no reservations required but regular dinner fees apply.

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 Chattanooga Bakery; all ages are welcome. Once assembled, boxes will be distributed through local ministry partners. Register on Realm Connect for either a 9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. time slot.

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at Canopy on Tuesday, December 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

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

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: FRIENDS OF THE GOOD SAMARITANS



Friends of the Good Samaritans

In 1989, Dr. Ananthi Jebasingh, founder of the Good Samaritan School (GSS), answered a knock on her door and encountered a boy from the slums begging for food. God spoke to her and told her to feed, teach, and love him. This little child loved to learn and began inviting his friends. Ananthi taught from her home until it was

overflowing with children. She was granted permission to utilize a space located in the only public toilet facility serving a 25,000-person slum. Dubbed the “The Toilet School” by her students, this is where Ananthi and her team taught for over a decade. With the help of U.S. partners, a \$3.5 million debt-free school was built and opened in 2005. Today the ministry educates over 3,000 students in 4 locations. Friends of the Good Samaritans, a non-profit organization, was established in 2004 to help fund and grow these schools.

The Good Samaritan School serves children in Delhi’s slums by providing a quality Christian bilingual education in a safe, first-class learning environment. Upon graduation, students pursue higher education, vocational training, or workforce employment. Education has been vital in helping these children break the generational cycle of poverty.

Our calling is to take initiatives for the needy and marginalized in India and restore them to confident living. Luke 18:16 is our guide: “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023

Annual Budget: \$5,641,820

Giving YTD: \$3,541,023

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,100,797 (37% of budget)

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$405,775

Unpledged Giving Need: \$1,695,022

We’re grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. As we are currently 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.

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 12

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
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
5:30 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missions report.....	fellowship hall
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.

JOIN REALM CONNECT

Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. Request your account today by visiting lmpc.org/realm.

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.