



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Your glorious majesty surround me, the blessed Trinity protect me, and the eternal Godhead preserve me. Your unlimited mercy support me; your loving kindness encompass me; your favor make me to rejoice. The eternal truth of God be my delight, the saving knowledge of Christ strengthen me, and the all-prevailing grace of God be sufficient for me. Lord my Creator, stand by me; my Redeemer, save me; and my Comforter, dwell with me. Amen.*

*-from Johann Habermann*

APRIL 28, 2024 • SANCTUARY 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

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### Prelude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*arr. Ovid Young*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #30)*

### Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

### \* Call to worship

Psalm 67:3-7

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: **Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

### \* Hymn of praise 53, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

### \* Prayer of adoration

### New member vows

### Sacrament of baptism (11:00)

Rebecca Heid

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

Leader: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: **Be glad and rejoice! The LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.**

\* Hymn of assurance 521

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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

**Offertory**

"Yet I Will Rejoice"

Chancel Choir

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and there be no fruit on the vines, though the olive trees do not yield, and the fields produce no food, though the sheep are cut off from the fold, and there are no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in God my Savior; I will rejoice in God the LORD.

LORD, I have heard of your mighty acts, and I am afraid.  
O LORD, revive your works in our time, in these days make them known; in wrath, remember mercy.  
I will wait patiently for the day of distress, for those to arise who will invade us.

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and there be no fruit on the vines, though the olive trees do not yield, and the fields produce no food, though the sheep are cut off from the fold, and there are no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in God my Savior; I will rejoice in God the LORD.

*(continued)*

The LORD God is all my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,  
and I will walk upon the heights, upon the heights.

*text from the "Prayer of Habakkuk"; Habakkuk 3:2, 16b-19; music by K. Lee Scott, 2013*

**\* 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 Deuteronomy 30:1-10**

*p. 203 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Olivia Oster (9:30)

Jim Richter (11:00)

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

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon**

"Hope for Future Failures"  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

"O Great God"  
*(see words and music on next page)*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

**Congregational meeting**

**\* Postlude**

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"  
*arr. Paul Laubengayer*  
*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #4)*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Emily Drexler** – violin  
**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

**David Henry** – guitar  
**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

"O Great God"



1. O great God of high-est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it  
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, did not  
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on your grace. Keep my

all and reign su - preme. Con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no  
know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then your  
heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are

vice or sin re - main that re - sists your ho - ly war. You have  
Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up your Word to me through the  
worth - y to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great

loved and pur - chased me; make me yours for - ev - er - more.  
Gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.  
God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy your name through me.

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Gary Len Teague**

September 12, 1953 – April 19, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Len Teague.

Celebrating the baptisms of Kase Preston Fugate and Keaton Wesley Fugate at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are their parents, Kimberly and Mark Fugate, and their grandparents, Jane and David Fugate.

Celebrating the baptism of Rebecca Heid at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today is her family.

## Deuteronomy 30:1-10

<sup>1</sup>“And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, <sup>2</sup>and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>3</sup>then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. <sup>4</sup>If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

<sup>6</sup>“And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

<sup>7</sup>“And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you.

<sup>8</sup>And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today. <sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

### SERMON NOTES

#### “Hope for Future Failures”

1. The invitation for future failures: repent and return (vv. 1-5, 7-10)

2. The hope for future failures: new hearts and new life (v. 6)

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at the end of each worship service today in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2027. *A brochure about the candidates is available at [lmpc.org/officers](http://lmpc.org/officers) or in print in the Narthex and fellowship hall lobby.*

**FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING TODAY**, we will celebrate communion and continue our series on the Fruit of the Spirit in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Nursery will be provided.

**JOIN TOGETHER WITH THE LMPC BODY** in a focused time of daily prayer for 31 days as we petition God for renewal. If you don't have yours from last time, pick up a RENEW prayer guide in the fellowship hall lobby or Narthex today, or use the digital version on the website. Plan to use this booklet in your personal and family prayer times, in your Bible studies and small groups, and corporately as we worship together each week.

**LMPC STAFF CAN NOW BE FOUND** in the Jane Harris Youth Building (301 N. Watauga) and the Cottage (309 N. Bragg), due to the upcoming interior restoration. Please call the church office at 423-821-4528 if you need help locating certain staff.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST HAS A NEW DATE** of Saturday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us!

**THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD.** Come worship and sing with us for Scripture & Song on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Congregational singing will be led by multigenerational choirs (ranging in age from 6-86) with piano, organ, and string quartet. Your soul will be blessed by the words of well-loved hymns and Scripture-based anthems. Nursery will be provided.

**MEN'S STEAK NIGHT** will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in various homes in our community. Register on Realm Connect by May 1 to join a group of about 8-12 other men and enjoy meat and fellowship together in an informal setting.

**CELEBRATE 50 YEARS** of family fun at this year's Family Camp! Save the dates: September 6-8 (one-day option available).

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 28

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

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