



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lord, take my lips, and speak through them;
take my mind, and think through it;
take my heart, and set it on fire. Amen.*

—W. H. H. Aitken

JUNE 2, 2024 • 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

Larry Goodman, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalms 90 and 92

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

All: **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

All: **For you make us glad by your deeds, O LORD; we sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD!**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

Offertory hymn

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

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*** Scripture reading from Joshua 1:1-9**

text printed in the bulletin

Rebekah Risley (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 "The Secret to Following God with Strength and Courage"

Rev. David Arthur

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.

Those seated in the back rows will come forward to be served first, followed by the rest of the congregation, finishing with those in the front rows. Come down the center two aisles, partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements, and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing. Men and women will be available in the fellowship hall lobby to pray with you should you desire that.

Hymn of confession

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by DH, 2012

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on John 3 and 1 Peter 3

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

All: **Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit. He has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.**

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: We come to this feast in obedience and with thanksgiving.

All: **By dying, Christ destroyed our death. By rising, he restored our life. It is in his great love and sacrifice that we have been set free, and given hope for an eternal future that can never perish, spoil, or fade.**

Leader: In this feast, our God is present with us by his Spirit.

All: **When we share this bread, we share in the body of Christ. When we share this cup, we share in the blood of Christ. When we share this meal, we are united with each other in faith and mission, and we yearn for Christ's return and the restoration of all things. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“My Savior Left His Throne Above”

My Savior left his throne above, exchanged his wealth for poverty.
He took my hate and gave his love; all this and more he did for me.
Because he chose the lowly way and bowed before his Father's will,
I can with all assurance say my God is near and loves me still,
my God is near and loves me still.

continued

He felt the storms of human pain, he felt temptation's whelming seas.
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain; all this and more he felt for me.
Because he knows my ev'ry strife and is acquainted with my grief,
I can't be shaken in this life; the Friend of Sinners walks with me,
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He kept his Father's ev'ry word; the law he followed perfectly.
So all God's pleasure he secured; all this and more he earned for me.
Because his righteous life is mine and all his merits now I own,
I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known,
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When Jesus left his heav'nly home, his face was set on Calvary.
The steepest hill he climbed alone; all this and more he did for me.
Because he died once for all time and bore the curse of death and hell,
final forgiveness here is mine; so it is finished, all is well,
yes, it is finished, all is well.

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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.

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

"There Is a Higher Throne"

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'erald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.

We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.

He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.

The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. *Refrain*

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*** 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
Calvin Garriott – piano
Josué Gelabert – violin

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

Joshua 1:1-9

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life.

"Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.

⁷"Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

NEW SERMON SERIES — JOSHUA: STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

Having finished our series in Deuteronomy on the banks of the Promised Land, the first section of the book of Joshua carries us into the land where God's people receive this long-awaited gracious gift. In this land, as God's covenant people, Israel enjoys God's grace while facing the constant challenge to accept the responsibilities given to them by God. These narrative accounts of conquest will provide many warnings, corrections, and encouragements for the church as we hope to see God's Kingdom come and God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. As the church engages in spiritual holy war by his Spirit, we will discover the better Joshua and the better warrior, Jesus Christ. May our eyes fixate on our Captain and Leader, Jesus, who defeats the devil in his first coming and who leads the church by his Spirit toward faithful obedience and Kingdom advancement until he ultimately conquers all of his and our foes at his glorious return.

SERMON NOTES

“The Secret to Following God with Strength and Courage”

Joshua 1:1-9

Strength and courage come through:

1. trusting in the permanence of God’s promises. (vv. 1-5a)
2. walking in the encouragement of God’s presence. (vv. 5b-6)
3. committing to the centrality of God’s Word. (vv. 7-9)

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING will include a report from supported missionary partners Afrim and Lavdi, serving in Albania. This will be their first time visiting LMPC, so please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to hear about their important and strategic work. A time of prayer for our missionary partners will be held following their report.

IN PREPARATION FOR OUR NEW SERMON SERIES, Pastor Brian Salter sat down with Dr. Scott Jones to record a discussion to answer the question, "Why Study Joshua?" Scott, Professor of Biblical & Theological Studies at Covenant College, shares helpful insights about this biblical book. Listen to this episode on LMPC's Pillar & Ground podcast, available wherever you listen to podcasts.

COLLEGE-AGE WOMEN are invited to a summer Bible/prayer study on Mondays, from June 10 through July 29. Meetings will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and will include guided prayer and discussion on a rich book of prayers, *Every Moment Holy*. Drop in whenever your schedule allows, even if you cannot commit to the whole summer. For more information and the location, please contact Christy Gambrell, christy.gambrell@gmail.com, or Julie Dean, julie@lmpc.org.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND: If you are a mom of young kids or simply desire casual fellowship with other LMPC women, join us at The Commons playground on June 12, 19, and 26 for fun and conversation from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. No registration is required.

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS, hosted in individual homes in our community on June 11 and July 25. Invite your friends and neighbors! You may register now for the June date on Realm Connect. Interested in hosting? Email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

CALLING ALL SUPERHERO VOLUNTEERS! We need your help to make VBS happen on June 25, 26, and 27 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please sign up on Realm Connect and let us know your preference: storytelling, worship, registration, hospitality, crafts, games, etc. Training provided.

CHOOSE YOUR NEXT READ FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS. Select a book, register on Realm Connect, and attend the corresponding dinner and discussion on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. Options: *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* by Rosaria Butterfield at the Rosecomb, *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi at Public House, and *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* by Tim Keller at Massey's Kitchen.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 2

- 9:30 a.m. Worship service with communion..... sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:30 a.m. Elders available to pray for your needs..... Children's Education building, E-200
11:00 a.m. Worship service with communion..... sanctuary & fellowship hall
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary report & prayerfellowship hall

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

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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.