



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Thou, Lord, hast become my hope, my comfort, my strength, my all!  
The darkness vanished from before mine eyes, and I beheld thee, the sun of righteousness.  
When I loved darkness, I knew thee not, but wandered on from night to night.  
But thou didst lead me out of that blindness; thou didst take me by the hand and call me to thee,  
and now I can thank thee and thy mighty voice which hath penetrated to my inmost heart.  
—St. Augustine*

JUNE 16, 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

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**Welcome and greetings**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 138

**Leader:** We will praise you, O LORD, with all our hearts.

**All:** We will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

**Leader:** O LORD, may all the kings of the earth praise you when they hear the words of your mouth.

**All:** May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. The LORD will fulfill his purposes for us; your love, O LORD, endures forever!

**\* Hymn of praise**

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;  
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,  
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;  
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;  
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*  
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## \* Prayer of adoration

### Affirmation of faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

### Call to confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

### Hymn of confession

“Depth of Mercy”

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?  
God, the Just, his wrath forbears; me, the chief of sinners, spares.  
So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways,  
making clear my desp’rate need for his blood poured out for me.

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Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.  
Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.  
There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands,  
scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free.  
*text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997*

### Prayer of confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

All: **We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.**

Leader: We confess our sins as a church.

All: **We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself to us.**

Leader: Father, forgive us.

All: **May your Holy Spirit give us power to live as you have called us to live.**  
*adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis*

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 2

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

#### \* Hymn of assurance

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;  
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:

our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

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

### **Offertory hymn**

“Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer?  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to his.  
O how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side, the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;  
through the deepest valley he will lead.  
O the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
O the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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With ev'ry breath, I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know he will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus;  
all the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,  
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

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**\* Scripture reading from Ephesians 2:1-10**

*text printed in the bulletin*

David Fowler (9:30)

Merrile Stroud (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**

"But God"

Rev. Benjie Slaton, lead pastor Grace+Peace Church, Ooltewah

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response "I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory Hallelujah!"**

I know that my Redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—glory, hallelujah!

*Refrain:* Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—glory, hallelujah!  
The dead's alive and the lost is found—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah!  
He lives, my everlasting Head—glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*

He lives to bless me with his love—glory, hallelujah!  
He lives to plead for me above—glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*

He lives, all glory to his name!—glory, hallelujah!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same—glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*  
*text by Samuel Medley, 1775; music by DH, 2013*

**\* 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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Xaris Emmett** – violin

**Krista Gibson** – vocals

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**David Kaufmann** – bass

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Jeremy Taylor** – piano

**Emmie Thompson** – vocals

**GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES GUEST SPEAKER, BENJIE SLATON**

Benjie and Natalie Slaton first discovered Chattanooga as undergraduates working at Alpine Camp for Boys, and have been returning ever since. They have three children: Elise, Sam, and Andrew. Benjie has served as the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Texas, and as a pastor of two churches in Austin and San Antonio. Both churches were recent church plants and sent out church plants. Seeing new churches born is something the Slatons love and have a passion to see happen here in Chattanooga. Benjie was the church planter and is now the pastor of Grace+Peace Church in Ooltewah.



## Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## SERMON NOTES

“But God”

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

1. Before

2. But God

3. After

## GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

The George Long Preaching Series was established by the LMPC Session in 2001 as an annual reminder of our Savior's faithful use of his holy Word in our midst that has never and will never 'return to him void, but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent' (Isaiah 55:11). This series also brings honor to God for his blessings bestowed upon LMPC through the ministry of Dr. George W. Long, who served as pastor through a season of spiritual renewal in the 1970s and 80s, calling LMPC back to the primacy of God's Word. In the front cover of his Bible, Dr. Long wrote, 'This book has kept me from being lost. May I never, in any sense, lose it.' By the grace of God, this series will be used to annually root us in the authority, sufficiency, clarity, and necessity of Scripture. Dr. Long died in 2016.

Previous speakers have included:

Rev. Alistair Begg	Rev. Joe Novenson
Dr. Gabriel Fluhrer	Rev. Jerram Barrs
Rev. Eric Youngblood	Dr. Paul Tripp
Dr. Richard Pratt	Dr. Bryan Chapell
Dr. Steve Brown	Dr. Reggie Kidd
Dr. Irwyn Ince	Rev. Scotty Smith
Dr. Michael Kruger	Mr. Jerry Bridges
Rev. Kennedy Smartt	Dr. Roger Gulick
Rev. Harry Long	Dr. R.C. Sproul

*[lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series](http://lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series)*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** communion service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Benjie Slaton will be our guest preacher; nursery is provided.

**POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND:** Join us at The Commons playground on June 19 and 26 for fun and conversation from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. No registration is required.

**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.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW FOR** the July 25 Women's Summer Supper. Please register on Realm Connect.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 16

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	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.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
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 THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details on joining and using Realm Connect at [lmpc.org/realms](http://lmpc.org/realms).

### 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.