



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Evil can only break itself apart, recoiling back into its own destruction
and digging its own grave. It has no part in the true Kingdom.*

*All its desolation will fall away to nothing and be gone,
before the splendor of the resurrection.*

—Malcolm Guite, from Psalm 7, “VII Domine, Deus meus”

SEPTEMBER 15, 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

Prelude

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”
arr. Marvin Gaspard

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 99

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

All: **Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.
Let us praise your great and awesome name—for you are holy.**

Leader: You are the mighty King, and you love justice. In Jacob you have done what is just and right. We exalt you, our LORD and God, and worship at your footstool, for you are holy.

All: **We exalt you, O LORD our God, for you are holy!**

*** Hymn of praise 100**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

*** 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.**

Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Tay Tay and Carter Helm bringing William Stroud Helm

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

Offertory "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" Chancel Choir and congregation

Choir: There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

All: Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

text by William Cowper, 1771; music by John Wykoff, 2002 and Lowell Mason, 1830

*** 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 20:9-19**
p. 1045 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (9:30)
Jen Schaefer (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 Parable of the Wicked Tenants”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

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

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2:24 and 2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: 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.

All: For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that we through his poverty, might become rich.

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 gave us 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: we are sustained and nourished to love and serve as our Savior did.

When we share this cup, we share in the blood of Christ: we take part in his suffering and are formed into people who bring life out of death.

When we share this meal with each other, we are united 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

For the bread

“Speak, O Lord”



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your

Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us, truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will

fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your

seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of _ faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your

fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
ne - ver fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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For the cup

“An Offering”

Soloist

O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,
but poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled:

What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss
that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?

continued

Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in foolish pride
what you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside?

To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,
a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,
teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost.

A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face,
my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.

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Prayer of thanksgiving

*** Hymn of response**

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone the courts of heav’n are filled.
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav’n the grace which we implore,
and may that grace, once giv’n, be with us evermore
until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing
and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.
8th c. hymn, tr. John Chandler; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

arr. David Cherwien

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #343)

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Travis Knight – soloist

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICES will meet in the Lookout Mountain School auditorium across the street at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. until the truss work is completed.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW CHILDREN'S RESOURCE? Each week, pick up Table Talk for kids with reading and discussion questions to continue the conversation during the week after the sermon. Find it on our website or on the back of the weekly coloring sheet.

THE SESSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for children, youth, or adults until the chapel and three children's classrooms under it are ready to be used. There is **one exception: the Redeemer class**, as it is mostly independent of children and youth programming. Adults are welcome to attend at 9:30 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building, beginning today.

LMPC'S PODCAST, PILLAR & GROUND, has returned for the fall. New and upcoming episodes include interviews with church members and partners, a conversation about Christians and politics, and overviews from the Westminster Confession of Faith on topics like repentance, good works, and perseverance. Listen to Pillar & Ground wherever you get your podcasts.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS will resume on Wednesday, September 18 and run weekly through the fall from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Music Makers is for ages 4 & 5 and Kingdom Kids is for grades 1-5. Please register on Realm Connect and email Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org if you have questions.

JOIN US FOR A WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP PICNIC on September 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Commons. We'll enjoy pizza, cookies, and conversation while the children play on the playground. Register on Realm Connect; regular Wednesday dinner rates apply.

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will take place on Thursday, September 26, and is a great opportunity to be with 8-10 other men to enjoy fellowship and eat meat. Please register on Realm Connect by Wednesday, September 18. To host a dinner, please contact Julie Dean, julie@lmpc.org.

MEMBERS, PLEASE NOMINATE OFFICERS at lmpc.org/officers by September 29. On that webpage you may also access information about the nomination process, answers to frequently asked questions, and a list of those eligible to serve as officers. Alternatively, request a paper nominating ballot from the church office. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.

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

Luke 20:9-19

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.

¹⁰“When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴“But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

Celebrating the baptism of William Stroud Helm at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Tay Tay and Carter Helm, and his grandparents, Merrile and John Stroud and Barbara and Andrew Helm.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Lauren Campbell and John Markley on September 14 and are given in loving memory of Mrs. Linda Campbell, grandmother of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd Patterson Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Markley, grandparents of the groom.

SERMON NOTES

“The Parable of the Wicked Tenants”

Luke 20:9-19

The parable of the wicked tenants reminds us of:

1. the gracious provision of God as vineyard owner. (v. 9)
2. the remarkable patience of God for faithless people. (vv. 10-13)
3. the ultimate consequences of unyielding resistance to God and his beloved Son. (vv. 14-19)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



Concerning one who says a thing cannot be wrong unless it hurts other human beings: “He quite understands that he must not damage the other ships in the convoy but he honestly thinks that what he does to the ship is simply his own business. But does it not make a great difference whether his ship is his property or not? Does it not make a great difference whether I am, so to speak the landlord of my own mind and body, or only a tenant, responsible to the real landlord? If somebody else made me, for his own purposes, then I shall have a lot of duties which I should not have if I simply belonged to myself.” C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, p. 47

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 15

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & LMS auditorium
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class)	JHYB
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	Children's Education building, E-200
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship: cookies & lemonade	playground & chapel lawn
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & LMS auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	JHYB
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

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

RECEIVE LMPC'S WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL

Don't miss out on upcoming church events, building updates, resources, and other news. Stay informed by contacting onrealm@lmpc.org to update your email preferences.

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 will be held in the morning on the third Sunday in September. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.