



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lord, when thou shalt enter my soul, thou shalt reverse my standard of greatness.
Those things which I counted gain shall become insignificant unto me,
and those things which I counted insignificant shall appear great gain.
I care now for what I shall seem to be, more than for what I am;
but then, my being shall be the mountain and my seeming the valley.*

—George Matheson, from Day unto Day

SEPTEMBER 22, 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

“Be Still, My Soul”

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #689)

Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

*** Hymn of praise 699**

“Like a River Glorious”

*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith (9:30)

from Colossians 1:15–20

Leader: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: **For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Leader: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

All: **For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

Sacrament of baptism (11:00)

Kayley and Tucker Curtis bringing Amelia Ruth Curtis

Call to confession

based on Micah 6:6–8

With what shall we come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall we come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? He has shown us, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of us? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

Hymn of confession (9:30)

“With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh”

With broken heart and contrite sigh, a trembling sinner, Lord, I cry:
thy pardoning grace is rich and free; O God, be merciful to me.

Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done can for a single sin atone;
to Calvary alone I flee: O God, be merciful to me.

And when, redeemed from sin and hell, with all the ransomed throng I dwell,
my raptured song shall ever be, “God has been merciful to me.”
text by Cornelius Elven, 1852; Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1824, HAMBURG

Prayer of confession

Leader: O most great, most just and gracious God, you condemn the ungodly and unrepentant; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him.

All: We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God: We have neglected your holy worship and abused your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and unkindly with our neighbors. We have not sought first your Kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread.

Leader: You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have often turned away.

All: We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Shape us as your children, and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior.

adapted from a prayer by Richard Baxter

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* Hymn of assurance 305, vv. 1, 2, 4

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

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

Offertory

“I Am Not My Own”

Chancel Choir

I am not my own, I am not my own,
not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own,
not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together;
in eternal life he gives me hope.
By the power of his Holy Spirit, I will live for him.
I am not my own, I am not my own.

I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I belong to him, I belong to him; in life, in death,
my only comfort, I belong to him, I will live for him.
Forever and ever, forever and ever, forevermore.

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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 20:19-26**

pp. 1045-1046 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

David Wharton (9:30)

Brian Kvale (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Traps and Truth”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 565**

“All for Jesus!”

*** Benediction**

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

arr. Jay Althouse

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #296)

Musicians for this week:

Curt Elverd – trumpet

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Celebrating the baptism of Amelia Ruth Curtis at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Kayley and Tucker Curtis, her grandparents, Lisa Forshey and Laurie and Bob Curtis, and her great-grandmother, Margaret Arnold.

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Lucy Jane Ledbetter, born to KK and Austin Ledbetter on September 11.

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.

TODAY IS COLLEGE LUNCH at the Jane Harris Youth Building at 12:15 p.m. College students, please join us for lunch and get connected at LMPC; we'd love to meet you.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME Molly Ballenger as our new Co-Director of Middle School Ministry. Molly grew up on Lookout and was a student in our youth group throughout middle and high school, serving as an Intern during the summer of 2023. She graduated from Furman University in the spring of 2023 with a BA in Religion and English. Molly spent the last year in the Blue Ridge Fellows program in Roanoke, VA, and serving at Wilderness Ranch Young Life camp in Colorado.

CARING FOR A LOVED ONE can present many challenges to the caregiver. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building for our Care for the Caregiver Group.

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.

THE LAST DAY TO NOMINATE OFFICERS is September 29. You may do this at lmpc.org/officers, or by requesting a paper nominating ballot from the church office. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE is a two-hour GriefShare event to be held on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lookout Mountain, GA, City Hall. The session will include a video, workbook, and discussion. A registration fee of \$7.00 will cover the cost of the workbook. Please register on Realm Connect.

JOIN US FOR THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL, to be held on Sunday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Chattanooga. Combined choirs and instrumentalists from First Presbyterian, LMPC, and Covenant College will lead us in worship and congregational hymns.

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

Luke 20:19-26

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. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. ²¹So they asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. ²²Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?”

²³But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, ²⁴“Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.” ²⁵He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²⁶And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

SERMON NOTES

“Traps and Truth”

Luke 20:19-26

1. The sinister trap: a political question (vv. 19-22)

2. The stunning truth: a Kingdom answer (vv. 23-26)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 22

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| 9:30 a.m. | Worship service..... | 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..... | sanctuary & LMS auditorium |
| 12:15 p.m. | College Lunch | JHYB |
| 4:00 p.m. | Middle school small groups..... | various locations |
| 7:30 p.m. | High school youth group..... | JHYB |

For more events this week, visit 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/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.