



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O my God, Trinity whom I adore, let me entirely forget myself that I may abide in you,
still and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity; let nothing disturb my peace
nor separate me from you, O my unchanging God,
but that each moment may take me further into the depths of your mystery.
– Elizabeth of the Trinity*

SEPTEMBER 29, 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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship**

based on Nehemiah 9

Leader: Stand up and praise the LORD our God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be his glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. He alone is the LORD.

All: **He made the heavens and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. He gives life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship him.**

*** 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

Call to confession

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Prayer of confession

from Proverbs 1, 2, and 3

Leader: Heavenly Father, you instruct us in your Word to “trust in the LORD with all our hearts, and lean not on our own understanding.” You tell us to “not be wise in our own eyes” but rather “fear the LORD and shun evil.”

All: We confess that we are often half-hearted in our trust and lean more on our own understanding than yours. We think and act as though we are wiser than you, and are prone to indulge in evil rather than shun it.

Leader: You tell us in your Word that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

All: We confess that rather than pursuing the gift of your divine wisdom, we are often content to settle for mere earthly wisdom. Rather than fearing you, we have become lukewarm and show contempt for your commands. Apart from your grace, we despise your discipline and your mercy. Heavenly Father, heal our wayward and arrogant hearts, and grant us dependence on your steadfast love.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

* Hymn of assurance

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!
 He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame:
 he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
 called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
 he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;
 when, through grace, in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
 he who washed us with his blood (3x) has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
 here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
 “Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x); thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

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

Offertory hymn

“Not What My Hands Have Done”



1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul; not
 2. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak; thy
 3. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine; and
 4. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; he



what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole. Not
 pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break. No
 with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine. His
 calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light. 'Tis



what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not
 oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do; no
 cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each
 he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives; I



all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

text by Horatius Bonar, 1861; music by DH, 2019

* **Scripture reading from Luke 20:27-40**
text printed in the bulletin

Margaret Stewart (9:30)
Steve Reynolds (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, Part 2"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

* **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.**

RENEW presentation

Musicians for this week:

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

John Reeder – piano

Anna Stroud – vocals

Emmie Thompson – vocals

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. We are guests at LMS, and we desire to care for this space well, so please do not go anywhere in the building besides the auditorium and the restrooms. No one is permitted to wander the halls.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO NOMINATE OFFICERS at lmpc.org/officers. Thank you for participating in this process.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT PICNIC was rescheduled due to weather. The new date is Wednesday, October 2 at the Commons. If you were already registered, there is no need to register again. If you have already submitted payment for this event but are unable to attend on the new date, please email Tracey Leming at tracey@lmpc.org to ask for a refund. Registration will remain open through tomorrow, September 30.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE is a two-hour GriefShare event on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lookout Mountain, GA, City Hall. 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, Covenant College, and LMPC will lead us in worship and congregational hymns.

WOMEN'S FALL SUPPERS will be held in individual homes on Tuesday, October 29. Invite your friends and neighbors, and please register on Realm Connect. If you are interested in hosting a supper, email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

A SHORT-TERM TRIP TO INDIA is being coordinated by LMPC, tentatively scheduled for February 2025. This trip would be 10-14 days in length and primarily focus on serving with the Good Samaritans School in North India. If you are interested in learning more, please email missions coordinator Stephanie Young, stephanie@lmpc.org.

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

Luke 20:27-40

²⁷There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

SERMON NOTES

“Traps and Truth, Part 2”

1. An earthly question about marriage that is rooted in human imagination (vv. 27-33)

2. A Kingdom response about the resurrection that is rooted in biblical truth (vv. 34-40)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 29

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
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.

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024

Annual Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Giving YTD: \$3,050,880

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,809,120

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,409,750

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.

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.