



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*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 • 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

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### Prelude

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*arr. Richard Elliott*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #34)*

### Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

### \* 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

"God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"

God, our Father, we adore thee! We, thy children, bless thy name!  
Chosen in the Christ before thee, we are "holy, without blame."  
We adore thee! We adore thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!  
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Son eternal, we adore thee! Lamb upon the throne on high!  
Lamb of God, we bow before thee, thou hast brought thy people nigh!  
We adore thee! We adore thee! Son of God, who came to die!  
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Holy Spirit, we adore thee! Paraclete and heav'nly guest!  
Sent from God and from the Savior, thou hast led us into rest.  
We adore thee! We adore thee! By thy grace forever blest.  
We adore thee! We adore thee! By thy grace forever blest.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three in one! we give thee praise!  
For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to thee we raise!  
We adore thee! We adore thee! Thee we bless, thro' endless days!  
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*text by George W. Frazier, Alfred S. Loizeaux (v. 3); music by John Zundel, 1870, alt. 1990, BEECHER*

## \* 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 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

### Offertory

“All Things New”

Chancel Choir

Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross,  
sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wand'ring, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new.  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.

Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain,  
near after distant, gleam after gloom, love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new.  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.  
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*text by Frances Havergal; music by Elaine Hagenberg © 2021 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI Lic. #152036*

### \* 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 20:27-40

*p. 1046 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Bob Huffaker (9:30)

Diane Marble (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”  
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 131**, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**RENEW presentation**

\* **Postlude**

Postlude in D  
*Healey Willan*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**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](https://lmpc.org/give).

## Luke 20:27-40

<sup>27</sup>There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and 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. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But 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. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” <sup>40</sup>For 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



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org).

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

## 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](http://lmpc.org/events).*

### SET UP GIVING IN REALM CONNECT

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Connect account, tap "Giving," and tap the blue button that says "+Give" (or "Make a gift" if you're on the app) to create a new gift. From there, set up a one-time or recurring gift. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm for future gifts or event payments. Don't have a Realm Connect account? Request one today by visiting [lmpc.org/realm](http://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.