



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I bless thee for the throne of grace, that the veil is torn aside and I can enter the holiest and find thee ready to hear, waiting to be gracious, inviting me to pour out my needs, promising to give more than I ask or think. Give me in rich abundance the blessings the Lord's Day was designed to impart; may my meditations be sweet, my drink the streams that flow from thy throne, my food the precious Word, and may my heart be more knit to Jesus.

—excerpt from "The Lord's Day," The Valley of Vision

OCTOBER 13, 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

Josh Brower, co-director of high school ministry

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Come, People of the Risen King”

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Luke 18:9–14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Hymn of confession

"To Thee I Come"

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,
with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!
O, God was merciful to me!

text by Samuel Medley, 1738–1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006

Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied, because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature. But when I come near to you, there I see myself clearly.

All: In your light, I behold my darkness. In your purity, I behold my corruption.

Leader: O Lord, let me gaze on you more and more—

All: Until, in the vision of your brightness, I loathe the sight of my impurity; until, in the blaze of your glory, I fall to my knees, blinded and broken, to rise again as a new creation in you.

adapted from a prayer by George Matheson

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* Hymn of assurance

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

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

Offertory hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

*** Scripture reading from Luke 20:45-21:4**

text printed in the bulletin

Marianne Stern (9:30)

David Paschall (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Beware of Empty Religion"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

"Here Is Love"

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

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In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.
text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

*** 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**

Musicians for this week:

Genna Christie – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Jonah Hitchcock – cello

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sara Satterfield – vocals

Jeremy Taylor – piano

Asa Williams – trumpet

The rosebuds in the service today are for the birth of Eleanor Ann Nadeja, born to Stephanie and Mike Nadeja on October 4, and for the birth of Caroline Elizabeth Kaufmann, born to Rachel and David Kaufmann on October 4.

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.

THE LMPC PLAYGROUND will be closed this week for sewer work; please comply with all safety instructions on posted signage.

LMPC MEN, come join the first in a series of book discussions about Christian leaders and issues facing Christians today. Meet at the Jane Harris Youth Building on Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion on Collin Hansen's *Tim Keller: His Spiritual and Intellectual Formation*, led by Ken Stewart. The group will continue meeting monthly on second Thursdays.

JOIN US FOR A WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP PICNIC on October 23 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. (Gluten-free/dairy-free option available.)

MEN, COME FOR PRAYER, breakfast, and fellowship on Tuesday, October 29 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. Feel free to bring a friend as we continue to seek the Lord's grace for renewal.

THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL will 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.

WOMEN, JOIN US AT THE GA TOWN HALL for dessert and discussion on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. to explore Jonathan Haidt's book, *The Anxious Generation*, and how technology and social media are shaping our kids. The night will include small group discussion and a panel of LMPC women. Register for this free event on Realm Connect by November 11.

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 20:45-21:4

⁴⁵And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, ⁴⁶“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁷who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

¹Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ²and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 13

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

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

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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 are held on the first Sunday of every month in all morning services. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.