



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Spirit of Holiness, take of the things of Christ and show them unto me. Let me learn before I die to love the things on the other bank of death: I would not meet them as the objects of a foreign land. Teach me here the rudiments of heaven, that to please God may already be my pleasure, that to serve God may already be my freedom, that to know God may already be my life. Show me the joy of thy salvation.

—George Matheson, Day unto Day

OCTOBER 20, 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

Don Kent, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

based on Ephesians 1

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. In love, you predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring all things in heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

based on 1 Peter 1

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: **He has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us. We, through faith, are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Leader: In this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine, and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

All: **Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Hymn of confession

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair, into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Romans 5:1-2

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

* Hymn of assurance

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*
text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; music from a Swedish folk tune

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

Offertory hymn

“Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains,
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

Refrain: None above him, none before him, all of time in his hands;
for his throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name;
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
he is here with me; I am not alone.
O his love is sure, and he knows my name;
for my God is the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.
Then my joy complete, standing face to face,
in the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

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*** Scripture reading from Luke 21:5-11**

text printed in the bulletin

David Fowler (9:30)
Deborah Thomas (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Preparation for Faithful Service, Part 1”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831

*** 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:

Ismael Bartolome – violin

Eleanor Caines – vocals

Charley Crichton – bass

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

Charlotte Reeder – 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.

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN ADULT SMALL GROUP, either as a participant or a facilitator, please stop and see Chad Middlebrooks and Julie Dean on the chapel lawn today after either the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. service in an effort to update our records.

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION CONSTRAINTS, there will be no evening communion today.

FAITH CO-OP HAS PUBLISHED A PRAYER GUIDE, “The Posture of Our Politics,” short prayers written by local leaders including our own Brian Salter and Chad Middlebrooks. Access the prayer guide through the link on our website home page, and pair it with the recent LMPC podcast episode, “How Can Christians Live Faithfully in the Current Political Moment?” (parts 1 and 2).

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

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 **by Monday, October 21**; regular Wednesday dinner rates apply. (Gluten-free/dairy-free option available.)

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.

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.

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 by October 25.

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. Please register for this free event on Realm Connect by November 11.

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

Luke 21:5-11

⁵And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.”

IN MEMORIAM

Robert W. Jennings

January 4, 1930 – October 12, 2024

IN MEMORIAM

Cindy A. Tucker

October 16, 1959 – October 15, 2024

SERMON NOTES

“Preparation for Faithful Service, Part 1”

Luke 21:5-11

Jesus prepares his disciples for faithful service by calling them to:

1. **be careful:** don't presume on spiritual safety. (vv. 5-6)
2. **be cautious:** don't be deceived by end times speculation. (vv. 7-8)
3. **be calm:** don't be alarmed by world chaos. (vv. 9-11)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 20

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
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/realms.

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.