



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord, whose way is perfect,
help us, I pray thee, always to trust in thy goodness:
that walking with thee and following thee in all simplicity,
we may possess quiet and contented minds;
and may cast all our care on thee, for thou carest for us. Amen.*

—Christina Rossetti

OCTOBER 27, 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

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 46

Leader: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

All: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Leader: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

All: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*** Hymn of praise**

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Call to confession

Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Hymn of confession

“Depth of Mercy”

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?
God, the Just, his wrath forbears; me, the chief of sinners, spares.
So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways,
making clear my desp’rate need for his blood poured out for me.

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Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.
Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.
There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands,
scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free.
text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997

Prayer of confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

All: **We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.**

Leader: We confess our sins as a church.

All: **We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us.**

Leader: Father, forgive us.

All: **May your Holy Spirit move and convict our hearts, that we might live as you have created us to live.**
adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Romans 5 and Colossians 1

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Hymn of assurance

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

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

Offertory hymn

“I Have a Shelter”

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me.
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, my place of peace and solace.
No trial is deeper than your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me.
Though justice charges me with guilt, your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, who bore my condemnation.
I find my refuge in your wounds, for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me.
For in my weakness, I have learned your strength will not forsake me.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, the one who bears my burdens.
With faithful hands that cannot fail you'll bring me home to heaven.
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*** Scripture reading from Luke 21:12-19**
text printed in the bulletin

Jennifer Mixon (9:30)
Jim Richter (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 2”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Let the Nations Be Glad”

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.
May redemption be the theme of our song.
For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall proclaim
to the corners of the earth that Christ has come.

continued

Refrain: Let the nations be glad, let the peoples rejoice,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the nations be glad.

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,
many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.
Still we're holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,
shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *Refrain*

As your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,
with the glories of the Gospel to explain,
now we pray your Kingdom come, and we pray your will be done
for the honor and the glory of your name. *Refrain*

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*** 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:

Anna Hart – flute

Hannah Lutz – viola

Katie Mindeman – vocals

Matthew Mindeman – vocals

Jennifer Mixon – vocals

John Reeder – piano

Chapman Whitted – guitar

IN MEMORIAM

Julia Ann Bronnenberg Ashlock

July 7, 1925 – October 18, 2024

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICES are currently meeting in the Lookout Mountain School auditorium across the street at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

JOIN US FOR THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL this evening 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.

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.

GRIEF IS HARDER AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. Find support with the GriefShare seminar “Surviving the Holidays” and get practical tips for navigating the season after loss. Register on Realm Connect for this event on Saturday, November 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lookout Mountain, GA, City Hall. Please bring \$7 for the workbook.

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.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come and make a wreath and fellowship with friends over cookies and hot cocoa as we prepare for Advent. Please sign up on Realm Connect for a time slot on Sunday, November 24 at the Jane Harris Youth Building: 2:00–3:30 p.m., 4:30–6:00 p.m., or 7:00–8:30 p.m. One wreath per family unit. For those who are interested, nursery is provided for the 4:30 p.m. time slot. You will also receive an Advent kit to take home.

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

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Annual Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Giving YTD: \$3,387,129

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,472,871

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,138,034

We’re grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year.

Find ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.

Luke 21:12-19

¹²“But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake.

¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

¹⁴“Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

¹⁶“You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

Celebrating the baptism of William Campbell Moore Jr. at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Georgia and Will Moore, his grandparents, Christian and David Cornell and Allison and Fred Moore, and his great-grandparents, Freida Jones, Yuvonne Cornell, Randy Cornell, Diane and Fred Moore, and Helen Bess and Allen Yates.

Celebrating the baptism of Hugh Philip Morton at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Hendley and Hugh Morton, and his grandparents, Jenny and Philip Badcock and Katie and Don Morton.

SERMON NOTES

“Preparation for Faithful Service, Part 2”

Luke 21:12-19

SERVE THE CITY 2024

Saturday, November 9:

AMANI YA JUU CHATTANOOGA*

- What: workday at the warehouse (pricing items, painting, etc.)
- When: 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Where: Amani ya Juu (420 S. Willow St.)
- Who: appropriate for mature children, teen, and adult volunteers

Saturday, November 16:

VISION OF MERCY*

- What: assembling and distributing food boxes in Chattanooga
- When: 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Where: Church of the First Born (3418 St. Elmo Ave.)
- Who: appropriate for mature children, teen, and adult volunteers

Saturday, November 23:

WIDOWS HARVEST*

- What: assembling and delivering food boxes for widows in the area
- When: 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Where: Silverdale Baptist Church St. Elmo (4500 St. Elmo Ave.)
- Who: appropriate for volunteers of all ages

Saturday, November 23:

BOXES OF BLESSING* - Preparation for upcoming event

- What: forming and taping cardboard boxes
- When: 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Where: Chattanooga Bakery (900 Manufacturers Rd.)
- Who: appropriate for mature children, teen, and adult volunteers

Saturday, December 7:

BOXES OF BLESSING

- What: assembling food boxes
- When: 2 shifts (8:30-11:00 a.m.) & (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
- Where: Chattanooga Bakery (900 Manufacturers Rd.)
- Who: appropriate for volunteers of all ages, close supervision of children required
- DONUTS & COFFEE provided on 1st shift; LUNCH provided on 2nd shift

*Pastries and coffee provided.

Register for all November events on Realm Connect beginning October 27.

Register for the December 7 Boxes of Blessing event beginning November 3.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 27

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
6:00 p.m.	Reformation Hymn Festival.....	First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit 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.

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.