



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Lord, prepare my heart, I beseech thee, to reverence thee, to adore thee, to love thee...

Let my very coldness call for the glow of thy love;

let my emptiness and dryness, like a barren and thirsty land,

thirst for thee, call on thee to come into my soul, who refreshest those who are weary.

Let my heart ache to thee and for thee, who stillest the aching of the heart.

—from a prayer by E.B. Pusey

NOVEMBER 3, 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

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 9

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

All: We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Refrain: O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

* Prayer of adoration

Prayer for the persecuted church

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

**All: This morning, we pray for those members of your flock
whose lives and ministries are oppressed.**

Leader: Show your great mercies to our brothers and sisters who are
persecuted, cast in prison, and daily condemned to death for the
testimony of your truth.

All: We ask that your sweet comfort will never depart from them.

Leader: Enflame their hearts with your Holy Spirit that they may boldly and
faithfully abide such trials as your godly wisdom may appoint, so that
the Kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ may increase and shine through
all the world.

**All: Teach us to taste and see your eternal goodness as we face our
own weaknesses and hardships—never forgetting that your grace
is sufficient for us and your power is made perfect in weakness.
May opportunities abound to share with others your great love
found at the cross, and may the church here and around the world
be refreshed by your sustaining power, to the praise of your glorious
grace. Amen.**

*adapted from "A Prayer for the Whole Estate of Christ's Church," included in a worship
service written by John Knox, Geneva, 1556; 2 Corinthians 1:3, 12:9-10; Ephesians 1:6*

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

Offertory hymn

“For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Alleluia, Allelu

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia, Allelu

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia, Allelu

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

text by William How, 1864; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Scripture reading from Luke 21:20-28

text printed in the bulletin

Sarah Huffines (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

“Preparation for Faithful Service, Part 3”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Those seated in the back rows will come forward to be served first, finishing with those in the front rows. Come down the center aisle, partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements, and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing.

Hymn of confession

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.
text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: O the unspeakable mysteries and treasures of mercy that are presented to us in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper! Here we have communion with God our Father who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: Here we have communion with our blessed Redeemer, as crucified and glorified, and offered to us, as our quickening, preserving, strengthening Head.

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Leader: Here we have communion with the Holy Spirit, applying to our souls the benefits of redemption, drawing us to the Son, communicating light, life, and strength from him unto us, and increasing his graces in us.

All: Here we have communion with the body of Christ, his sanctified people. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember the finished work of Christ, receive nourishment, and anticipate the glory to come. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
adapted from The Practical Works of Richard Baxter, vol. 10 and The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"I Boast No More"

No more, my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done.
I quit the hopes I held before, to trust the merits of thy Son.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

Now, for the loss, I bear his name; what was my gain I count my loss.
My former pride I call my shame and nail my glory to his cross.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake.
O may my soul be found in him and of his righteousness partake!
No more, my God, I boast no more.

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before thy throne;
but faith can answer thy demands by pleading what my Lord has done.
No more, my God, I boast no more.

text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748); music by Sandra McCracken © 2001 Same Old Dress Music, CCLI Lic. #152036

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. *Refrain*
text by Philip P. Bliss, 1876; music by D.H., 2024

*** Prayer of thanksgiving**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing; I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war;
and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

Come, rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.
And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk;
for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.
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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:

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Maddie Lee – vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Sam Miller – violin

Hannah Perry – vocals
John Reeder – piano
Chapman Whitted – guitar

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Centuries ago, believers developed what is now known as the “Calendar of the Church Year.” It was designed to assist both unlearned and illiterate believers in mastering the truths of the Kingdom of God by causing them to “walk through” the events of redemptive history. All Saints’ Day, November 1, was chosen to call all believers to remember the faithful saints who had already finished their race and gone home to heaven. On All Saints’ Sunday we join the historic practice and recall the lives of our members who have gone on to glory in the past year.

Julia Ashlock — October 18, 2024
Emery Balthrop — March 6, 2024
John Bennett — February 12, 2024
Rick Bowers — November 22, 2023
Ian Hamilton — February 21, 2024
Marian Harris — August 21, 2024
Tami Harrison — January 6, 2024
Rob Jennings — October 12, 2024
Grady Love — April 30, 2024

Jack McEwen — April 30, 2024
Lewis Price — October 1, 2024
Lentz Reynolds — July 1, 2024
Margaret Reynolds — June 29, 2024
Len Teague — April 19, 2024
Mercy Thomas — December 4, 2023
Cindy Tucker — October 15, 2024
Kirby Wahl — March 31, 2024
Sally Wall — April 1, 2024

Luke 21:20-28

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

SERMON NOTES

“Preparation for Faithful Service, Part 3”

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

1. **take heed.** Ruin meets those who reject God’s warning. (vv. 20-24)

2. **eagerly await.** Redemption meets those who faithfully endure. (vv. 25-28)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME BACK TONIGHT for our Sunday Evening Gathering: a time of prayer for our missionaries at 6:00 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER? Each Sunday, elders are available to pray with you between services at 10:30 a.m. in room E-200, located in the children's education wing. An usher can direct you if you need assistance.

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP that gathers on Thursday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. has resumed meeting at the Jane Harris Youth Building. All men are welcome to this group focused on in-depth study of books of the Bible, currently 2 Corinthians.

GATHER YOUR LEAF BLOWERS, rakes, gloves, shears, and wheelbarrows to clean up around the church! The deacons invite the whole church family to the Annual Fall Church Work Day on Saturday, November 16, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Tasks include leaf collection, weeding, and vine removal. Donuts and drinks provided.

GRIEF IS HARDER AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. Find support with the GriefShare seminar, "Surviving the Holidays." Register on Realm Connect for Saturday, November 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lookout Mountain, GA, City Hall. Bring \$7 for the workbook.

WOMEN, JOIN US AT THE GEORGIA TOWN HALL for dessert and discussion on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Jonathan Haidt's recent book, *The Anxious Generation*. Register on Realm Connect by November 11.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come 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 at a cost of \$15. 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.

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 events on Realm Connect.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 3

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| 9:30 a.m. | Worship service with communion..... | 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 with communion..... | sanctuary & LMS auditorium |
| 4:00 p.m. | Middle school small groups..... | various locations |
| 6:00 p.m. | Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer | JHYB |
| 7:30 p.m. | High school youth group..... | JHYB |

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

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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.