



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*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 • 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**

Three Pieces for Organ, I. Prelude  
*Desmond Ratcliffe*

**Welcome and greetings**

Brian Salter, lead pastor

**\* 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 358, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6**

“For All the Saints”

**\* 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

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Chancel Choir

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking; soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

O, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it; there on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

*continued*

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! O, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
when, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!  
*text by William J. Irons, 1812-1883; music by William B. Roberts, 1947, MISSISSIPPI*

**\* Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

**\* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

**\* Scripture reading from Luke 21:20-28**  
*p. 1047 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

LJ Huffaker (9:30)  
Hilda Jemison (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"  
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**Pastoral prayer**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*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.*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**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.**

**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

### For the bread

"He Will Hold Me Fast"  
*(turn the page for words and music)*

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2. Those he saves are his de-light; Christ will hold me fast;  
 3. For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;

when the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my  
 pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be  
 jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end-less

hold through life's fear-ful path; for my love is oft-en cold;  
 lost; his pro-mis-es shall last; bought by him at such a cost,  
 life, he will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

he must hold me fast. He will hold me fast, he will hold me  
 he will hold me fast.  
 when he comes at last!

fast; for my Sa-rior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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**For the cup**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Instrumental meditation

arr. Peter Stearns

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #499)

**Prayer of thanksgiving**

\* Hymn of response 30, vv. 1, 2, 3, 7

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

Postlude on St. Anne

Craig Westendorf

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – choral director  
**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Bob Schmidt** – trumpet

**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

<sup>20</sup>“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then 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, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas 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. <sup>24</sup>They 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.

<sup>25</sup>“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, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now 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”

*Luke 21:20-28*

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](https://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](https://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

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

## JOIN REALM CONNECT

Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. Request your account 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. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.