



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*We sing with all the daughters of true Sion [sic] but now our song must be a rebel song:
a song against the proud devouring lion, a song that cries aloud, O Lord, how long?
How long will you stand back and let them be these vicious tricksters,
thinking they're so strong?
—Malcolm Guite, from "Psalm 10: X Ut quid, Domine?"*

NOVEMBER 10, 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**

based on Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

All: He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

All: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!

*** Hymn of praise**

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

text by Isaac Watts, 1719, based on Psalm 117; music by John Hatton, 1793

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hymn of confession “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707; traditional English melody

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Colossians 1 and Ezekiel 36

God 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.

The Sovereign LORD says: “On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. Those who pass through it will say, ‘This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited.’ Then the nations around you will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate.”

*** Hymn of assurance**

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*
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Prayer of intercession for our city

Leader: God of compassion, we ask that you would work powerfully in our community and in the city of Chattanooga. Through our prayers and work, transform this city and draw its people into relationship with you. In your great mercy, provide for those who are marginalized, those without jobs, food, shelter, or clothing, and be near to them by your Spirit. Give us both clarity of vision to see people's needs and wisdom to meet those needs in meaningful and lasting ways that reflect your love.

All: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Be with the sick and the dying, those with chronic mental illness, those struggling with addiction, and those who are overwhelmed with medical expenses. Surround them with your loving presence, and equip us to meet their physical needs and share your Gospel of hope and redemption.

All: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord, heal the relational and societal rifts that exist in our city.
Give strength, endurance, and encouragement to those working to promote peace, unity, and healing. Teach all of us to see and honor your image in every person we encounter.

All: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Be with our home missions partners and bless their ministries for your name's sake. Expand and establish the work of their hands as they serve you.

**All: Merciful God, hear our prayer.
We pray now as your Son taught us to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

Offertory hymn "Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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* **Scripture reading from Acts 1:6-14**
text printed in the bulletin

Rebekah Risley (9:30)
Steve Reynolds (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Church Praying, then Church Planting"
Corby Shields, pastor of Highland Park Fellowship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "O Church, Arise"

O church, arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our captain;
for now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure;
and Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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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:

Amy Barham – vocals

Greta Erickson – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Jonah Hitchcock – cello

Hannah Lutz – viola

Ethan Rester – piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENEW YOUR LOVE FOR THE CITY serve alongside other churches in our community, and register now for Boxes of Blessing on November 23 (box taping) and December 7 (box assembly). If registration on Realm Connect is full, please join a waitlist so we can try to accommodate as many as possible.

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

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. (Rain date: Nov. 23)

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.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come make a wreath and fellowship with friends over cookies and hot cocoa as we prepare for Advent. Choose 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. Please sign up on Realm Connect by November 18. 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.

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at Canopy on Tuesday, December 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. No registration is required.

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

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

IN MEMORIAM

Carol Anne Mutter

October 22, 1946 – November 3, 2024

SERMON NOTES

“Church Praying, then Church Planting”

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GIVING UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024

Annual Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Giving YTD: \$3,793,263

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,066,737

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$739,411

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far in 2024. As we near the end of the year, please consider how you might contribute towards our mission of glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Find ways to give at lmpc.org/give.

FELLOWSHIP HALL GUEST SPEAKER: CORBY SHIELDS PASTOR OF HIGHLAND PARK FELLOWSHIP



Corby and Rachel have been married since 2003 and have four children: Hank, Reese, Barnes, and Delsie. Corby was a full-time youth minister in Philadelphia at New Life Dresher and part-time seminary student at Westminster. After completing a church planting apprenticeship in Boston in 2013, the Shields family moved to Lookout Mountain for Corby to serve as assistant/associate pastor at Rock Creek Fellowship.

In June of 2023 the Lord called Corby to complete a church planting effort in Chattanooga, which is now called Highland Park Fellowship. HPF seeks to display the diversity and beauty of God's family through shared mission, offering our unique contribution through partnership with organizations, churches, and individuals who are pushing back the darkness in our city.

SANCTUARY GUEST SPEAKER: COREY PELTON DIRECTOR OF MNA RURAL CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY



Corey and his wife, Holly, moved to the north Georgia mountains in January 2022, after years of pastoring throughout the South. They have three grown children: Miller (and his wife, Emma), Maggie, and Miles. The Peltons spent eight years in Jackson, MS, where Corey attended seminary and worked with Reformed University Fellowship at Belhaven College. In 2002 they moved to Hot Springs, AR, to grow a mission church into a fully organized church. Corey pastored Redeemer Presbyterian in

Travelers Rest, SC, before assisting South Baton Rouge Presbyterian in LA. In 2022, Corey was called by Tennessee Valley Presbytery as an evangelist to do a modern day "circuit riding" ministry in Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. MNA's Rural Church Planting seeks to be a resource for pastors, churches, and presbyteries for healthy church planting in rural communities.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 10

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
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & LMS auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
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 and in the evening on the third Sunday of every month. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.