



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

May the vision of Christ crucified be so familiar to my mind, and may a sense of his dying love so powerfully motivate me, that I may never question that I am one of those for whom he intended this feast of love! And may we one day join in a nobler and more immediate worship where all these symbols and shadows will be laid aside. ... Instead, a living and present Redeemer will be the everlasting joy of those who have delighted to commemorate his death. Amen. —from a prayer written by Philip Doddridge

APRIL 6, 2025 • 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

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 86

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

All: **All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.**

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts; we will glorify your name forever.

All: **For great is your love toward us; you have delivered us from the depths of the grave. You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, abounding in love and faithfulness.**

*** 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*

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*** Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**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

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise,
on thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal.
Thy word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But O! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine.
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust.
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

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Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat,
with humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.
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text by Anne Steele, 1716-1778; music by Kevin Twit, 1998

*** Scripture reading from Luke 23:39-43**

text printed in the bulletin

Annie Reynolds (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

“The Cross, Part 2”

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.

Those seated in the back rows will come forward to be served first, followed by the rest of the congregation, finishing with those in the front rows. Come down the center two aisles, 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. Men and women will be available in the fellowship hall lobby to pray with you should you desire that.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*
text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by DH, 2012

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: We come to this feast in obedience and with thanksgiving.

All: By dying, Christ destroyed our death. By rising, he gave us life. It is in his great love and sacrifice that we have been set free, and given hope for an eternal future that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

Leader: In this feast, our God is present with us by his Spirit.

All: When we share this bread, we share in the body of Christ: we are sustained and nourished to love and serve as our Savior did.

When we share this cup, we share in the blood of Christ: we take part in his suffering and are formed into people who bring life out of death.

When we share this meal with each other, we are united in faith and mission, and we yearn for Christ's return and the restoration of all things. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

“My Savior Left His Throne Above”

My Savior left his throne above, exchanged his wealth for poverty.
He took my hate and gave his love; all this and more he did for me.
Because he chose the lowly way and bowed before his Father’s will,
I can with all assurance say my God is near and loves me still,
my God is near and loves me still.

He felt the storms of human pain, he felt temptation’s whelming seas.
He felt the tears of sorrow’s rain; all this and more he felt for me.
Because he knows my ev’ry strife and is acquainted with my grief,
I can’t be shaken in this life; the Friend of Sinners walks with me,
the Friend of Sinners walks with me.

He kept his Father’s ev’ry word; the law he followed perfectly.
So all God’s pleasure he secured; all this and more he earned for me.
Because his righteous life is mine and all his merits now I own,
I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known,
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When Jesus left his heav’nly home, his face was set on Calvary.
The steepest hill he climbed alone; all this and more he did for me.
Because he died once for all time and bore the curse of death and hell,
final forgiveness here is mine; so it is finished, all is well,
yes, it is finished, all is well.

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“Behold the Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us; and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember
he drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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*** Prayer of thanksgiving**

*** Hymn of praise** “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood;

upheld, protected, gathered up.

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid.

For the promised morning, O how long?

O God of Jacob be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,

bind us together, bring shalom. *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:

Xaris Emmett – violin

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Perry – vocals

Ethan Rester – piano

Maria Rhodes – vocals

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

IN MEMORIAM

Sarah Milligan Hooper

December 26, 1925 – April 1, 2025

SERMON NOTES

“The Cross, Part 2”

Luke 23:39-43

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WILL PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS at 6:00 p.m. today; please join us in the Conference Room located in the new office building.

EASTER IS COMING! See our Holy Week service schedule at lmpc.org/easter.

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD EASTER FLOWERS in memory or in honor of a loved one, please do so by April 7 on Realm Connect by finding it listed on the Events page. For more information, call the church office.

MOMS FROM ALL STAGES OF LIFE, join us for our first “Moms’ Coffee” on Friday, April 11 at the Jane Harris Youth Building from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We will enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and a panel discussion on navigating relationships, loneliness, and expectations in motherhood. Nursery will be available for infants through Pre-K.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service on Sunday, April 27, for two purposes: to elect the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2028, and to receive a report concerning changes this fall to the worship schedule in order to begin a common Sunday school hour. A brochure about the officer candidates will be available electronically and in print closer to the date of the meeting.

ATTEND AN EVENING OF SCRIPTURE & SONG on Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us for favorite Scriptures, hymns, and anthems together with our Chancel choir. Nursery will be provided. Stay for a reception after the concert to celebrate Joy Gibbons as she retires, and to thank God for her faithful ministry.

BEAST FEAST IS BACK! Men, come to the Heald’s Farm in Rising Fawn, GA, on May 1 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of mouth-watering smoked meats and fellowship. Who needs side dishes when you have pork butt, sausage, brisket, ribs, and chicken? Feast and fellowship with other guys on the farm, and invite your friends. Bring a lawn chair and a beverage. Register on Realm Connect by April 28; cost is \$20.

LMPC HAS A JOB OPENING for the position of Director of Choral Ministries. For more information and to apply, please contact David Henry at davidh@lmpc.org.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 6

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class)	Room 211
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for youth & children	various locations
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Fellowship class).....	Room 211
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Kingdom class)	JHYB high school room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Sojourners class)	Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer	Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events; for information on groups and classes, visit lmpc.org/groups.

RECEIVE LMPC'S WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL

Don't miss out on upcoming church events, building updates, resources, and other news. Stay informed by contacting onrealm@lmpc.org to update your email preferences.

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.