



PALM SUNDAY

**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*

April 13, 2025 — Fellowship Hall Service

## Order of Worship

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**Welcome and greetings**

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

**\* Call to worship**

from Zechariah 9 and Psalm 24

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

**All: See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory?

**All: The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### New member vows

### Sacrament of baptism

Brooks Hillman Cain, Ronald Gene Thomas III (9:30)

Eden Munro Gardner (11:00)

### Call to confession

from Hebrews 10:19–22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

### Silent prayers of confession

## \* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 2

**Leader:** Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

**All:** We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

**“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

*text by William Cowper, 1771; music by Lowell Mason, 1830*

**Worship in the giving of God’s tithe and our offerings**

**Offertory hymn**

**“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:  
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross;  
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross.

*text by Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

\* **Scripture reading from Luke 23:44-56**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

Rebekah Risley (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** "The Cross, Part 3"  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response** "The Power of the Cross"

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*Refrain:* This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. *Refrain*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. *Refrain*

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.  
*text and music Keith Getty and Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic #152036*

\* **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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Genna Christie** – vocals  
**Joel Christie** – vocals  
**Charley Crichton** – bass  
**Anna Hart** – flute

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Ethan Rester** – piano  
**Anna Stroud** – vocals

**Luke 23:44-56**

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

<sup>47</sup>Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" <sup>48</sup>And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

<sup>50</sup>Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, <sup>51</sup>who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.



## SERMON NOTES

“The Cross, Part 3”

*Luke 23:44-56*

### IN MEMORIAM

**Hugh Owen Maclellan Jr.**

December 4, 1939 – April 4, 2025

**Celebrating the baptism** of Brooks Hillman Cain at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Ashleigh and Jacob Cain, and his grandparents, Regina and Jim Wright and Jenny Homan, and his great-grandmother, Chris McBryar.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Ronald Gene Thomas III at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Deborah and Ron Thomas, and his grandparents, Hannie and Fred Brown.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Eden Munro Gardner at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Kristen and Paul Gardner.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PALM BRANCHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL** at the entrances to the sanctuary and at the foot of the cross located in the courtyard. After the service, the branches may be placed in the cross. Next Sunday, the cross will be filled with flowers in celebration of Christ's resurrection. You are welcome to bring your own flowers on Easter to contribute to the cross, or to take one of the flowers that will be available and place it in the cross. The cross is provided by Catherine and Charlie Walldorf in loving memory of Flora Walldorf, Dick Fowler, Jacob Walldorf, Elise Crates, and Mike Irwin.

**THIS WEEK, YOU WILL RECEIVE A SPRING MINISTRY UPDATE** describing the first quarter of 2025, along with your giving statement, so keep an eye out for that email. Moving forward, these new updates will be sent quarterly.

**THERE WILL BE LIMITED WEDNESDAY EVENING** activities on April 16 due to Holy Week: Chancel Choir will rehearse and Wednesday Evening Prayer will be held at 6:15 p.m.

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED** why LMPC observes Holy Week the way we do? Listen to a bonus episode of the Pillar & Ground podcast, just released this week, on the topic of preparing for Holy Week at LMPC. Find the episode at [lmpc.org/podcast](http://lmpc.org/podcast), or wherever you get your podcasts.

**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.

**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. 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.

**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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH VBS!** We are excited to host VBS back on our church campus this summer, June 17-19, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please register on Realm Connect if you can volunteer: we must plan in advance for screening and training. (If you already emailed Brennan to volunteer, no need to register.)

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 30. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Lizzie and Josh Alford  
Lynn and Ben Brown  
Jana Clark  
Lurahelen and Thomas Clark  
Lizzie and Mark Currin  
Aaralyn Davis  
Morgan and Sven Eriksen  
Brennan and Jamison Griffin

Elizabeth and Kennedy Griffin  
Bennett and Brad Harrison  
Wesley Heinecke  
Lisa and Rob Jenks  
Jan and Tory Johnston  
Patsy and Craig Kent  
Kate McKinney  
Nancy and Larry Mehne

Jalen Spiller  
Kathy and Dan Taber  
Zoe Vander Maas\*  
Blair and Lucas Vazquez  
Karyn and Enrique Vizoso  
Colleen and Philip Weston

\*Associate Member

## COMMUNICANTS

Vivien Beasley  
Brooks Cain  
Catherine Carr  
Caeva Christie  
Finley Cook  
Gwendolyn DeMarco  
Oliver DeMarco  
Eden Gardner  
Charlie Heald  
Lucy Heald

Greer Hewitt  
Reed Hill  
Wendell Huffines  
Vivienne Jacobs  
Forrest Lehn  
Tuck Lehn  
Hannah Lindquist  
Phoebe Mutter  
Wisehart Mutter  
Ben Perry

Simeon Salter  
Mary Margaret Scruggs  
Asher Stevens  
Ron Thomas  
Luah Vaughn  
Kent Wingfield  
Augusta Witcher  
Elsie Witcher  
Tiya Wykoff

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Maundy Thursday Service

..... 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall\*

### Good Friday Service

..... 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary\*

### Easter Sunrise Service

..... 7:00 a.m. at Point Park (weather permitting)

### Easter Sunday Services

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary\*

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall\*

*No Sunday School for adults, youth, or children*

*No Evening Gathering or youth activities*

*\*indicates nursery available*

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 13

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class) .....	Room 211
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	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
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events); for information on groups and classes, visit [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups).

Further Up, Further In,  
Resources for  
Continued Study



## 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.