



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 — Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

I. Bryn Calfaria, from Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes
R. Vaughan Williams
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #259)

Welcome and greetings

Derek Halvorson, ruling elder

*** 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 235**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*** Prayer of adoration**

New member vows

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

Choral prayer

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!”

Chancel Choir

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merits we find favor; life is given through thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed, though hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven; peace is made 'twixt man and God.

text by John Bakewell, 1757; traditional Netherlands melody, arr. Julius Röntgen, ca. 1906, IN BABILONE

* 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 251

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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

Offertory

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Chancel Choir

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

(continued)

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day, hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to walk and he gave the blind their sight.
What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days will gladly spend.
My song is love unknown; love unknown.
text by Samuel Crossman; music by J. Baptiste Calkin, arr. Molly Ijames, 2012

*** 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.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from Luke 23:44-56**
p. 1051 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Margaret Stewart (9:30)
David Wharton (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”
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 420** “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response** “Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude** Trumpet Tune: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”
Gilbert Martin
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #237)

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

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*

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.

Luke 23:44-56

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

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

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then 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. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

SERMON NOTES

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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

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, 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.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 13

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| 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; for information on groups and classes, visit 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.