



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

—from Opening Prayers

MAY 11, 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 68

Leader: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

All: **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!**

Leader: You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train.

All: **Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861

*** Prayer of adoration**

New member vows

Officer installation (11:00)

Call to confession

1 John 1:8-2:1

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

based on Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

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O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.
text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

Call to offering

Proverbs 11:24-25

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Offertory hymn

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme; conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed.

O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me.
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* **Scripture reading from Luke 24:50-53**
text printed in the bulletin

Tabitha Kapic (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 Ascension”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

* 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:

Joel Christie – vocals

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Asa Williams – trumpet

Laura Zylstra – vocals

The flowers in the fellowship hall today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Tolson.

Luke 24:50-53

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

SERMON NOTES

“The Ascension”

1. Jesus’ gracious gift: a parting blessing (v. 50)
2. Jesus’ glorious ascension: a sign of his victory (v. 51)
3. The disciples’ unexpected response: great joy and expectant worship (vv. 52-53)

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 49

Q: What benefit do we gain from Christ’s ascension into heaven?

A: First, that he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, that we have our flesh in heaven: taken there as a sure pledge that Christ our head will take us, his members, there to himself. And third, that he sends us his Spirit, sent back as a further pledge: by whose power we make our goal not earthly things, but things above where Christ is, seated at God’s right hand.

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR HIGH SCHOOL MEXICO TEAM will be commissioned today at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please come, pick up a prayer card, and support them as they prepare to partner with local ministries in Acapulco.

THE FULL SLATE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR THE CLASS OF 2028 was elected by the congregation on April 27. They will be installed as officers in the morning services on Sunday, May 18.

THIS MAY, JOIN US FOR A SUMMER IN THE PSALMS, our new sermon series beginning May 18. Pick up a reading plan in the fellowship hall lobby or sanctuary Narthex, and, if desired, purchase a Psalms Scripture journal for \$12 (register on Realm Connect).

PASTOR BRIAN SALTER WILL PREACH at Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. This is part of a two-night worship event supporting Love's Arms Outreach. Your presence when Brian preaches at this church is a significant way to demonstrate our regard for him, and to honor the congregation that has invited him. We encourage you to consider joining us. Listen to the most recent Pillar & Ground podcast episode featuring Pastor Anthony Williams for more details.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY will be held on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for four weeks beginning May 28. We will join our church body in a "Summer in the Psalms." Nursery and elementary childcare will be provided. Find details at lmpc.org/events.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND is back on Friday, May 30, with more dates in June and July. Meet at the Commons from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. to fellowship with other women; bring your kids!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW for Women's Summer Suppers (June 10, July 24) and Women's Summer Book Clubs (July 10). Find details and register on Realm Connect.

VBS IS COMING! We are excited to host VBS back on our church campus this summer, June 17-19, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Registration is open on Realm Connect for rising kindergarteners through rising sixth graders. Cost is \$20 per child and includes dinner. We still need volunteers; please register in the separate event on Realm Connect.

LMPC JOB OPENING: We thank Amy Horne for 27 years of faithful service to LMPC; she will be stepping down as Nursery Director on June 30. View the job description and instructions on how to apply at lmpc.org/jobs.

Celebrating the baptism of Scotlynn Rose Maclellan at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Brooke and Reid Maclellan, and her grandparents, Lynn and Kris Lowry and Lisa and Scott Maclellan.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 11

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
6:00 p.m.	Mexico youth missions trip commissioning.....	fellowship hall

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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