



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord, teach us to understand that your Son died to save us not from suffering but from ourselves, not from injustice, far less from justice, but from being unjust. He died that we might live—but live as he lives, by dying as he died who died to himself.

—from a prayer by George MacDonald

MAY 18, 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

Robert Clark, ruling elder

* Call to worship

from Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

All: **For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

Leader: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

All: **We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.**

* Hymn of praise

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
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*** Prayer of adoration**

Officer installation

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.

Silent prayers of confession

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

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

continued

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

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

Offertory hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

*** Scripture reading from Psalm 1**

text printed in the bulletin

Rebekah Risley (9:30)

Merrile Stroud (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 Stark Contrast of the Righteous and the Wicked”
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825

*** 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.**

RENEW presentation

Musicians for this week:

Xaris Emmett – violin

Krista Gibson – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Jeremy Taylor – piano

Emmie Thompson – vocals

Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SERMON NOTES

“The Stark Contrast of the Righteous and the Wicked”

Psalm 1

1. Contrasting paths (vv. 1-2, 5)

2. Contrasting pictures (vv. 3-4)

3. Contrasting destinies (v. 6)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEW SERMON SERIES, SUMMER IN THE PSALMS, begins this morning. 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).

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL until the fall, when we will transition to a common Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. Worship service times will shift in August to 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Look for more information this summer.

FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today we will worship and celebrate communion at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery will be provided.

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 recent Pillar & Ground podcast episode featuring Pastor Anthony Williams for more details.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30 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. Come as you are able.

VIPS, JOIN THE PASTORS for ice cream in the chapel on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. Participate in a Q&A and learn more about the pastoral philosophy of ministry at LMPC. *VIPs is a group of mostly retired adults from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and the community.*

OUR FIRST WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPER will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 10 in individual homes. Please register on Realm Connect and, if you're able to host, email Caroline: caroline@lmpc.org.

THE FLOWER MINISTRY is now moved into the newly-renovated flower room, behind the sanctuary. They are running low on vases, so if you have received a vase from them, please return it to the office building reception desk on weekdays or the flower room on Sundays. Thank you for holding those during our renovations.

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.

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

SERMON SERIES: SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Reflecting on the Psalms, John Calvin wrote this: “What various and resplendent riches are contained in this treasury! It is difficult to find words to describe ... I have been wont to call this book, not inappropriately, an anatomy of all parts of the soul; for there is not an emotion of which anyone can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror.” Our desire for LMPC is to study and discover this rich treasury together this summer. Pick up a reading plan or download it from our website so we can read the Psalms together throughout the week. Each Sunday, one of the Psalms from the previous week will be the selected text for preaching. May our summer in the Psalms lead us all to vitality and honesty in our relationship with God. May our hearts learn to sing, lament, trust, grieve, hope, and give thanks as we enjoy the language of the heart—the book of Psalms.

OFFICER INSTALLATION

The LMPC officer class of 2028 will be installed during the morning worship services today. All of these men have previously been ordained and served as elders or deacons at LMPC. The make-up date is May 25.

ELDERS

Glenn Breazeale
Bill Davis
Allen Jackson
Don Kent
Jason Lehn
Everett Pierce
John Plating
Miller Welborn
John Wingard

DEACONS

Robby Bosshardt
Ryan Cleary
Andrew Cook
Mallory Dean
Grayson Lowery
Nate Oster
Lee Perry
Tim Sorrell
Clay Tolson

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 18

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.	Sunday Evening Gathering with communion service	sanctuary

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

JOIN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details on joining and using Realm Connect at lmpc.org/realms.

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.