



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak, yes, also light of those that see,
and strength of the strong, hearken unto my soul, and hear it crying out of the depths.*

—St. Augustine

MAY 25, 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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship**

based on Isaiah 25

Leader: O LORD, you are our God; we will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

All: **You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.**

Leader: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

All: **The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. In that day we will say, "Surely, this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."**

*** Hymn of praise**

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

* Prayer of adoration

Officer installation (9:30)

Sacrament of baptism (11:00)

Emma and Dustin Hayes bringing Theodore Hayes

Call to confession

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

All: We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us.

adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Silent prayers of confession

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* Hymn of assurance

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. *Refrain*
text by Philip P. Bliss, 1876; music by D. H., 2024

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.

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 Psalm 13**
text printed in the bulletin

Stephanie Pierce (9:30)
Dottie Paden (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Lament: From Despair to Trust"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

*** 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:

Amy Barham – vocals

Ismael Bartolome – violin

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Jonah Hitchcock – cello

Hannah Lutz – viola

Matthew Mindeman – vocals

Psalm 13

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ²How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, ⁴lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. ⁶I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

SERMON NOTES

“Lament: From Despair to Trust”

Psalm 13

When God feels distant and despair feels near, we can learn from David’s posture of:

1. honest lament. (vv. 1-2)

2. heartfelt plea. (vv. 3-4)

3. humble trust. (vv. 5-6)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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Celebrating the baptism of Theodore Hayes at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Emma and Dustin Hayes, his grandparents, Dana and Kristian Driver, Meredith and David Nahabedian, and Heather Hayes, and his great-grandmothers, Gwen Fink and Jo Ann Martin.

Celebrating the baptism of Mabel Grace Whitted at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Bethany and Chapman Whitted, and her grandparents, Karen and David Sikkink and Lisa and Scott Whitted.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANY OF YOU ARE EAGER FOR THE LIBRARY'S REOPENING, but due to a delay with new shelving, it will be a little longer until library services resume. Please begin returning library books now to the return cart outside the library so we can integrate them with the collection when we begin reshelving. Thank you!

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.

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!

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.*

INTERESTED IN SINGING THIS SUMMER? Look for more information coming next week on our Women's and Men's Ensembles.

WE WILL HOST VBS this summer, June 17-19, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please register on Realm Connect; cost is \$20 per child and includes dinner. If you can volunteer, please register through the separate event on Realm Connect.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS aren't until July 10, but now is the time to reserve your spot and start reading your book! Make your selection and find details on Realm Connect.

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

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) COMING TO CHATTANOOGA - JUNE 23-27

Volunteer opportunities:

If you are interested in serving, please follow the link in the QR code. Please note that the list you will see is not reflective of which opportunities are filled and which still need more volunteers. Most of the **unfilled** positions are: Move In/Move Out, Nursery, Women's Hospitality (Totes), Youth Events, Children's Events, Ushers, Elders serving communion (Tuesday), and Communion Prep (Tuesday). Please consider helping in these areas specifically.



Tennessee Valley Presbytery GA Prayer Meeting:

Join this presbytery-wide prayer meeting to interact with other TVP churches and intercede for our branch of Christ's church.

Sunday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, TN.

GA Worship Services at the Chattanooga Convention Center:

These services are open to all; come and worship at General Assembly!

Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25 at 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 25

9:30 a.m. Worship service..... sanctuary & fellowship hall
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For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events; for information on groups and classes, visit lmpc.org/groups.

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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.