



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*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 • SANCTUARY 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

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### Prelude

"How Great Thou Art"

*arr. John Purifoy*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #44)*

### Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

### \* 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 2, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

"O Worship the King"

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**\* Affirmation of faith (9:30)**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of "living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.*

**Sacrament of baptism (11:00)**

Bethany and Chapman Whitted bringing Mabel Grace Whitted

**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.

**Hymn of confession 308 (9:30)**

"Jesus Paid It All"

**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

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

from Romans 8

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 703, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Loved with Everlasting Love”

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

### Offertory

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Instrumental meditation

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*

*text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855, arr. John Purifoy, 1997, HYFRYDOL*

### \* 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 Psalm 13**

*p. 534 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Brian Kvale (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**

“Lament: From Despair to Trust”

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 75**

“O Father, You Are Sovereign”

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

Voluntary on “All My Hope on God Is Founded”

*Michael Burkhardt*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Cindy Solfest-Wallis** – flute

**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.

**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.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are from the wedding of Elizabeth Marie “Liza” Reynolds and Nathan Connor on May 24.



## 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](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 25

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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).

### 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.

### 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.