



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*My heart needs thee, O Lord. No part of my being needs thee like my heart. All else within me can be filled with thy gifts. My hunger can be satisfied by daily bread. My weariness can be relieved by outward rest. But no outward thing can make my heart pure. This world has not provided for my heart. Provide thou for my heart, O Lord. Be thou its strength. Guide it in its gloom; help it in its conflict; direct it in its doubt; calm it in its conflict; prompt it in its perplexity; raise it from its ruins. Keep it under the shadow of thy wings. —George Matheson*

JUNE 8, 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

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Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

\* Call to worship

from Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

\* Hymn of praise

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,  
every eye that searches through the dark for light,  
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;  
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Refrain:* O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;  
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,  
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,  
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;  
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips  
with the chorus of creation join in praise  
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,  
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

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## \* Prayer of adoration

### Affirmation of faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism 87

Leader: What is repentance unto life?

**All: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, being truly aware of his sinfulness, understands the mercy of God in Christ, grieves for and hates his sins, and turns from them to God, fully intending and striving for a new obedience.**

### Call to confession

Ecclesiastes 12:13b-14 and Isaiah 55:6-7

Here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments,  
for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment,  
including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the  
wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD,  
and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

### Hymn of confession

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.  
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.  
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;  
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

*continued*

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.  
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee.  
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love.  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

*text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

### **Prayer of confession**

Leader: Lord, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

All: **In our weakness, we have disobeyed your commands.  
In our apathy, we have ignored the promptings of your Spirit.  
In our arrogance, we have considered ourselves and our desires above all else.  
In our self-pity, we have refused your tender, healing hand.  
In our fear, we have forgotten your promises.**

Leader: Lord, without you we can do nothing; but with you we can do all things.

All: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

### **Silent prayers of confession**

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

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

#### **\* Hymn of assurance**

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;  
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:  
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

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

### **Offertory hymn**

“I Set My Hope on Jesus”

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.  
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.  
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deeper.  
There's a truth that's more than all I feel; I set my hope on Jesus.

*Refrain:* I set my hope on Jesus, my rock my only trust,  
who set his heart upon me first. I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.  
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.  
Though the shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of justice,  
I will cast my life on Calvary; I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.  
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus.  
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish.  
Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

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### **\* Scripture reading from Psalm 51**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Maryellen Mixon (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**

“Confession: The Way Back”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

### **Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame:  
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown:  
he who washed us with his blood (3x), soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;  
when, through grace, in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
he who washed us with his blood (3x) has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
“Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x); thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

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**\* 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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals  
**Mary Catherine Hewitt** – banjo  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Mike McCracken** – clarinet

**Rebecca McCracken** – vocals  
**Sara Satterfield** – vocals  
**Jeremy Taylor** – piano

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VBS REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE TOMORROW**, Monday, June 9. Please register on Realm Connect for \$20 per child. VBS will be held June 17–19, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL** in India at a drop-in event on Wednesday, June 18 at 3:00 p.m. and enjoy light refreshments while you visit with the school's founder, Ananthi Jebasingh. This gathering will be held at the Lookout Mountain, GA, city hall.

**SING IN THE MEN'S OR WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE THIS SUMMER:** We'd love to have you join us! Men's Sunday singing dates are June 15, 22, 29, each with a Thursday evening rehearsal before. Women's Sunday singing dates are July 13, 20, 27, each with a Wednesday evening rehearsal before. Find details and register on Realm Connect if interested. Direct any questions to David Henry, davidh@lmpc.org.

**SUMMER MISSIONS SERIES:** LMPC will host several family-friendly missions events at upcoming Sunday Evening Gatherings: save these dates!

*June 22:* An Evening of Prayer with the China Partnership

*July 13:* Celebrating 10 Years of Work in Scotland with Robbie and Lydia Sweet

*July 27:* Youth Mexico Team Report

*August 10:* Home Mission Report with Norm and Ruth Ann Leduc

**WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS** will be held July 10. Read your chosen book and meet at a local restaurant. Register on Realm Connect for one of the following books: *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry, *No Greater Love* by Rebecca McLaughlin, *Becoming Elisabeth Elliot* by Ellen Vaughn, or *Waiting Isn't a Waste* by Mark Vroegop.

**THE ROLE OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & FINANCE** at LMPC has now been divided into two part-time positions. Margaret Lowery is staying on as Director of Finance, and we welcome Ross Ballenger on staff as Director of Operations.

**LMPC'S MOTHER'S DAY OUT** program is hiring teacher aides and substitute teachers for the 2025–2026 school year (Tuesdays and Thursdays only). For more information, please contact MDO Director Megan DeMoss at [megan@lmpc.org](mailto:megan@lmpc.org).

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

<sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. <sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup>For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. <sup>18</sup>Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; <sup>19</sup>then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## SERMON NOTES

“Confession: The Way Back”

*Psalm 51*

1. An urgent cry for forgiveness according to God’s mercy (vv. 1–5)
2. An earnest cry for inward renewal that only God can bring (vv. 6–12)
3. The beautiful fruit of God’s forgiveness and renewal (vv. 13–19)

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



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## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 8

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
4:00 p.m.	Middle school Bible study .....	JHYB
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

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).

### 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](mailto: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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