



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 • 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

Prelude

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

arr. Maureen Howell

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* 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 4, vv. 1, 3, 4, 6

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

*** 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 486, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

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 524

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

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

Offertory

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Instrumental meditation

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine: now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life’s dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream
shall o’er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

text by Ray Palmer, 1830; music by Lowell Mason, 1832, arr. Mary McDonald, 2024, OLIVET

* 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 51

pp. 560–561 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Bob Huffaker (9:30)

Julie Dean (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”

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 172, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. John Innes

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #598)

Musician for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ

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.

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.

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

Psalm 51

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against 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. ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

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

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

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 8

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
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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; 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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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.