



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*He is in heaven. Yet he gives us wings to rise to him, and gives us words to sing,
if we'll forsake our vain imaginings and recognise our risen Lord and King.*

—from Malcolm Guite, Psalm 115: CXV Non nobis, Domine

JULY 13, 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

Josh Brower, co-director of high school ministry

*** Call to worship**

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: **Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: **Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!
text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; traditional Welsh hymn melody

*** Prayer of adoration**

Missionary report (9:30)

*** Affirmation of faith (11:00)**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to confession

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn of confession (11:00)

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair, into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

* Hymn of assurance

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*

text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

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

Offertory hymn

“Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains,
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

Refrain: None above him, none before him, all of time in his hands;
for his throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name;
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
he is here with me; I am not alone.
O his love is sure, and he knows my name;
for my God is the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.
Then my joy complete, standing face to face,
in the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

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*** Scripture reading from Psalm 115**

text printed in the bulletin

Diana Reed (9:30)

Steve Reynolds (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Confidence: Our God Reigns”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“There Is a Higher Throne”

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we’ll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

continued

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'erald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.

We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.

He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.

The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. *Refrain*

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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**

Musicians for this week:

Xaris Emmett – violin

Krista Gibson – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Lyle Vaughn – piano

Chapman Whitted – guitar

Laura Zylstra – vocals

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LATER TODAY FOR OUR SUMMER MISSIONS SERIES, we'll celebrate 10 years of ministry in Scotland with LMPC members and supported missionaries, Robbie and Lydia Sweet. Child-friendly activities and refreshments will be available, so bring the whole family and join us in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND is back on Friday, July 18. Meet at the Commons from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. to fellowship with other women; bring your kids!

OUR SECOND WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPER will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 24. Gather in local homes and share a meal. Please register on Realm Connect. If you can host a supper, email caroline@lmpc.org.

SEEKING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS: Adult teachers and grade level helpers are needed on Wednesday nights this fall for Kids' Club, and nursery helpers are needed for Sunday mornings this fall, especially due to our new worship schedule. Prayerfully consider volunteering. Email Director of Children's Ministries Brennan Griffin at brennan@lmpc.org for Kids' Clubs and Nursery Director Ann Williamson at ann@lmpc.org for nursery.

LMPC'S NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins next month. On Sunday, August 3, worship services will shift to 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall and sanctuary. The new common Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. will not start until August 17.

ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A CHILD LEAVING NURSERY OR ENTERING THE YOUTH MINISTRY? On Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m., we will have special opportunities for you. If you have a 4-year-old preschooler entering worship services for the first time, bring your child to the chapel to learn about worship from a pastor. If you have a rising sixth or ninth grader, or you'd just like to learn more about LMPC youth ministry, join youth staff in Room 313 (old Upper Room classroom).

GOOD NEWS CLUB is an after-school opportunity for kids to hear the Gospel, presented by volunteers from area churches. LMPC will partner with supported Home Missions agency Child Evangelism Fellowship to sponsor these clubs at local schools this fall, and we need volunteers. After training, the time commitment is two hours a week, with shared teaching responsibilities. If you are interested, please contact Missions Coordinator Stephanie Young: stephanie@lmpc.org.

HOW WILL YOU "GIVE 2" AND SPEND YOUR SECOND HOUR on Sunday mornings this fall? Come to our open house on Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m. to visit Sunday School classrooms to see where you and your children can attend, and to connect with ministries to consider how you might serve.

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

Psalm 115

¹Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! ²Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" ³Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

⁴Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. ⁵They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. ⁶They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. ⁷They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. ⁸Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

⁹O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. ¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. ¹¹You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. ¹²The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; ¹³he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great. ¹⁴May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! ¹⁵May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth! ¹⁶The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man. ¹⁷The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. ¹⁸But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

SERMON NOTES
“Confidence: Our God Reigns”
Psalm 115

Because of God’s consistent, loving faithfulness, believers respond by:

1. reminding ourselves of God’s supremacy. (vv. 1-3)

2. rejecting the foolishness of idols. (vv. 4-8)

3. relying on God’s faithful care. (vv. 9-18)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 13

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
6:00 p.m.	Summer Missions Series: Sweet report.....	fellowship hall
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.

SET UP GIVING IN REALM CONNECT

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Connect account, tap “Giving,” and tap the blue button that says “+Give” (or “Make a gift” if you’re on the app) to create a new gift. From there, set up a one-time or recurring gift. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm for future gifts or event payments. Don’t have a Realm Connect account? Request one today by visiting lmpc.org/realm.

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.