



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*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 • 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. Robert A. Hobby*

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

### Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

### Introit

"Be Joyful in the Lord"

Women's Ensemble

Be joyful in the Lord and bless his holy name;  
O, bless ye his name, his name forevermore;  
O, bless ye his name, bless his name forevermore.

Give thanks unto the Lord, give thanks and bless his name.  
His steadfast love endures forever, forevermore.  
For the Lord is my strength and my song,  
he hath become my strong salvation.

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever, his steadfast love endures!  
O, be joyful in the Lord and bless his holy name,  
for he hath become my song and my salvation!  
*text from the Psalms; music by François Couperin, 1688-1733, arr. Kenneth W. Jewell, 1964*

**\* 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 38**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**\* Prayer of adoration**

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

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.**

**Missionary report (11:00)**

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 500 (9:30)

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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 679, vv. 1, 2, 3

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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

Offertory

“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”

Women’s Ensemble

Praise the Lord, his glories show, alleluia!  
Saints within his courts below, alleluia!  
Angels round his throne above, alleluia!  
All that see and share his love, alleluia!

Earth to heav’n, and heav’n to earth, alleluia!  
Tell his wonders, sing his worth, alleluia!  
Age to age and shore to shore, alleluia!  
Praise him, praise him evermore! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, his mercies trace, alleluia!  
Praise his providence and grace, alleluia!  
All that he for man hath done, alleluia!  
All he sends us through his Son, alleluia!  
Alleluia! Amen!

*text by Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; music by Robert Williams, 1781-1821, arr. Marion Vree, 1963, LLANFAIR*

**\* 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 115**

*p. 604 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Amos Oster (9:30)  
Sarah Donaldson (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"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response 2, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5**

"O Worship the King"

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

**\* Postlude**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
*arr. David Cherwien*  
*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #53)*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joel Christie** – Interim Ensemble Director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

## Psalm 115

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

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

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

### SERMON NOTES

#### “Confidence: Our God Reigns”

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:brennan@lmpc.org) for Kids' Clubs and Nursery Director Ann Williamson at [ann@lmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## 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](http://lmpc.org/events); for information on groups and classes, visit [lmpc.org/groups](http://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](http://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.