



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Shine from the topmost height, thou Divine Joy. Often I am led by a way which by myself I would not go. Shine out, thou Christ, and the tabernacle shall no more seem a decadence from the hilltop. Shine out, and the days of leading shall themselves be days of light, cheered by an unknown prospect, sustained by a promise of exceeding joy.*

—George Matheson

JULY 20, 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

"He, Watching Over Israel"  
*Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Scholtes/Knight*  
*(words for meditation, Psalm 121)*

### Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

### Introit

"Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains"

Women's Ensemble

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,  
whence cometh, whence cometh, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.  
Thy Keeper will never slumber.

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,  
whence cometh, whence cometh, whence cometh help.  
*text from Psalm 121, ed. by H. Clough-Leighter; music from Elijah, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*

### \* Call to worship

from Psalm 27 and Psalm 89

**Leader:** The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**All:** **Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.**

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

All: **The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.**

\* Hymn of praise 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

taken from Romans 13 and Acts 3

Let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Repent, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Merciful God, your Word tells us that you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

All: **We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.**

Leader: In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

All: **Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*based on Micah 6:8, Psalm 51, and The Book of Common Prayer*

Silent prayers of confession

**Choral prayer**

“Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide”

Women’s Ensemble

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
 the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
 when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
 help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?  
 Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
 heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee:  
 in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*text by Henry F. Lyte, 1847; music by William H. Monk, 1861, EVENTIDE*

**\* Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

based on John 6

Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life.”

**\* Hymn of assurance 468**

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

**Call to offering**

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**Offertory**

“Lord of the Small”

Women’s Ensemble

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,  
 who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,  
 who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street,  
 who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,  
 who girds them with courage and lends them his aid.  
 He pours out his Spirit on vessels so weak  
 that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,  
 who heals their afflictions, or carries them till  
 they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,  
 to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live,  
who've been given so much and can so little give.  
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise;  
he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

*text by Johanna Anderson; music by Dan Forrest ©2011 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI Lic. #152036*

**\* 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 121**

*p. 612 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Jennifer 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**

“Pilgrimage: A ‘Keeper’ Throughout Our Journey”

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response 521**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**\* Postlude**

Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552

*J. S. Bach*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #30)*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joel Christie** – Interim Ensemble Director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** today we will worship and celebrate communion at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery will be provided.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE** LMPC's new Director of Choral Ministries, Brett Hyberger. Brett has a B.A. in vocal performance from Austin Peay and a Masters in Music from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. He has over 20 years of teaching experience as a voice instructor at local institutions, and ten years of church music experience. We will welcome Brett to our staff in early August; join us in thanking God for his provision and praying for Brett's transition.

**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.

**NEXT WEEK FOR OUR SUMMER MISSIONS SERIES**, we'll hear from our High School Mexico Team about their recent trip to Acapulco. Join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m.

**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.

**PARENTS, JOIN US FOR ORIENTATION OPPORTUNITIES** on Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m. 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).

**ALL ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m. Visit elementary classrooms and new adult classrooms to learn about Sunday School, and visit the chapel to connect with ministries to consider how you might serve.

**LMPC FAMILY CAMP:** Join us September 5–7 at Alpine Camp (Saturday-only option available). Registration on Realm Connect opens July 30. Visit [lmpc.org/family-camp](http://lmpc.org/family-camp) for more information.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 20

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
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4:00 p.m.	Middle school Bible study .....	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering communion service.....	sanctuary
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, 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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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.