



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Anglican Service Book

JULY 27, 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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

All: **The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o’ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore’er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Silent prayers of confession

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

from Hebrews 10:10b–14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

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

Offertory hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

*** Scripture reading from Psalm 147**

text printed in the bulletin

Susie Courtney (9:30)

David Fowler (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Praise: The Wonder of His Work and Word"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *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.**

Common Sunday School Hour Video

Musicians for this week:

Jay Brooks – guitar

Eleanor Caines – vocals

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone

Christy Gambrell – vocals

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Matthew Mindeman – vocals

Psalm 147

¹Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. ⁴He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. ⁶The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! ⁸He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. ¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, ¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. ¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! ¹³For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. ¹⁴He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

¹⁵He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. ¹⁶He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. ¹⁷He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? ¹⁸He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow. ¹⁹He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. ²⁰He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the LORD!

SERMON NOTES

“Praise: The Wonder of His Work and Word”

1. Praise the Lord: the wonder of his redemptive work (vv. 1-14)
 - He restores the ruined and broken. (vv. 1-6)
 - He provides for all things, big and small. (vv. 7-9)
 - He delights in those who trust him. (vv. 10-11)
 - He protects those who hide in him. (vv. 12-14)
2. Praise the Lord: the wonder of his revealing Word (vv. 15-20)
 - The power of his Word (vv. 15-18)
 - The grace of his Word (vv. 19-20)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 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 at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN AUGUST

AUGUST 3:

- New worship schedule begins with services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
- Parents and rising PreK students meet in the chapel at 10:00 a.m. to learn about entering the worship service.*
- Parents of rising sixth and ninth graders meet in Room 313 at 10:00 a.m. to learn about the youth ministry.*

AUGUST 10:

Join us for an Open House at 10:00 a.m.* Visit elementary and adult classrooms to learn about Sunday School opportunities, and visit the chapel to learn about ways to serve. How will you "Give 2" on Sunday mornings?

AUGUST 17:

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. begins for all ages. Find a full list of classes at lmpc.org/groups, and use the filter to sort by age group. Adults will choose from among five brand new themed electives. Learn more at the Open House on August 10.

** If you attend the 11:00 a.m. service, don't miss this. Come early!*

SEEKING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS: Adult teachers and grade level helpers are needed on Wednesday nights for Kids' Club, and nursery helpers for Sunday mornings, 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.

WOMEN, GET CONNECTED at a Fall Kickoff, Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Lookout Mountain Pizza Company. There will be dinner, a time of worship, and information about the ministry year. Register on Realm Connect by August 15 for \$15. Gluten-free/dairy-free options available.

INTERESTED IN JOINING LMPC? The next membership class will be held August 22-24. Please register on Realm Connect by August 15.

IN MEMORIAM

Michael M. Aiken

May 23, 1953 – July 21, 2025

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 27

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
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering: Youth Mexico Team 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.

REALM CONNECT: SERVING PROFILE

How will you “Give 2” and spend your second hour on Sunday mornings this fall? Indicate your interests and skills in our Realm Connect app. Once logged in, tap on More (...), then Serving. Access your Serving Profile to browse Skills and Interests that apply to you. Additionally, browse Serving Opportunities by role or team to indicate your interest to volunteer leaders.

Don't have a Realm Connect account? Submit a request by visiting lmpc.org/realm or emailing onrealm@lmpc.org.

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.