



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Dear Lord, and shall thy Spirit rest in such a wretched heart as mine?
Unworthy dwelling! Glorious guest! Favour astonishing, divine!
When sin prevails, and gloomy fear, and hope almost expires in night,
Lord, can thy Spirit then be here, great spring of comfort, life, and light?...
Let thy kind Spirit in my heart forever dwell, O God of love,
and light and heav'nly peace impart, sweet earnest of the joys above. —Anne Steele*

AUGUST 3, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“A Firm Foundation”

David Ritter

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #347)

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* Call to worship

based on Psalms 90 and 92

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and
the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**All: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing
for joy and be glad all our days.**

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most
High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at
night.

**All: For you make us glad by your deeds, O LORD; we sing for joy at the
works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD!**

* Hymn of praise 301, vv. 1, 3, 5

“Join All the Glorious Names”

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow’r,
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow’rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu’ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing:
thine is the pow’r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

*** Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Offertory

"Amazing Grace!"

Instrumental meditation

arr. Phillip Keveren

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #460)

*** Gloria Patri 735**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

David Wharton

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,

³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Gospel-Shaped Church"

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

1. The fuel for a Gospel-shaped church (vv. 1-2, 4-5)
 - The constancy of prayer (v. 2)
 - The assurance of sovereign love (vv. 1, 4)
 - The work of Word and Spirit (v. 5)
2. The fruit of a Gospel-shaped church (v. 3)
 - Faith that works
 - Love that labors
 - Hope that endures

Pastoral prayer

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God's people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord's Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Cameron Wilcox – violin

NEW SERMON SERIES: STEADFAST: LIVING WITH HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

In a world marked by hostility and uncertainty, the letters of 1 and 2 Thessalonians offer us a powerful call to steadfastness. Paul wrote these letters to a young community of believers: a church plant facing persecution and pressure. His words are full of pastoral encouragement, the truth of Jesus, and future hope as he explains the essential question, “What does it mean to live faithfully in light of Christ’s return?” From enduring suffering to embracing holiness, from building one another up to waiting with hope, the themes of our series *Steadfast* will prepare the church to remain rooted in the Gospel and ready for the day when the King returns in glory.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIISING PRE-K CHILDREN AND PARENTS, join pastors at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel this morning to prepare for entering the worship service.

PARENTS OF RISING 6TH AND 9TH GRADERS, join youth staff at 10:00 a.m. in Room 313 (old Upper Room) to hear about the upcoming ministry year.

GATHER TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES at 6:00 p.m. today at Watkins House, 1206 Cinderella Road, Lookout Mtn., GA.

OUR NEW SERMON SERIES on 1 and 2 Thessalonians begins today. If you would like to purchase a Scripture journal for \$5, you may do so in the sanctuary Narthex or fellowship hall lobby. Please do not take a journal before paying.

TO CONCLUDE OUR SUMMER MISSIONS SERIES, join us in the fellowship hall next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. to hear from supported missionaries Norm and Ruth Ann Leduc before they return to France.

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 adult and elementary Sunday School classrooms and teachers, and connect with ministries in the chapel to consider how you might serve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS SOON! Sunday School for children, youth, and adults will begin on August 17 at 10:00 a.m. Find a full list of classes and locations at lmpc.org/groups, where you may sort by category and age group. Get more information on classes next week at the Open House (see above).

WOMEN, GET CONNECTED AT LMPC 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.

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Join us September 5-7 at Alpine Camp (Saturday-only option available) for a weekend of worship, good food, and plenty of family time and outdoor activities. Visit lmpc.org/family-camp for more information, and register on Realm Connect.

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

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.