



# 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 • 8:45 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

"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"

**\* 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**

*p. 1172 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

**David Wharton (8:45)**

**Julie Dean (11:00)**

**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**

**Pastoral prayer**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Hymn of confession 308, vv. 1, 3, 4**

**"Jesus Paid It All"**

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Colossians 1:13-14, 19-20

God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

### Words of institution

#### Communion affirmation

**Leader:** Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

**All:** **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.**

**Leader:** We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

**All:** **We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

### Prayer of consecration

### Distribution of the elements

#### For the bread 261

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

#### For the cup

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Instrumental meditation

*arr. Cathy DeRousse*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #648)*

### Prayer of thanksgiving

\* Hymn of praise 457

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
*arr. Clegg/Knight*

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**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.

## 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

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

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because 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.

### SERMON NOTES

#### “The Gospel-Shaped Church”

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

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



## 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](http://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](http://lmpc.org/family-camp) for more information, and register on Realm Connect.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 3

8:45 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:00 a.m.	Parent/Child Orientation: Pre-K .....	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Parent Orientation: Youth (6-12th grade) .....	room 313
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer .....	Watkins Mission House

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).

### 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](http://lmpc.org/realm) or emailing [onrealm@lmpc.org](mailto: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.*

### CONTACT US

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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.