



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Dear God, silence all voices in our minds but your own.
May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,
that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever.*

In Jesus' name, amen.

- from The Worship Sourcebook

AUGUST 17, 2025 • FELLOWSHIP HALL 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

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 99

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

All: **Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let us praise your great and awesome name—for you are holy.**

Leader: You are the mighty King, and you love justice. In Jacob you have done what is just and right. We exalt you, our LORD and God, and worship at your footstool, for you are holy.

All: **We exalt you, O LORD our God, for you are holy!**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861

* Prayer of adoration

Sacrament of baptism (8:45)

Clark and Doug Chapin bringing Margaret Louise Chapin

Affirmation of faith (11:00)

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hymn of confession (11:00)

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow’r:
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more;
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
this he gives you, this he gives you; ’tis the Spirit’s rising beam;
this he gives you, this he gives you; ’tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save;
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save.
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied,
because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature.
But when I come near to you, there I see myself clearly.

All: In your light, I behold my darkness. In your purity, I behold my corruption.

Leader: O Lord, let me gaze on you more and more—

All: Until, in the vision of your brightness, I loathe the sight of my impurity; until, in the blaze of your glory, I fall to my knees, blinded and broken, to rise again as a new creation in you.
adapted from a prayer by George Matheson

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 1 John 3 and Ephesians 2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

For 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 we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

Call to offering

Ephesians 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Offertory hymn

“Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer?
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
O how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
O the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
O the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath, I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day, I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

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*** Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

text printed in the bulletin

Tripp Johnston (8:45)

Warren McEwen (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 Marks of Faithful Gospel Labor"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

*** 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.**

*** Postlude**

Musicians for this week:

Krista Gibson – vocals
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Jonah Hitchcock – cello
Noah Hitchcock – violin
Brett Hyberger – vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
John Reeder – piano
Haddon Salter – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of Margaret Louise Chapin at the 8:45 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Clark and Doug Chapin, and her grandparents, Traci and Randall Boutwell and Joan and Bill Chapin, and her great-grandparents, Mary Boutwell and Louise Boone.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.

³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.

⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Probasco Jones

August 21, 1934 – August 4, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL/10:00-10:45 A.M./BEGINS TODAY

Elementary school:

Room 201: PreK

Room 200: Kindergarten

Room 204: 1st Grade

Room 301: 2nd Grade

Room 300: 3rd Grade

Room 202: 4th & 5th Grade

Youth:

Students in middle and high school will meet at the Jane Harris Youth Building.

Adult Electives:

August 17 - September 21

Our regular community Sunday School classes will resume on September 28 after electives classes have concluded. Details on room assignments to follow.

Parenting in the Pew (*Room 313*)

Explore the biblical vision for families worshipping together and receive practical tips for training young hearts and hands to engage in corporate worship. Teachers: various

The Gospel & Christianity (*chapel*)

Walk through an overview of the Gospel—the good news of what God has done through Jesus for us. Teachers: Pastoral team

Male and Female He Created Them (*Room 213*)

Consider human sexuality and the ongoing sexual revolution in the light of God's revelation, with the aim of cultivating Gospel hope and holiness. Teacher: John Wingard

Peace in the Midst of the Storm: A Biblical Perspective on Anxiety (*Room 312*)

Explore anxiety using a biblical framework while integrating practical applications from clinical mental health counseling. Teachers: Mallory Dean, Erin & Griffin Hatcliff

Faith & Work (*Room 211*)

Gain a better sense of what the Bible says about our daily work, including resources to equip us to have eyes to see how God meets us in our labor. Teacher: Jonathan Ingraham

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER ROOM: Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m., Room 212 is available as a quiet space to seek the Lord in prayer. The weekly prayer list will be provided.

MOMS WHO NEED A QUIET PLACE to nurse or comfort your baby while still viewing the service, the room located off the fellowship hall lobby now has a space for your use. You will be able to view the fellowship hall service inside. Access a changing table in the adjacent women's restroom.

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

THE ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG COLLECTION benefitting the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army begins today; please join us by picking up a tote bag in the sanctuary Narthex, fellowship hall lobby, or at one of the adult classroom coffee stations. Consult the attached list, go shopping, and bring your bag back on a Sunday morning by September 7.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Wednesday, August 20 for a staff development day off site.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that on Sunday, August 24 there will be filming in the worship services for the purpose of capturing footage for future LMPC videos.

COME TO A KICKOFF WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP PICNIC at The Commons on August 27 at 5:30 p.m. *New this year, please register on Realm Connect by Monday for each Wednesday dinner.* Costs are \$8 for teens/adults, \$5 for elementary-age, and free for ages 5 and under (\$30 family max). All other Wednesday night activities resume September 3; more info at lmpc.org/wednesday.

VIP MOVIE NIGHT: Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, popcorn, and the movie *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* with friends on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 213. No registration required. *VIPs is a group of mostly retired adults from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and the community.*

MAKE A LARGE CHURCH FEEL A LITTLE SMALLER by joining an adult small group. Our small groups afford a unique opportunity to connect with other believers in friendship and grow in faith outside of Sunday morning. Let us help connect you: fill out the Small Group Interest Form at lmpc.org/adults or scan the QR code at the welcome station in the fellowship hall lobby.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 17

8:45 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
10:00 a.m.	Prayer room.....	Room 212
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
3:00 p.m.	Middle school Ice Cream Olympics.....	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering communion service.....	sanctuary

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events; for information on groups and classes, visit lmpc.org/groups.

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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.