



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,  
our hearts in true devotion bow;  
thy Spirit send with grace divine,  
and let thy truth within us shine.*

*—author unknown, 1651*

AUGUST 24, 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

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**Welcome and greetings**

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**\* Call to worship**

based on Isaiah 25

**Leader:** O LORD, you are our God; we will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

**All:** **You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.**

**Leader:** On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

**All:** **The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. In that day we will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."**

\* Hymn of praise

“Come, People of the Risen King”

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call  
the truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all.” *Refrain*

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\* Prayer of adoration

**Affirmation of faith (8:45)**

based on 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Leader:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**All:** **He has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for us. We, through faith, are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**Leader:** In this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine, and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

**All:** **Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

## **Sacrament of baptism (11:00)**

Rae and Kevin Regan bringing Carson Steele Regan

### **Call to confession**

from James 1

Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Of the Father's own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

### **Hymn of confession (8:45)**

“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;  
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*text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844*

### **Silent prayers of confession**

#### **\* Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

from 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**

“Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,  
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.  
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,  
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.  
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:  
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;  
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.  
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,  
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;  
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.  
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,  
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

*text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876*

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

### **Offertory hymn**

“Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,  
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;  
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,  
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;  
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;  
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,  
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.  
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.  
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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**\* Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Kent Wingfield (8:45)

Jim Richter (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: Part 2”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;  
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;  
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
foes may hate and friends disown me; show thy face, and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;  
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine!  
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heav'n, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.  
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days;  
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

*text by Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833; music by Bill Moore, 2001*

**\* 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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Eden Gardner** – vocals

**Calvin Garriott** – piano

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Mary Catherine Hewitt** – banjo

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Hannah Perry** – flute

**Emma Mixon** – vocals

**Maryellen Mixon** – vocals

**Eden Schaefer** – vocals

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Betty Jane Stewart**

January 30, 1928 – August 14, 2025

**Celebrating the baptism** of Carson Steele Regan at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Rae and Kevin Regan, and his grandparents, Laurie and Ron Gialanella and Lynn and Brian Regan.

## 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

<sup>13</sup>And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. <sup>14</sup>For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,

<sup>15</sup>who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind <sup>16</sup>by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!



**SERMON NOTES**

“The Marks of Faithful Gospel Labor: Part 2”

*1 Thessalonians 2:13-16*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT ELECTIVE CLASSES** have begun at the 10:00 a.m. hour on Sundays. Find details at [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups), and check locations on the back of your bulletin. “Gospel & Christianity” is now located in the fellowship hall and “Peace in the Midst of the Storm” is in the chapel.

**OUR YOUNG CHILDREN ARE A GIFT** in our worship services, and a sign that our church is alive and growing. Thank you, parents, for faithfully bringing your children to church, and thank you all for welcoming their presence. As we live out our values at LMPC, we encourage you to “engage people graciously,” and give a special welcome to any preschoolers moving up from nursery who are new to worship services.

**VIP MOVIE NIGHT:** 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 the chapel. No registration required. *VIPs is a group of mostly retired adults from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and the community.*

**OUR WEDNESDAY KICKOFF PICNIC** will be held at The Commons on August 27 at 5:30 p.m. Costs are \$8 for teens/adults, \$5 for elementary-age, and free for ages 5 and under (\$30 family max). No registration is required.

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES** will resume on September 3, except for children’s choirs which will start September 10. These include an adult class at 4:30 p.m., fellowship dinner at 5:45 p.m., Kids’ Clubs at 6:15 p.m., and Wednesday Prayer at 6:15 p.m. (Wed. Prayer extends throughout the year). Find more information at [lmpc.org/wednesday](http://lmpc.org/wednesday) or [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups). Note new dinner prices.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDIES** vary in day, time, and format so each woman at LMPC can find a place for deeper connection to the Word and to others. All studies begin after Labor Day; find the full list of offerings at [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups). For any questions or to get connected to a group, contact Caroline Scruggs at [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

**OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG COLLECTION** benefitting the Salvation Army is in progress. Pick up a bag in the sanctuary Narthex or porte cochère (covered driveway). Consult the attached list, go shopping, and bring your bag back to the porte cochère on a Sunday morning by September 7. If you must return your bag during the week, drop it at the church office building between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**LMPC FAMILY CAMP:** 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. Register on Realm Connect by August 27.

**MEN, SAVE THE DATE** for Steak Night: coming on September 25.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 24

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

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVES:

#### **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** (fellowship hall) *NEW LOCATION*

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** (chapel) *NEW LOCATION*

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

### 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.