



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*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 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

arr. Richard Proulx

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #343)

Welcome and greetings

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

* **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 97**

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through life’s storm and tempest our Guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us, escape you will make us,
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.
text by Julia Cady Cory, 1902; Netherlands melody, 1626, arr. Edward Kremser, 1877; KREMSER

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

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.**

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 674, vv. 1, 2, 4

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

I need thee ev’ry hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee, ev'ry hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee ev'ry hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their pow'r when thou art nigh. *Refrain*

I need thee ev'ry hour; teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfil. *Refrain*

text by Annie S. Hawks, 1872, refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; music by Robert Lowry, 1872, NEED

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 264**

"Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross"

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all—a healing stream—flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain*

text by Fanny J. Crosby, 1869; music by William H. Doane, 1869, NEAR THE CROSS

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

Offertory

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Instrumental meditation

arr. Charles Callahan

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #457)

*** 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.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

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

Mary Kaufmann

¹³And 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. ¹⁴For 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,

¹⁵who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶by 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!

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”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Faithful Gospel labor is being:

1. thankful for those who embrace God's Word and endure. (vv. 13-14)
2. troubled for those who reject God's Word and are judged. (vv. 15-16)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 94, vv. 1, 3, 4, 6**

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”
Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1787; traditional American melody, FOUNDATION

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Grand Chœur
Théodore Salomé

Musician for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Jane Stewart

January 30, 1928 – August 14, 2025

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Ruthie Howell, who died of leukemia in 1981 at age 11. Since LMPC is the only church home that Ruthie ever knew, her parents, Annetta and Charlie Howell, honor her memory with flowers in the sanctuary every year around her birthday.

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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT ELECTIVE CLASSES have begun at the 10:00 a.m. hour on Sundays. Find details at 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 or 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. For any questions or to get connected to a group, contact Caroline Scruggs at 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.