



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 • 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

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"

*** 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”

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”

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**

pp. 1172-1173 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

David Wharton (8:45)

Mary Kaufmann (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”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Pastoral prayer

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

“How Firm a Foundation”

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

Grand Chœur
Théodore Salomé

Musician for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ

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.

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

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!

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.

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.