



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Rock of Ages, within whose magic cleft my spirit would fain repose, it is not to shun the strife that I come to thee. I come to thee for wings, for new power of flight. I seek thy rest because without thee I cannot soar. The road soon wearies my feet if something has not refreshed my soul, for it is by the soul and not by the feet that I make my way.

Rock of Ages, rest me ere I go.

—George Matheson

SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Wingard, ruling elder

* Call to worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

All: **For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

All: **For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

* Hymn of praise

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Hebrews 10:19b–22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,
and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God
with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to
cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure
water.

Hymn of confession

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.

Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.

text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, without you we can do nothing; but with you we can do all.

All: **Father, forgive us for the ways we have failed to live as you created us to live.**

Help us by your grace; keep us from falling.

Help us by your strength to resist mightily the first beginnings of evil before it takes hold of us.

Help us to cast ourselves at once at your sacred feet and lie there until the storm has passed.

If we lose sight of you, bring us back quickly, and grant us to love you more deeply.

adapted from a prayer by E. B. Pusey

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. *Refrain*

text by Philip P. Bliss, 1876; music by D. H., 2024

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

Offertory hymn

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me in his light,
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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*** Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

text printed in the bulletin

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Response of Gospel Love"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

"O Church, Arise"

O church, arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our captain;
for now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure;
and Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

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Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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*** 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:

Christy Gambrell – vocals
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Perry – flute
John Reeder – piano
Emmie Thompson – vocals

IN MEMORIAM

Alice Caroline Gandy O'Ferrall

July 27, 1941 – September 2, 2025

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today will be a time of prayer for our missionary partners at 6:00 p.m. in Room 211.

MOST WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES started last week, and the rest resume September 10, including Music Makers (register on Realm Connect) for ages 4-5 and Children's Choir (register on Realm Connect) for Grades 1-5, both at 5:00 p.m.; and Middle School Girls' Ensemble at 5:30 p.m. Find more information at lmpc.org/Wednesday and lmpc.org/groups.

RENEW YOUR MARRIAGE with the Marriage Course. This seven-week video series, beginning Tuesday, September 16, will help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. Register on Realm Connect for \$50/couple. You will sit at your own table and only interact as a couple. Meets in Room 211 at 6:30 p.m.

MOMS OF ALL STAGES are invited to join us for "Moms' Coffee" on Friday, September 19 in the chapel. We will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for coffee, breakfast, fellowship, and a panel discussion on busyness, stillness, and being present in the everyday. Nursery is available for infants-PreK.

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT, on Thursday, September 25, is a great opportunity to gather at a home with 8-10 other men to enjoy fellowship and eat meat. Please register on Realm Connect by Sept. 18.

MEMBERS, PLEASE NOMINATE OFFICERS at lmpc.org/officers by September 29. Prayerfully nominating officer candidates is an important responsibility of your membership at LMPC. On that webpage you may also access information about the nomination process, answers to frequently asked questions, and a list of those eligible to serve as officers. Alternatively, request a paper nominating ballot from the church office.

SAVE THE DATE for a RENEW celebration on Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m., a worship service with a dinner to follow. This will mark four years since the launch of RENEW. More information will be forthcoming.

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

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—⁷for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 7

8:45 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for children.....	children's classrooms
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for youth	JHYB
10:00 a.m.	Parenting in the Pew (adult elective)	Room 313
10:00 a.m.	The Gospel & Christianity (adult elective).....	fellowship hall
10:00 a.m.	Male and Female He Created Them (adult elective)	Room 213
10:00 a.m.	Peace in the Midst of the Storm (adult elective).....	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Faith & Work (adult elective).....	Room 211
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Room	Room 212
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer	Room 211

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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Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.