



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 • 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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

arr. Al Roberts

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #499)

Welcome and greetings

Larry Goodman, 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 2, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“O Worship the King”

* Prayer of adoration

* Affirmation of faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 501, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

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 498, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

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

Offertory

"The Meditations of My Heart"

Chancel Choir

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord.

O Lord my Rock, O Lord, my strength,

O Lord my God and Redeemer.

O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength,

O Lord my Redeemer.

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*** 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 3:6-13**

p. 1173 in the pew Bible and 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 710, vv. 1, 2, 4**

"God of Our Fathers"

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude**

Postlude on "Ode to Joy"
Brenda Portman

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Libby Welborn and Benjamin Williams on September 6.

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.

SERMON NOTES

“The Response of Gospel Love”

Deep Gospel love leads to:

1. life-giving joy in news of Gospel faithfulness. (vv. 6-10)

2. earnest petition for ongoing Gospel faithfulness. (vv. 11-13)

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Alice Caroline Gandy O'Ferrall

July 27, 1941 – September 2, 2025

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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