



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Blessed be your name, Lord God, who has set before me life and death, and has invited me to choose life. Now, Lord God, I choose life, with all my heart. I choose you, my God, for you are my life. Lord, make me completely holy, that all my spirit, soul, and body may be a temple for you. Live in me, and be my God and I will be your servant.*  
—from Thomas Ken

SEPTEMBER 14, 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**

from Psalm 97

**Leader:** The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.  
The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**All:** **For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.  
*text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915*

**\* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Call to offering**

Psalm 89:11

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it,  
you have founded them.

**Offertory hymn**

“I Set My Hope on Jesus”

When this life of trials tests my faith, I set my hope on Jesus.  
When the questions come and doubts remain, I set my hope on Jesus.  
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deeper.  
There's a truth that's more than all I feel; I set my hope on Jesus.

*Refrain:* I set my hope on Jesus, my rock my only trust,  
who set his heart upon me first. I set my hope on Jesus.

Though I falter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Jesus.  
When I fail the fight and sink within, I set my hope on Jesus.  
Though the shame would drown me in its sea, and I dread the waves of justice,  
I will cast my life on Calvary; I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Jesus.  
Though it offer all its vain rewards, I set my hope on Jesus.  
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace enough to finish.  
Till I worship on that final day, I set my hope on Jesus. *Refrain*

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**\* Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**

*text printed in the bulletin*

James Stevens (8:45)

David Fowler (11:00)

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

## **Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

### **Sermon**

**"Christian Living: Part 1"**

Brian Salter, lead pastor

### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.*

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*Those seated in the side sections will come forward to be served first, followed by the three center sections, beginning with those in the back rows and finishing with the front rows. Come down the center two aisles, partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements, and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing. Men and women will be available in the fellowship hall lobby to pray with you, should you desire that.*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

#### **Hymn of confession**

**"Jesus, I Come"**

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of earth's sorrows and into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair, into raptures above,  
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

*text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 2:10, 13-14

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

### Words of institution

#### Communion affirmation

Leader: We come to this feast in obedience and with thanksgiving.

**All: By dying, Christ destroyed our death. By rising, he gave us life. It is in his great love and sacrifice that we have been set free, and given hope for an eternal future that can never perish, spoil, or fade.**

Leader: In this feast, our God is present with us by his Spirit.

**All: When we share this bread, we share in the body of Christ: we are sustained and nourished to love and serve as our Savior did.**

**When we share this cup, we share in the blood of Christ: we take part in his suffering and are formed into people who bring life out of death.**

**When we share this meal with each other, we are united in faith and mission, and we yearn for Christ's return and the restoration of all things. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
*adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

### Prayer of consecration

#### Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

**"My Savior Left His Throne Above"**

My Savior left his throne above, exchanged his wealth for poverty.  
He took my hate and gave his love; all this and more he did for me.  
Because he chose the lowly way and bowed before his Father's will,  
I can with all assurance say my God is near and loves me still,  
my God is near and loves me still.

*continued*

He felt the storms of human pain, he felt temptation's whelming seas.  
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain; all this and more he felt for me.  
Because he knows my ev'ry strife and is acquainted with my grief,  
I can't be shaken in this life; the Friend of Sinners walks with me,  
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He kept his Father's ev'ry word; the law he followed perfectly.  
So all God's pleasure he secured; all this and more he earned for me.  
Because his righteous life is mine and all his merits now I own,  
I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known,  
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When Jesus left his heav'nly home, his face was set on Calvary.  
The steepest hill he climbed alone; all this and more he did for me.  
Because he died once for all time and bore the curse of death and hell,  
final forgiveness here is mine; so it is finished, all is well,  
yes, it is finished, all is well.

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### "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
and with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

*text by Horatius Bonar, 1861; music by DH, 2019*

**\* Prayer of thanksgiving**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme; conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,  
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me  
through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed.

O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me.

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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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Krista Gibson** – vocals

**Wesley Heinecke** – violin

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Jonah Hitchcock** – cello

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Maria Rhodes** – vocals

**Kara Riley** – piano

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Elizabeth Henry Caldwell**

June 2, 1940 – September 7, 2025

## 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup>For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

<sup>3</sup>For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup>not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup>that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup>For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup>Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.



**SERMON NOTES**  
“Christian Living: Part 1”  
*1 Thessalonians 4:1-8*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE** is a new music worship group for high school age to adult. This ensemble will play at regular and special services. Reading music is not a requirement, but it will help. Rehearsals will take place on Sundays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, beginning today.

**RENEW YOUR MARRIAGE** with the Marriage Course. This seven-week video series begins Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. Today is the last day to register on Realm Connect.

**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 breakfast, fellowship, and a panel discussion on busyness, stillness, and being present in the everyday. Nursery is available for infants-PreK.

**ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE?** Join the Care for the Caregiver support group for encouragement and information. Meetings begin Tuesday, September 23 and continue on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 212. Contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter on Realm for more information.

**MEN’S STEAK NIGHT** is on Thursday, September 25. Please register on Realm Connect by September 18.

**COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will resume on Sunday, September 28 and run through November 30, as electives conclude. If you were not previously connected with a community SS class, we encourage you to try one of these classes offered: Fellowship (Room 213), Kingdom (Chapel), Redeemer (Room 211), Sojourners (Room 313). Details on topics to come.

**WOMEN’S FALL SUPPERS** will be hosted in individual homes on Tuesday, September 30. Make plans to join us, and invite your friends and neighbors. Please register on Realm Connect and, if you’re interested in hosting, email Caroline Scruggs at [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

**OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL SUNDAYS**, there will be filming in the worship services, classes, and in gathering spaces for the purpose of capturing footage for future LMPC videos.

**HELP US ENGAGE PEOPLE GRACIOUSLY:** We need more friendly faces to serve on our hospitality team. Can you help? Email Julie Dean at [julie@lmpc.org](mailto:julie@lmpc.org).

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 14

8:45 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	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 with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
3:00 p.m.	Hand Bell Ensemble practice .....	Choir Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events); for information on groups and classes, visit [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups).

### RECEIVE LMPC'S WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL

Don't miss out on upcoming church events, updates, resources, and other news.

### 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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