



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 • 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

"Amazing Grace!"

arr. Maureen Howell

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #460)

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

*** 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 111**

"This Is My Father's World"

*** 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

“If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments”

Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
e'en the Spirit of truth, that he may abide with you forever.

text from John 14:15-17; music by Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

* Gloria Patri 735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

p. 1173 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

David Wharton (8:45)

Julie Dean (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”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

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.

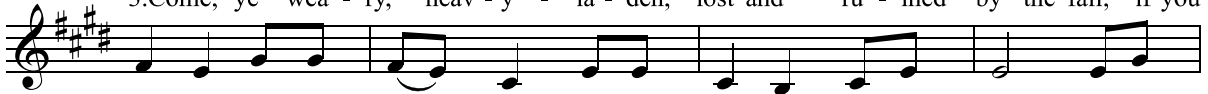
Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession

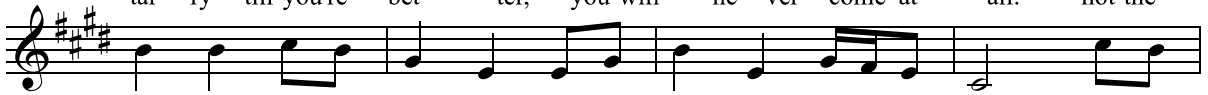
“Come, Ye Sinners”



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore; Je - sus
2. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y - la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall; if you



read - y stands to save_ you, full of pit - y, love and power: he is
fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him; this he
tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will ne - ver come at all: not the



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text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

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

For the bread

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those he saves are his de-light; Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;

when the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my
pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end-less

hold through life's fear-ful path; for my love is oft-en cold;
lost; his pro-mis-es shall last; bought by him at such a cost,
life, he will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

he must hold me fast. _____ He will hold me fast, he will hold me
he will hold me fast. _____
when he comes at last! _____

fast; for my Sa-rior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

For the cup

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

Chancel Choir

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly, saying,
“Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure.”

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
O come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove. Come!
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Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
(see facing page for words and music)

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Sonata No. 2, Allegro maestoso e vivace
Felix Mendelssohn

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Henry Caldwell

June 2, 1940 – September 7, 2025

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je - sus.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at Je - sus.
3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus.
Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain:

In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God; shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

¹Finally, 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. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that 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. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore 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

1. The Christian’s aim: to please God (vv. 1-2)

2. A crucial arena for pleasing God: sexuality (vv. 3-8)

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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.

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.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit 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; for information on groups and classes, visit 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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Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.