



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O God, our true life, to know you is life, to serve you is freedom, to enjoy you is a kingdom,
to praise you is the joy and happiness of the soul. I praise and bless and adore you,
I worship you, I glorify you. I give thanks to you for your great glory. I humbly
beg you to live with me, to reign in me, to make this heart of mine a holy temple,
a fit habitation for your divine majesty.*

—St. Augustine

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 9

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

All: We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!
text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; traditional Welsh hymn melody

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in
Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the
traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of
"living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell,"
we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all
the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.*

Call to confession

from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where
Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your
earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which
is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now
you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander,
and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have
taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is
being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Hymn of confession

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

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Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward © 1985 James Ward Music, CCLI Lic. #152036

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, hear us as we pray together:

All: O Lord Jesus, who came down from heaven to redeem us from all iniquity, forgive us for the ways we have consciously and unconsciously rejected your rule in our lives. We beseech you to write your Word in our hearts that we may know you, and the power of your resurrection, and to express it by turning from our sins. Rule in our hearts by faith, that being dead to sin and alive to righteousness, we may bear the fruit of holiness and grow in grace and in knowledge of you.

adapted from a prayer by Henry Hammond

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

from 1 John 4:9-10, 15

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.
text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

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

Offertory hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.
text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

*** Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**

text printed in the bulletin

Emmie Thompson (8:45)

Amy Barham (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 2”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing; I am his forevermore.

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Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war;
and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

Come, rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.
And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk;
for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

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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:

Genna Christie – vocals
Xaris Emmett – violin
Anna Hawkins – piano
David Henry – guitar, vocals

David Kaufmann – bass
Hannah Lindquist – vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Charlotte Reeder – vocals

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today, we will worship and celebrate communion at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery will be provided.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212. Contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter on Realm for more information.

MEMBERS, DON'T FORGET TO NOMINATE OFFICERS at lmpc.org/officers by September 29.

WOMEN'S FALL SUPPERS will be hosted in individual homes on Tuesday, September 30. Invite your friends and neighbors, and please register on Realm Connect.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING the end of our four-year capital campaign, RENEW, with a worship service and a meal together. The service will be held on Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m., followed by a picnic on the grounds. Registration is required on Realm Connect by October 3 if you plan to attend dinner. Family-friendly activities will be available for all as we fellowship together.

WILL THE IMPENDING HOLIDAY SEASON be difficult for you because you have lost a loved one? Come to "Surviving the Holidays," a two-hour seminar at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4 in Room 211. Please register on Realm Connect.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY CLASSES: As electives draw to a close, prepare to connect with a community SS class, September 28 through November 30.

Fellowship Class (Room 213) / Teacher: Dan Wykoff
Topic: *Genesis: Jacob, Joseph, & the Migration to Egypt*

Kingdom Class (chapel) / Teachers: Kelly Kopic & Joseph Wingfield
Topic: *Luke's Gospel: A Discussion-Based Reflection*

Redeemer Class (Room 211) / Teacher: John Plating
Topic: *The Life of the Apostle Paul: from Damascus to Rome*

Sojourner Class (Room 313) / Teachers: Glenn Breazeale, Jason Lehn, Doug Perry, Trey Carr, & Stephen Barnes
Topic: *Encounters with Jesus*

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

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

⁹Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,

¹¹and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹²so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 21

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
3:00 p.m.	Hand Bell Ensemble practice	Choir Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering communion service.....	sanctuary
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.

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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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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.