



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*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 • 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

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### Prelude

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

*arr. David Lowe*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #708)*

### Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

### \* 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 38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### \* Prayer of adoration

**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 528, vv. 1, 2, 3**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**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 535

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

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

### Offertory

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Chancel Choir

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to walk, and he gave the blind their sight.  
What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high, so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days will gladly spend.

My song is love unknown.

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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 4:9-12**  
*p. 1173 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Jim Richter (8:45)  
David Wharton (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"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 644** "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

\* **Postlude** "In Christ There Is No East or West"  
*arr. Gilbert Martin*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Brett Hyberger** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth "Betsy" H. W. Caldwell.

## 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Now 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, <sup>10</sup>for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,

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

### SERMON NOTES

“Christian Living: Part 2”

The Christian’s aim is to:

1. strive increasingly to love one another. (vv. 9-10)
2. strive quietly for godly living before a watching world. (vv. 11-12)

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



## 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](http://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](http://lmpc.org/events).*

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

## JOIN REALM CONNECT

Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. Request your account today by visiting [lmpc.org/realm](http://lmpc.org/realm).

## 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.