



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*We know little, we can tell less, but one thing I know, one thing I can tell,
I will see you again in Jerusalem.*

*Which is of such beauty, no matter what country you come from
you will be more at home there, than ever with father or mother, than even with
lover or friend. And once we're within her borders, death will hunt us in vain.*

—Anne Porter, from “Four Poems in One”

SEPTEMBER 28, 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

Brian Salter, lead pastor

*** Call to worship**

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. In love, you predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring all things in heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

Refrain: You're the Author of creation;
you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

based on Titus 2:11-13

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

All: **We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us.**

adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Romans 4:25 and 5:1-2

Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825

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

Offertory hymn

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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* **Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
text printed in the bulletin

Elizabeth Musser (8:45)
Merrile Stroud (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "The Return of the King"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess,
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forever more. *Refrain*
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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.**

RENEW Presentation

Musicians for this week:

Greta Erickson – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Jonah Hitchcock – cello

Sam Miller – violin

Matthew Mindeman – vocals

Sophia Riley – vocals

Lyle Vaughn – piano

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

SERMON NOTES

“The Return of the King”

Because Christ is risen and returning, believers:

1. grieve with hope. (vv. 13-14)

2. rest secure in our future together. (vv. 15-17)

3. encourage one another as we wait. (v. 18)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY CLASSES begin today at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Class (Room 213) / Teacher: Dan Wykoff

Topic: *Genesis: Jacob, Joseph, & the Migration to Egypt*

Kingdom Class (chapel) / Teachers: Kelly Kapic & 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*

SEPTEMBER 29 IS THE FINAL DAY to nominate officers at lmpc.org/officers. Find all the information you need there on our website.

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 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4 in Room 211. Please register on Realm Connect.

COLLEGE STUDENTS, join us for lunch on Sunday, October 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building for a time of connection and fellowship.

VIPS, JOIN US FOR A FALL GATHERING including a hearty meal, friendly faces, and hymn singing. Meet at the Jane Harris Youth Building on Thursday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. If you wish, bring sweaters, jackets, or blankets to donate to Vision of Mercy and the Salvation Army. Please register on Realm Connect or by calling the church office by Oct. 12. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

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.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 28

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.	Adult Sunday school: Fellowship class.....	Room 213
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Kingdom class	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Redeemer class	Room 211
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Sojourner class	Room 313
10:00 a.m.	Prayer room.....	Room 212
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
3:00 p.m.	Handbell 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.

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025

Total 2025 Budget: \$5,633,000

2025 Gifts Received: \$3,267,016

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,365,984

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,631,545

Thank you to those who have given towards the 2025 operating budget of LMPC. You may give online at lmpc.org/give, through Realm Connect, or in the offering plate.

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.