



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Father divine, I come to thee, I yield, a captive, to thy sway,  
that love's gold chain may set me free for all the burden of the day.*

—George Matheson

OCTOBER 12, 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**

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 29

**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

**All:** **In his temple all cry, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people and blesses his people with peace.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

"Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;  
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,  
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

**Refrain:** Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;  
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;  
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*  
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**\* Prayer of adoration**

**\* Affirmation of faith (8:45)**

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.*

**New member vows (11:00)**

**Sacrament of baptism (11:00)**

Michele Suzanne Davis

**Call to confession**

based on Micah 6:6-8

With what shall we come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?  
Shall we come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the  
LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? He has  
shown us, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of us? To act  
justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

## Hymn of confession (8:45)

“To Thee I Come”

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;  
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.  
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;  
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;  
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.  
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;  
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;  
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.  
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,  
with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!  
O, God was merciful to me!

*text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006*

## Silent prayers of confession

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

based on 1 Peter 2

Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

### \* Hymn of assurance

“'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

*Refrain:* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. *Refrain*

*text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882*

## Call to offering

Deuteronomy 24:21-22

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward.  
It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. You shall remember  
that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore, I command you to do this.

## Offertory hymn

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace;  
from our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ and find release.  
Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace;  
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s face.

In the pastures of God’s goodness we lie down to rest our souls.  
From the waters of his mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.  
At the table of his presence all his saints are richly fed.  
With the oil of his anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens, life’s confusions, fears, and pain.  
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his Kingdom’s reign.  
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them; he alone will satisfy.  
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

*text by Marva J. Dawn, 1999; music by Caleb Fincher and Kara Young, 2019*

## \* Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

*text printed in the bulletin*

Jim Richter (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

“A Healthy Church Family, Part 1”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

### Pastoral prayer

## \* Hymn of response

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

*continued*

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody*

**\* 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:**

**Eleanor Caines** – vocals

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Bob Wharton** – piano

**Adalynn Wykoff** – vocals

**Kristin Wykoff** – violin

**Celebrating the baptism** of Michele Suzanne Davis at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her husband, Eric Davis, and her daughter and son-in-law, Samantha and Woody Viveros.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**, due to fall break, all evening activities are cancelled except for Chancel Choir rehearsal and Wednesday Evening Prayer.

**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. TODAY is the last day to register on Realm Connect. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

**WE ARE EXPECTING A LARGE CROWD AT OUR RENEW CELEBRATION** on October 19. We will meet in the sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. with overflow available. Nursery will be provided. Although reservations for dinner have closed, we are still looking forward to having you join us for worship.

**WE HAVE A MEN'S BREAKFAST** coming up on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and an encouraging word from Barry Smith, Metanoia Prison Ministries Regional Director for the TN Valley Presbytery Region. Invite your friend, neighbor, or coworker along. No registration required.

**GET AWAY FROM THE NOISE AND PACE OF LIFE** at our Women's Semi-Silent Retreat on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Rising Fawn Gardens. The day will begin with breakfast, fellowship, and a devotional. The remainder of the retreat will be spent in quiet, alone with the Lord and enjoying his beautiful creation. Please register on Realm Connect for \$25. Space is limited.

**THE ANNUAL REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL** will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, on Sunday, October 26, 6:00 p.m. A festival choir and orchestra comprised of musicians from LMPC, First Presbyterian, and Covenant College will lead us in great hymns of faith. Foundational readings and Scripture will remind us of the important significance of this day.

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

## 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

<sup>12</sup>We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup>and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. <sup>15</sup>See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## SERMON NOTES

“A Healthy Church Family, Part 1”

*1 Thessalonians 5:12-18*

A healthy church family is marked by:

1. living at peace with one another. (vv. 12-15)

2. living in prayer before God. (vv. 16-18)

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



## **SERMON NOTES**

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*1 Thessalonians 5:12-18*

## NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, September 21. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship. Find all members in the church directory, located in Realm.

Angie Burns

Clark Chapin

Michele and Eric Davis

Kali Hina

Cindy and Jeffrey Messinger

Lisa and Jimmy Patton

Kristin and Michael Tremain

Ann Vermeer

Emily Webb

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 12

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
12:15 p.m.	College Lunch .....	JHYB
3:00 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble practice .....	Choir Room
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. To receive the weekly news, email [info@lmpc.org](mailto:info@lmpc.org).

### 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. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.