



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*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 • 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

*"Take My Life, and Let It Be"
arr. Emma Lou Diemer*

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* 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 167, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

* Prayer of adoration

New member vows (8:45)

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.

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 679

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Chancel Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord, to the King of creation!
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him. Amen.

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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 5:12-18**
p. 1174 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Hilda Jemison (8:45)
Sarah Donaldson (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"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 642, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5**

"Be Thou My Vision"

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude**

Grand Chorus in B-flat
Théodore Dubois

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Annie Reynolds and William Darby on October 11 and are given in loving memory of their grandparents: Beverly Reynolds, William (Bill) McColley, Richard Mercer, and Ola Faye and Willard Darby.

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.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

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

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

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

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



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; 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. To receive the weekly news, email 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.