



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Great God, King of the universe,  
dwelling beyond all worlds and stars and yet intimately present to human hearts,  
you who shine with purity and glory, lighting up ranks of angels and archangels...  
we praise and thank you.*

*—from The Worship Sourcebook*

OCTOBER 26, 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**

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**\* Call to worship**

based on Isaiah 25

**Leader:** O LORD, you are our God; we will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

**All:** **You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.**

**Leader:** On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

**All:** **The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. In that day we will say, "Surely, this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!"**

**\* Hymn of praise**

**“This Is My Father’s World”**

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.  
*text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

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

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

Emilie and Perrin Carr bringing Percy Joy Carr

Here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

**Hymn of confession (8:45)**

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,  
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

*Refrain:* Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—  
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. *Refrain*  
text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by DH, 2012

**Prayer of confession**

taken from Psalm 51

**Leader:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**All:** **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

**Leader:** Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**All:** **Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

**Silent prayers of confession**

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

from 1 John 4:9-10, 15 and 1 Peter 2:9

**Leader:** 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.

**All:** **We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

**\* Hymn of assurance**

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*  
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

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

**Offertory hymn**

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;  
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.  
text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

**\* Scripture reading from 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Emmie Thompson (8:45)

Ed Salter (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon**

“Maintaining Hope”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,  
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.  
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,  
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.  
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:  
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;  
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.  
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,  
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;  
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.  
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*text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876*

**\* 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:**

**Krista Gibson** – vocals  
**Wesley Heinecke** – violin  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Matthew Mindeman** – vocals

**Jennifer Mixon** – vocals  
**Jeremy Taylor** – piano  
**Chapman Whitted** – guitar

**The rosebud in the service** today is for the birth of Harris John MacGregor, born to Katherine and Roy MacGregor on October 21.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Percy Joy Carr at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Emilie and Perrin Carr, and her grandparents, Lisa and Timothy Morris and Doreen Carr.

## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ANNUAL REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL** will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga today at 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. Join us!

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

## 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup>This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—<sup>6</sup>since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, <sup>7</sup>and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels <sup>8</sup>in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, <sup>10</sup>when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

<sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**SERMON NOTES**  
“Maintaining Hope”  
*2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

How to maintain hope when it’s hard:

1. Celebrate growth in grace. (vv. 1-4)
  - Growing faith
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Increasing love
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Continuing endurance
  
2. Anticipate Christ’s return. (vv. 5-10)
  - Vindication
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Vengeance
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - Glory
  
3. Petition for God’s power. (vv. 11-12)

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



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“Maintaining Hope”

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## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 26

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
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Reformation Hymn Festival.....	First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga
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).

## GIVING UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

**Total 2025 Budget:** \$5,633,000

**2025 Gifts Received:** \$3,595,349

**Remaining Gifts Needed:** \$2,037,651

**Outstanding Pledge Balance:** \$1,397,222

Thank you to those who have given towards the 2025 operating budget of LMPC. You may give online at [lmpc.org/give](http://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.