



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*“The more fundamental question is whether you live your life for the Lord and the Gospel,  
or whether the Lord and the Gospel are there to give you a better life.”*

*- J. Elem (Chinese House Church pastor)*

NOVEMBER 2, 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**

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

**\* Call to worship**

from 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**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

*text by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by John Hatton, 1793*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Prayer for the persecuted church

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

**All: This morning, we pray for those members of your flock  
whose lives and ministries are oppressed.**

Leader: Show your great mercies to our brothers and sisters who are  
persecuted, cast in prison, and daily condemned to death for the  
testimony of your truth.

**All: We ask that your sweet comfort will never depart from them.**

Leader: Enflame their hearts with your Holy Spirit that they may boldly and  
faithfully abide such trials as your godly wisdom may appoint, so that  
the Kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ may increase and shine through  
all the world.

**All: Teach us to taste and see your eternal goodness as we face our  
own weaknesses and hardships—never forgetting that your grace  
is sufficient for us and your power is made perfect in weakness.  
May opportunities abound to share with others your great love  
found at the cross, and may the church here and around the world  
be refreshed by your sustaining power, to the praise of your glorious  
grace. Amen.**

*adapted from "A Prayer for the Whole Estate of Christ's Church," included in a worship  
service written by John Knox, Geneva, 1556; 2 Corinthians 1:3, 12:9-10; Ephesians 1:6*

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

### Offertory hymn

"For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu

*continued*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Allelu

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia, Allelu

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*text by William How, 1864; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

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

*text printed in the bulletin*

Rebekah Risley (8:45)

Annie Darby (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 Mystery of Lawlessness and the Certainty of Christ"  
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

**Pastoral prayer**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.*

*Those seated in the side sections will come forward to be served first, followed by the three center sections, beginning with those in the back rows and finishing with the front rows. Come down the center two aisles, partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements, and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing. Men and women will be available in the fellowship hall lobby to pray with you, should you desire that.*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

## Hymn of confession

## “Depth of Mercy”

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?  
God, the Just, his wrath forbears; me, the chief of sinners, spares.  
So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways,  
making clear my desp’rate need for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.  
Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.  
There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands,  
scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free.

*text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Colossians 2:10, 13–15

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

## Words of institution

### Communion affirmation

**Leader:** We come to this feast in obedience and with thanksgiving.

**All:** **By dying, Christ destroyed our death. By rising, he gave us life. It is in his great love and sacrifice that we have been set free, and given hope for an eternal future that can never perish, spoil, or fade.**

**Leader:** In this feast, our God is present with us by his Spirit.

**All:** **When we share this bread, we share in the body of Christ: we are sustained and nourished to love and serve as our Savior did.**

**When we share this cup, we share in the blood of Christ: we take part in his suffering and are formed into people who bring life out of death.**

**When we share this meal with each other, we are united in faith and mission, and we yearn for Christ’s return and the restoration of all things. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

“In Feast or Fallow”

When the fields are dry and the winter is long,  
blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor;  
when my soul is downcast and my voice has no song,  
for mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord.

*Refrain:* In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,  
my certain hope is in Jesus found;  
my lot, my cup, my portion sure;  
whatever comes, we shall endure.  
Whatever comes, we shall endure.

On a cross of wood where his blood was outpoured,  
he rose from the ground like a bird to the sky;  
bringing peace to our violence and crushing death’s door,  
our Maker incarnate, our God who provides. *Refrain*

Come, O come, Emmanuel.  
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,  
not a sparrow falls nor a hair from my head  
without his hand to guide me, my shield and my strength;  
in joy or in sorrow, in life or in death. *Refrain*

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“Behold the Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us; and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

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**\* Prayer of thanksgiving**

**\* Hymn of praise**                      "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood;  
upheld, protected, gathered up.

*Refrain:* We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
"He has done great things," we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, O how long?  
O God of Jacob be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom. *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.**

**\* Postlude**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Calvin Garriott** – piano

**Krista Gibson** – vocals

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Ellie Henry** – vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Hannah Perry** – flute

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

<sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. <sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, <sup>12</sup>in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Mary Suzanne Dickas**

October 29, 1945 – October 24, 2025

**The rosebuds in the service** today are for the birth of Henry DuBose Marshall, born to Rochelle and Cal Marshall on October 25, and for the birth of Theoden Benjamin Ray, born to Melanie and Ben Ray on October 26.

## SERMON NOTES

“The Mystery of Lawlessness and the Certainty of Christ”

2 *Thessalonians* 2:1-12

1. A caution to the modern reader
  - Don't be confused: This is more pastoral than predictive.
  
2. A comfort for all believers
  - Don't be shaken: The Lord Jesus will bring evil to nothing by his coming and you won't miss it.
  
3. A challenge to all hearers
  - Don't be deceived: The mystery of lawlessness is at work.

*For more on this topic, listen to the newest Pillar & Ground podcast episode, to be released tomorrow, November 3, featuring special guest Dr. Dan MacDougall, professor emeritus at Covenant College. Listen to Pillar & Ground wherever you get your podcasts.*

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



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Centuries ago, believers developed what is now known as the “Calendar of the Church Year.” It was designed to assist both unlearned and illiterate believers in mastering the truths of the Kingdom of God by causing them to “walk through” the events of redemptive history. All Saints’ Day, November 1, was chosen to call all believers to remember the faithful saints who had already finished their race and gone home to heaven. On All Saints’ Sunday we join the historic practice and recall the lives of our members who have gone on to glory in the past year.

Mike Aiken — July 21, 2025  
Betsy Caldwell — September 7, 2025  
Polly Cordes — July 31, 2025  
Suzanne Dickas — October 24, 2025  
Roger Gulick — March 21, 2025  
Lisa Hailey — June 30, 2025  
Sarah Hooper — April 1, 2025  
Peggy Jones — August 8, 2025  
Gini Love — April 12, 2025  
Barb MacDougall — January 28, 2025

Hugh Maclellan — April 4, 2025  
Jack Muller — August 25, 2025  
Carol Mutter — November 3, 2024  
Alice O’Ferrall — September 2, 2025  
Mary Payne — June 6, 2025  
Pat Persinger — April 12, 2025  
Mary Ann Rennick — March 1, 2025  
Shelia Snow — June 17, 2025  
Betty Jane Stewart — August 14, 2025  
John Tolson — April 19, 2025

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** today will be a time of prayer for our missionary partners at 6:00 p.m. in Room 211.

**ANTICIPATING ADVENT:** All LMPC women are welcome to join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 20 in the fellowship hall for an evening anticipating the advent season. We will have dessert and decaf, assemble fresh advent wreaths together, and hear a devotional from Christy Gambrell to prepare our hearts. Please register on Realm Connect by Nov. 18 for \$15 and indicate if you can contribute any greenery.

**BOXES OF BLESSING RETURNS!** This much-anticipated large-scale ministry project has three opportunities to serve this year:

- Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at LMPC to prepare items for the boxes (envelopes, candy canes, etc.)
- Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Chattanooga Bakery to tape boxes and assist with warehouse set-up
- Saturday, December 6 with three shifts available (8:00 to 10:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or 1:30 to 3:45 p.m.) for the main event: filling food boxes in an assembly line at the Chattanooga Bakery

Registration opens on Realm Connect on Monday, November 3. Find more information at [lmpc.org/boxes-of-blessing](http://lmpc.org/boxes-of-blessing).

**LMPC WOMEN—SAVE THE DATE:** Sacred Studio is an in-town retreat on January 23–24 based upon an event at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Birmingham by the same name. “Sacred” means “to connect with God” and “Studio” means “a place to create.” This weekend will attempt to give women the opportunity to do both through fellowship over good meals, Gospel teaching, and over 12 creative workshops (“studios”). Participants will choose two studios to complete, as we learn more about the Creator and who we are as women created in his image. More information to follow.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 2

8:45 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	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 with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
3:00 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble practice .....	Choir Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer .....	Room 211
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).

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## 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.