



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“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 • 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

Three Pieces for Organ, I. Prelude
Desmond Ratcliffe

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** 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 92, vv. 1, 3, 4**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*** 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

"Seek Ye the Lord"

Chancel Choir and soloist

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

Amen.

text from Isaiah 55:6-7; music by John Varley Roberts, 1890

* Gloria Patri 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**
p. 1175 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Margaret Stewart (8:45)
Brad Cobb (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"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession

"Depth of Mercy"

1. Depth of mer - cy! Can there be mer - cy reach - ing e - ven me?
2. Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.

God, the Just, his wrath for-bears; me, the chief of sin - ners spares. So
Let me now my sins de-plore, look to you and sin no more.

man - y times my heart has strayed from his kind and per - fect ways,
There, for me, the Sav - ior stands hold - ing forth his wound - ed hands,

mak - ing clear my des - p'rate need for his blood poured out for me.
scars which ev - er cry for me; once con-demned 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

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

For the bread

"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.

continued

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
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 Asahel Nettleton, 1825, NETTLETON

For the cup

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
arr. J. Bruce Ashton

Instrumental meditation

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of response 198, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

* Benediction

* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

Fanfare on "For All the Saints"
Paul Fey
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #358)

Musicians for this week:

William Darby – soloist
Ellen Francisco – violin
Jeremy Francisco – clarinet

Brett Hyberger – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Suzanne Dickas

October 29, 1945 – October 24, 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.

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.

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.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not 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.

³Let 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, ⁴who 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. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And 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. ⁹The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

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

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*



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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

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; for information on groups and classes, visit lmpc.org/groups.

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Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. Request your account today by visiting lmpc.org/realm.

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.