



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O God, fountain of love, pour your love into our souls that we may love those whom you love
with the love you give us, and think and speak about them tenderly, meekly, lovingly;
and so loving our brothers and sisters for your sake, may grow in your love,
and live in love, and living in love may live in you, for Jesus Christ's sake.*

—Edward Pusey

NOVEMBER 9, 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

Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* **Prayer of adoration**

New member vows (11:00)

Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Hymn of confession (8:45) “God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation’s joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.

text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:

All: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Cloud of Unknowing, 14th c., translated by Thomas Cranmer

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,
not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.
He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that,
having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of
eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into the sea without bottom or shore:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn—
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford:
our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain*

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Call to offering

Acts 2:44-45

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold
property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Offertory hymn

“I Have a Shelter”

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me.
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, my place of peace and solace.
No trial is deeper than your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me.
Though justice charges me with guilt, your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, who bore my condemnation.
I find my refuge in your wounds, for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me.
For in my weakness, I have learned your strength will not forsake me.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, the one who bears my burdens.
With faithful hands that cannot fail you'll bring me home to heaven.
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* Scripture reading from 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

text printed in the bulletin

Susie Courtney (8:45)

David Paschall (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Prayers to Stand Firm”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown:
he who washed us with his blood (3x), soon will bring us home to God.

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Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood (3x) has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x); thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"
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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**

Musicians for this week:

Genna Christie – vocals
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Jonah Hitchcock – cello
Hannah Lutz – viola

Emmie Thompson – vocals
Lyle Vaughn – piano
Chapman Whitted – guitar

IN MEMORIAM
Susan Mary Shuck

December 30, 1957 – November 2, 2025

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS UPCOMING HOLIDAY, we will savor together the anticipation of Christ's coming by celebrating Advent as its own distinct season. So we may fully participate in Sunday morning worship, we invite you to an informal **Advent Music Workshop** to learn new music for both the fellowship hall and sanctuary. This event is for everyone—including young kids! Nursery is provided. Join us Sunday, November 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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 November 18 for \$15 and indicate if you can contribute any greenery.

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at our annual gathering at Canopy Coffee on Tuesday, December 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. No registration required.

SAVE THE DATE for our annual Family Camp from September 11 through 13, 2026 at Camp Alpine.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/events.

IMPORTANT AND GROWING NEED: FOOD COLLECTION

In response to growing food insecurity, the Home Missions Committee and Mercy Fund have made a combined contribution of \$10,000 to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. In addition to the contribution, LMPC will hold a food collection now through Sunday, November 16. This will allow us provide assistance to area schools, churches, and ministries with food donations. Additional information on drop off locations and times, as well as a list of donation items, can be found on our website.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

^{3:1}Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

SERMON NOTES
“Prayers to Stand Firm”
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

In a world of spiritual confusion and opposition, the Gospel of grace:

1. grounds us in vital truths. (vv. 2:13-14)
2. grips us to stand firm in the Word. (vv. 2:15-17)
3. guides us in prayer and faithfulness. (vv. 3:1-5)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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BOXES OF BLESSING

This annual large-scale ministry project partners with volunteers, ministries, and churches to provide food for families in need. This year, we have three opportunities to serve with Boxes of Blessing: **currently, we have the most space available for the “Prep” events.** Registration on Realm Connect is open now, and required for participation.

Prep for the Main Event: Saturday, November 22, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location 1: LMPC fellowship hall

Join us for a family-friendly event as we prepare items for inclusion in this year’s boxes. Coffee and pastries will be provided, and all ages are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity for those with young children, or those who cannot lift heavy things or stand for a length of time.

Location 2: Chattanooga Bakery

Join us as we tape boxes and prepare the warehouse ahead of the main box packing event on Saturday, December 6. Coffee and pastries will be provided, and this opportunity is available for middle and high school-age youth and adults.

The Main Event: Saturday, December 6

Join us for a community-wide volunteer opportunity! Volunteers will assist with filling food boxes in an assembly-line environment at the Chattanooga Bakery. This year, three shifts are available:

- 8:00 to 10:15 a.m. (almost full)
- 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (almost full)
- 1:30 to 3:45 p.m. (plenty of room)

All ages are welcome, but this opportunity requires lifting, standing, and working an assembly line, so close supervision of children is required.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 9

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
3:00 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble practice	Choir Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
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.

JOIN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details on joining and using Realm Connect at 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. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.