



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“God of salvation, the splendor of your glory dispels the darkness of the earth,
for in Christ we behold the nearness of your Kingdom.*

Now make us quick to follow where he beckons, eager to embrace the tasks of the Gospel.

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.”*

from Opening Prayers

NOVEMBER 16, 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

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
arr. Robert Hobby
(words may be found in your hymnal, #715)

Welcome and greetings

Peter Lindquist, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

from Revelation 4 and 5

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

All: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Leader: You are worthy, Lord Jesus, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!

*** Hymn of praise 100**

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

*** Prayer of adoration**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in
Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the
traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of
"living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell,"
we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all
the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.*

Call to confession

Hebrews 10:19-22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,
and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God
with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to
cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure
water.

Hymn of confession 252, vv. 1, 2, 4

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, in your hands are life and death. In your power we are
sustained and in your mercy we are spared.

All: **Forgive us, for we have neglected the duties you have assigned to us.
We have allowed the days and hours, of which we must give account,
to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will.**

Leader: Make us to remember, O God, that every day is your gift, and ought to
be used according to your command.

All: **Move us to repentance, by your grace, that we may know your mercy
and pass our remaining time here on earth in diligent obedience to
your commands, through Jesus Christ.**
based on a prayer by Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* Hymn of assurance

“Here Is Love”



1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as a flood, when the
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion foun - tains o - pened deep and wide. Through the
3. In thy truth thou dost di - rect me by thy Spir - it through thy Word; and thy
4. Let me, all thy love ac - cept - ing, love thee e - ver all my days; let me



Prince of life, our ran - som, shed for us his pre - cious blood. Here is love, Lord we re -
flood - gates of your mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide. Here is love like might - y
grace my need is meet - ing as I trust in you, my Lord. Of thy full - ness, thou art
seek thy king - dom on - ly, and my life be to thy praise. Thou a - lone shalt be my
Here is love, Lord we re -



mem - ber; from our hearts we lift your praise, rais - ing
riv - ers poured un - ceas - ing from a - bove: heav - en's
pour - ing thy great love and pow'r on me, with - out
glo - ry, no - thing in the world I see. Thou hast
mem - ber; from our hearts we lift your praise, rais - ing



high the liv - ing an - them all will sing through end - less days.
peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
meas - ure, full and bound - less, draw - ing out my heart to thee.
cleans'd and sanc - ti - fied me; thou thy - self hast set me free.
high the liv - ing an - them all will sing through end - less days.

text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

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

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”
arr. Benjamin David Knoedler
(words may be found in your hymnal, #642)

Chancel Choir

* 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 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18**
p. 1176 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

David Wharton (8:45)
Merrile Stroud (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 Dangers of Idleness”
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 672, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5**

“Trust and Obey”

* Benediction

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

Postlude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons
C. V. Stanford.

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today, we invite you to an informal Advent Music Workshop to learn new music for both the fellowship hall and the sanctuary for the Advent season. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. and nursery is provided.

ANTICIPATING ADVENT WOMEN'S EVENT: Meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 20 in the fellowship hall for dessert and decaf, advent wreath-making, and a devotional from Christy Gambrell. Register on Realm Connect by November 18 for \$15.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE FOR BOXES OF BLESSING have been filling up quickly; thank you! Currently, the biggest need is for more hands on the Prep Day, Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at either the fellowship hall or Chattanooga Bakery. Please find all details at lmpc.org and register for a shift if you can help.

WOMEN OF LMPC, 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.

Celebrating the baptism of Harris John MacGregor at the 8:45 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Katherine and Roy MacGregor, and his grandparents, Katie and Jan Frederic Dudt and Pat and Paul MacGregor.

Celebrating the baptism of Henry DuBose Marshall at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Rochelle and Cal Marshall, and his grandparents, Carmen and Jeff Taylor and Susan and Calvin Marshall Sr.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

¹⁶Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

SERMON NOTES

"The Dangers of Idleness"

1. A pattern to follow: Free grace leads to hard work. (vv. 6-10)
2. A responsibility to own: Christian community holds itself accountable. (vv. 11-15)
3. A blessing to receive: The Lord provides grace and peace. (vv. 16-18)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
continued study



TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 16

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
5:00 p.m.	Advent Music Workshop	fellowship hall
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/realms.

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.