



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*O God, who hast so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us,  
give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works,  
a continual thankoffering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*—from Presbyterian Directory for Worship, 1647*

NOVEMBER 23, 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**

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**\* Call to worship**

from Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**All: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

**All: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely giv'n,  
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heav'n,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*text by Folliot Pierpoint, 1864; music by Conrad Kocher, 1838*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Affirmation of faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

### Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

### Prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**All: We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us.**

*adapted from The Book of Common Prayer*

### Silent prayers of confession

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

from 1 Peter 1

You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:  
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

*Refrain:* Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;  
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. *Refrain*  
text by Philip P. Bliss, 1876; music by D. H., 2024

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

**Offertory hymn**

“Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,  
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;  
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,  
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;  
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;  
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,  
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.  
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.  
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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**\* Scripture reading from Matthew 7:7-11**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Marianne Stern (8:45)

Warren McEwen (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**

“Ask, Seek, Knock”

Rob Herron, pastor of Mercy Presbyterian Church

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*  
*text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863*

**\* 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:**

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals  
**Mary Catherine Hewitt** – banjo  
**Jonah Hitchcock** – cello  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**John Reeder** – piano  
**Sara Satterfield** – vocals  
**Adalynn Wykoff** – vocals

**Matthew 7:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.  
<sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

**The rosebud in the service today** is for the birth of Erica Joy Vazquez, born to Blair and Lucas Vazquez on November 18.

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**FELLOWSHIP HALL GUEST SPEAKER: ROB HERRON**  
**PASTOR OF MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, TN**

Rob was previously the Assistant Pastor at Redeemer Church of Knoxville. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Covenant Theological Seminary. He has also served as Youth Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Athens, GA) and Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Appalachian State University. He and his wife, Mary Lee, have two children, Robert and Fay. In May, Rob was called to serve as the Church Planter of Mercy Presbyterian Church in the Fountain City neighborhood of Knoxville.

**SANCTUARY GUEST SPEAKER: CURT STAPLETON**  
**PASTOR OF REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ATHENS, TN**

Curt grew up at Trinity PCA in Maryville, TN. In 1988, he began testing his gifts for Gospel ministry, serving in several college ministries and in a few churches. After seminary and serving 9 years with Reformed University Fellowship, Curt served as the Associate Pastor of Westminster PCA in Johnson City, TN, for 5 years. In 2008, with his family of six, he and his wife, Suzi, planted Mercy PCA in Morgantown, WV, where he served another nine years as their lead pastor. In 2022, they began planting Redeemer in Athens, TN. After a year doing outreach and evangelism, Redeemer began worship in November of 2022. In August of 2024, with the help of donors, their core group bought a building for Redeemer PCA in Athens.



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOXES OF BLESSING** shifts for Saturday, December 6 are filling up but waitlists are available, so please continue to register on Realm Connect if you can come and serve. Find details at [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org).

**ADVENT WEEKLY REFLECTIONS:** For the next four weeks, ushers will hand out printed Advent Reflections as you exit the service. This resource includes readings, art, song links, and more. Use the Reflection each week for family devotions, small group study, and/or individual use leading into the next Sunday morning. There is a section in each Reflection specifically for children. If you'd rather view this online, find it alongside each Sunday's resources at [lmpc.org/sermons](http://lmpc.org/sermons). For more on Advent at LMPC, listen to the November 17 episode of the Pillar & Ground podcast.

**THE LMPC SESSION** recently and unanimously passed the new "Policy on Political Life and Christian Witness" to help guide our engagement with social and political issues in today's culture. Download tomorrow's episode of the Pillar & Ground podcast, featuring guest host and vice-moderator of the Session, Glenn Breazeale, joined by elders Derek Halvorson and Steve Kaufmann.

**DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**, all activities on Wednesday, November 26 are cancelled except for Wednesday Evening Prayer in Room 212 at 6:00 p.m. The church office will be closed on November 27 and 28.

**WOMEN OF LMPC**, we will meet at Canopy Coffee on Tuesday, December 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for our Christmas gathering. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. No registration required.

**FAMILY NIGHT** will be held on Wednesday, December 3 at 5:45 p.m. We will enjoy pizza together before playing bingo for prizes. Please register on Realm Connect by December 1; regular dinner rates apply and gluten-free/dairy-free options are available.

**VIPS, THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be held on Tuesday, December 9 at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will eat together before hearing from a special children's ensemble. Please register on Realm Connect or call the church office by December 4. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

**TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION** toward Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please do so through Realm Connect by December 14. For more information, please call the church office or email [margaretcompton@lmpc.org](mailto:margaretcompton@lmpc.org).

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 23

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

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).

## SET UP GIVING IN REALM CONNECT

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Connect account, tap "Giving," and tap the blue button that says "+Give" (or "Make a gift" if you're on the app) to create a new gift. From there, set up a one-time or recurring gift. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm for future gifts or event payments. Don't have a Realm Connect account? Request one today by visiting [lmpc.org/realm](http://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.