



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Heavenly Father, we bow in your presence. May your Word be our rule,
your Spirit our teacher, and your greater glory our supreme concern,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

—John Stott

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 • 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

John Mark Scuggs, pastor of congregational care

*** Call to worship**

based on Job 38

Leader: Who laid the earth's foundation and marked off its dimensions?
Who stretched a measuring line across it—while the morning stars
sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

All: The Lord God Almighty!

Leader: Who has given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its
place? Who has journeyed to the springs of the sea and walked in
the recesses of the deep? Who has been shown the gates of death?
And who knows the way to the abode of light?

All: The Lord God Almighty!

Leader: Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the
thunderstorm? Who waters a land where no man lives, to satisfy a
desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass?

All: The Lord God Almighty! Praise his name forever.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

*** Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to offering

1 Chronicles 29:12-14

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

Offertory hymn

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight; Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *Refrain*

continued

For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.

Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*

*original text by Ada Habershon, 1906; alt. text and music by Matt Merker ©2013 Matthew Merker Music, ARP,
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*** Scripture reading from John 2:13–25**

text printed in the bulletin

Susie Courtney (8:45)

Emmie Thompson (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 True Temple”
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.

The ushers will direct you by row to come forward down the center aisles. After coming forward, you will 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

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair, into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 John 4:10 and 1 Peter 2:9

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

For we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: O the unspeakable mysteries and treasures of mercy that are presented to us in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper! Here we have communion with God our Father who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: **Here we have communion with our blessed Redeemer, as crucified and glorified, and offered to us, as our quickening, preserving, strengthening Head.**

Leader: Here we have communion with the Holy Spirit, applying to our souls the benefits of redemption, drawing us to the Son, communicating light, life, and strength from him unto us, and increasing his graces in us.

All: **Here we have communion with the body of Christ, his sanctified people. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember the finished work of Christ, receive nourishment, and anticipate the glory to come. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

adapted from The Practical Works of Richard Baxter, vol. 10 and The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“Let Me Find Thee”

Behold me here, in grief draw near, pleading at thy throne, O King.
To thee each tear, each trembling fear, Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.
Let me find thee; let me find thee.
Let me find thee, Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Look down in love, and from above, with thy Spirit satisfy.
Thou hast sought me, thou hast bought me, and thy purchase, Lord, am I.
Let me find thee; let me find thee.
Let me find thee, here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken, longings of my heart to thee.
All the crying, all the sighing of thy child accepted be.
Let me find thee; let me find thee.
Let me find thee, wounded healer, suff'ring Lord.
text by Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; music by Matthew Smith, 2012

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

Refrain: To whom, save thee, who canst alone
for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. *Refrain*

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God. *Refrain*

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
no righteousness avails save that which is of thee. *Refrain*
text by Horatius Bonar, 1857; music by Adam Wright © 2016 The Corner Room

* Prayer of thanksgiving

*** Hymn of praise**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

*** 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:

Joel Christie – vocals
Xaris Emmett – violin
Krista Gibson – vocals
David Henry – guitar, vocals

Mary Catherine Hewitt – banjo
Hannah Lutz – viola
Jeremy Taylor – piano

John 2:13-25

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We're grateful for those of you who gave so generously to LMPC in 2025. Our 2025 receipts exceeded budgeted income, and our 2025 expenses were under budget. The LMPC Finance Committee made a recommendation to the Session in January for how to handle the underspending and surplus income. Our Session voted and approved that underspending in Home and World Missions be returned to their reserves and the remainder of the funds be applied to our loan. Between RENEW pledges received and this excess income, we are able to make a \$2,500,000 debt payment and lower our line of credit from \$3,900,000 to \$1,400,000. Thanks be to God for his provision!

YEAR-END GIVING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Annual Budget: \$5,633,000

2025 Receipts: \$6,028,833

2025 Expenses: \$5,489,270

Net Income: \$539,563

2026 BUDGET

Annual Budget: \$6,173,052

2026 Pledges Received: \$3,644,868 (59% of total budget)

Number of Giving Units Pledged: 224 (Total of 561 giving units at LMPC)

In 2025, we received pledges from 272 families. If you have not made a 2026 pledge yet, please consider how you might be able to contribute towards our mission of spreading God's glory on the mountain, in the city, and around the world this year. Find multiple ways to give at lmpc.org/give.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS, COME CONNECT over lunch today at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building.

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

RENEW YOUR MARRIAGE by attending the Marriage Course, held on seven Tuesday evenings beginning February 3 at 6:30 p.m. Today is the deadline to register on Realm Connect.

GRIEF IS A JOURNEY: find support through LMPC. GriefShare is a 13-week seminar led by trained facilitators, meeting on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning February 3. A \$20 fee covers the cost of the workbook; register on Realm Connect.

AN EVENING OF MISSIONS FAMILY FUN will be held on Wednesday, February 4 at 5:45 p.m. We'll hear from supported missionaries Chris and Savanna and learn about their work in London. Register on Realm Connect by February 2; regular Wednesday dinner rates apply. Dairy-free/gluten-free options available.

LMPC WILL HOST AN ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP, welcoming Dr. Jana Pressley from the Complex Trauma Treatment Center in Boston. Explore how chronic, relational trauma shapes the whole person, and learn how the church can become a wiser, safer, and more compassionate community of care. Join us in the evening on February 6 and in the morning on February 7 and 8. Find details at lmpc.org.

VIPS, COME TO A CHEERFUL VALENTINE'S BRUNCH where friends, laughter, and good times come together. We'll meet at Lookout Mtn., GA, City Hall on February 13 at 10:30 a.m. Register for \$5 on Realm Connect or by calling the church office by February 9. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community who meet bi-monthly for fun and fellowship.*

WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS will be held on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in individual homes. Invite your friends and neighbors and register on Realm Connect by February 24. Can you host a supper? Email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

SAVE THE DATE for our annual World Missions Conference, March 1-4. This year's conference will feature guests from Mission India, and will include events for children, youth, and adults.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 1

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.	Engaging AI & Technology (adult SS elective)	Room 313
10:00 a.m.	Gospel & Christianity (adult SS elective).....	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Honoring Dependent Parents (adult SS elective)	Room 312
10:00 a.m.	New Testament Eschatology (adult SS elective).....	Room 213
10:00 a.m.	Preparing for the Passion (adult SS elective).....	Room 211
10:00 a.m.	Elder Prayer.....	Room 212
10:00 a.m.	Intro to LMPC (registrants only).....	Conference Room
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.

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 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.