



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 • 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

Prelude in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

*** 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 53, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

* 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

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Chancel Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers,
the moon and stars suspended in space,
what is man that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor
and have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what is man that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,
and so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.
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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
text based on Psalm 8 by Linda Lee Johnson; music by Tom Fettke, 1979

* 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 John 2:13-25**
pp. 1054-1055 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

David Wharton (8:45)
Michele Davis (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"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate 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 528, vv. 1, 2, 3

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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

For the bread

"He Will Hold Me Fast"
(turn the page for words and music)

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;

when the tempt-er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my
 pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end-less

hold through life's fear - ful path; for my love is oft - en cold;
 lost; his pro - mis - es shall last; bought by him at such a cost,
 life, he will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

he must hold me fast. _____ He will hold me fast, he will hold me
 he will hold me fast. _____
 when he comes at last! _____

fast; for my Sa - vior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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For the cup “Amazing Grace!” Instrumental meditation
 arr. Phillip Keveren
 (words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #460)

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of response 642, vv. 1, 2, 5 “Be Thou My Vision”

* Benediction

* Congregational response “Threefold Amen”

* Postlude “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
 arr. Robert Hobby
 (words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #343)

Musicians for this week:

Emily Drexler – violin
Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

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.

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.

SERMON NOTES

“The True Temple”

John 2:13-25

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.