



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.  
Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength  
we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*—attributed to Alcuin of York*

FEBRUARY 8, 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

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**Welcome and greetings**

Joseph Wingfield, ruling elder

**\* Call to worship**

based on 1 Peter 1 and 1 Corinthians 8

**Leader:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**All:** **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**

**Leader:** There is one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live.

**All:** **And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

*text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**\* Affirmation of faith**

The Apostle's Creed

**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**

from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

## Hymn of confession

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*text by Isaac Watts, 1707; traditional English melody*

## Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, hear us as we pray together:

**All: O Lord Jesus, who came down from heaven to redeem us from all iniquity, forgive us for the ways we have consciously and unconsciously rejected your rule in our lives. We beseech you to write your Word on our hearts that we may know you, and the power of your resurrection, and to express it by turning from our sins. Rule in our hearts by faith, that being dead to sin and alive to righteousness, we may bear the fruit of holiness and grow in grace and in knowledge of you.**

*adapted from a prayer by Henry Hammond*

## Silent prayers of confession

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

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### \* Hymn of assurance

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

**Offertory hymn**                      "Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer?  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to his.  
O how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side, the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;  
through the deepest valley he will lead.  
O the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
O the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath, I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know he will renew me,  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus;  
all the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,  
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

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**\* Scripture reading from John 3:1-15**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Diana Reed (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**

"New Birth"

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

"O Great God"

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme; conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,  
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me,  
through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed.

O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me.

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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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Christy Gambrell – vocals**

**Calvin Garriott – piano**

**Wesley Heinecke – violin**

**David Henry – guitar, vocals**

**Jonah Hitchcock – cello**

**Hannah Lutz – viola**

**Matthew Mindeman – vocals**

### John 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

## SERMON NOTES

“New Birth”

*John 3:1-15*

1. The requirement of new birth: You must. (vv. 1-3)

2. The impossibility of new birth: You can't. (vv. 4-8)

3. The remedy for new birth: He must. (vv. 9-15)

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



## 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](https://lmpc.org/give).

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VIPS, COME TO A CHEERFUL VALENTINE'S BRUNCH** at Lookout Mtn., GA, City Hall on February 13 at 10:30 a.m. Please register on Realm Connect or by calling the church office by February 9. Cost is \$5. *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.*

**CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER WILL HOST SPECIAL SPEAKER** Sarah Hines, social worker for Erlanger Neurology, on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212. All are welcome; contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter for more information.

**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 please register on Realm Connect by February 19. Can you host a supper? Email Caroline Scruggs, [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

**THIS YEAR'S WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE**, held March 1-4, will spotlight India. The full calendar of activities is available at [lmpc.org/wmc](http://lmpc.org/wmc), with registration required for two events: a luncheon on Tuesday, March 3, and a dinner on Wednesday, March 4. We are excited to hear more of the Lord's work through Mission India, which seeks to reach communities through Children's Bible Clubs, Adult Literacy Classes, and Church Planting.

**A REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE** will be held May 1-3. Mark your calendars for this thoughtful and timely gathering to help us navigate technology with wisdom, discernment, and hope. We will welcome Robert Cunningham as our featured speaker.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS:** July 21-23. We will welcome rising kindergarten through rising 6th graders for dinner, worship, and activity rotations from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Registration (\$20) will be available later this spring.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 8

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.	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.	Safeguarding training .....	JHYB HS Room
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.....	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 gathering .....	JHYB

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).

### JOIN REALM CONNECT

Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. Request your account 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 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.