



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Are you not amazed sometimes that you should have so much as a hope, that, poor and needy as you are, the Lord thinks of you? But let not all you feel discourage you; for if our Physician is almighty, our disease cannot be desperate; and if he casts none out who come to him, why should you fear? Our sins are many, but his mercies are more.

Our sins are great, but his righteousness is greater. We are weak, but he is power.

—John Newton

FEBRUARY 22, 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

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

All: **For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

All: **For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne;
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;
surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm;
rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sov'reign God. *Refrain*

Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird,
let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth,
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Sacrament of baptism (8:45)

Emily and Scotty Webb bringing Everett Scott Webb

Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Hymn of confession (11:00)

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r:
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more;
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam;
this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save;
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save.

text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Prayer of confession (11:00)

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

Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* Hymn of assurance

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Prayer of intercession

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

Offertory hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.
text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

* **Scripture reading from John 3:22-36**
text printed in the bulletin

Levi Barshinger (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 "He Must Increase"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831

* **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:

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Mike McCracken – clarinet
Lyle Vaughn – piano

Kayla Wheeler – vocals
Chapman Whitted – guitar
Adalynn Wykoff – vocals

Celebrating the baptism of Everett Scott Webb at the 8:45 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Emily and Scotty Webb Jr., and his grandparents, Mikki and Tim Brown and Sue and Scott Webb.

Celebrating the baptisms of Easton Creed Hardin and Luna Charlotte Rose Hardin at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are their parents, Gaelin and Dakota Hardin, their grandparents, Sophie and Travis Knight and Paula and Mark Wilson, and their great-grandmother, Wanda Morrow.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE: Wishing to spend more time browsing in our church library? Drop in for as long as you like between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28. Tea and scones will be served, and there's no agenda other than discovering new books.

THIS YEAR'S WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, held March 1-4, will spotlight India, specifically the work of our partner ministry Mission India. The full calendar of activities is available at lmpc.org/wmc or as a handout in the sanctuary Narthex or fellowship hall lobby. Two events require registration: a Missions Lunch on Tuesday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. and a Family Dinner on Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m., both in the fellowship hall. Register on Realm Connect by March 2. There will also be a Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:45 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building; no registration needed.

ADULT COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin today at 10:00 a.m. Find locations/topics below.

Fellowship Class (Room 213)

Teacher: Dan Wykoff

Topic: "Genesis 43-50: The Beginning Ends"

Kingdom Class (chapel)

Teacher: Kelly Kopic

Topic: "Luke's Gospel: A Discussion-based Reflection"

Redeemer Class (Room 211)

Teacher: John Plating

Topic: "Jesus and the Kingdom of God"

Sojourner Class (Room 313)

Teachers: Stephen Barnes, Glenn Breazeale, Trey Carr, Jason Lehn, Doug Perry

Topic: "Guarding the Heart: Lessons from Solomon's Life"

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

John 3:22-36

²²After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴(for John had not yet been put in prison). ²⁵Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him."

²⁷John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease."

³¹He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ³³Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. ³⁴For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

SERMON NOTES

“He Must Increase”

John 3:22-36

1. When Jesus displaces us: our fearful insecurity (vv. 22-26)
2. How we must respond when Jesus displaces us: humility and joy (vv. 27-30)
3. Why Jesus must displace us: the supremacy of the beloved, Spirit-filled Son (vv. 31-36)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 22

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| 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. | Sunday school for adults - Fellowship class..... | Room 213 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday school for adults -Kingdom class | chapel |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday school for adults -Redeemer class | Room 211 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday school for adults -Sojourner class | Room 313 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Intro to LMPC (registrants only)..... | Conference Room |
| 10:00 a.m. | Elder Prayer | 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 |
| 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.

UPDATE YOUR REALM CONNECT PHOTO

Did you know you can update your profile picture in Realm Connect? Keeping your photo current helps staff and church members, especially newcomers, feel more connected. Update your photo by logging in, going to More → your current photo or initials → My Profile → then tapping the pencil next to your picture at the top of the screen to either take a photo or choose one from your device. Need help? Contact onrealm@lmpc.org for assistance.

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.