



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### **IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

---

*God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms, broken lives are made whole, and fearful hearts grow strong in faith. Open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise. To all who long for your Son's return grant perseverance and patience, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*

—from Opening Prayers

**APRIL 12, 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**

from Isaiah 40

**Leader:** The Sovereign LORD sits enthroned above the circle of the earth. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

**All:** He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

**Leader:** The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**All:** He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**\* Hymn of praise**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**New member vows**

**Sacrament of baptism (11:00)**

Eva Andrelle Fugate

**Call to confession**

Isaiah 30:15, 18, 19b

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.”

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

**Silent prayers of confession**

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

from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

*text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997*

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

**Offertory hymn**

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

*text and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036*

**\* Scripture reading from John 5:1-18**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Pamela Wilson (8:45)

Steve Reynolds (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Sermon**

“Personal and Powerful Work”

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“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.

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

**\* 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:**

**Christy Gambrell** – vocals

**Wesley Heinecke** – violin

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lindquist** – vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Bob Wharton** – piano

**Celebrating the baptism** of Eva Andrelle Fugate at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Kim and Mark Fugate, and her grandparents, Jane and David Fugate.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Ryan Thomas Malock at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Amanda and Jeff Malock.

**The rosebud in the service today** is for the birth of Alistair Oscar Hardy Dahms, born to Emily and Logan Dahms on April 7.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 15, 2026. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

|                            |                          |                              |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mae Mae and Parker Adams   | Katie and Matt Hauck     | Elizabeth and Parker Neyland |
| Rachel and Brent Allred    | Emily and Myles Hendrick | Yosuman Olimova              |
| Levi Barshinger            | Kelley and Ben Hoagland  | Julia and Jeremy Rardin      |
| May and Jeff Burke         | Heather and Zach Hubbs   | Carey and Bret Robertson     |
| Becky Childers             | Valentine King           | Francine Stulac              |
| Carol and Lynn Daniel      | Jenny Lea                | Brett Thomason               |
| Matthew Endlich            | Lillie and Adam London   | Keri and Brett Williams      |
| Morgan and Jay Everett     | Ryan Malock              | Hannah and Alex Wilson       |
| Catherine and Alex Hatcher | Heather Naggar           |                              |

## COMMUNICANTS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 15, 2026. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

|                 |                    |                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Mae Carr        | Henry Ireland      | Hunter Palmer     |
| Eloïse Christie | Meredith Lindquist | Peter Riley       |
| Cole Eriksen    | Savannah Lusk      | Josiah Wharton    |
| Nathan Eriksen  | Jane Marshall      | Sadie Mae Wharton |
| Paige Eriksen   | Crawford Meier     | Carter Williams   |
| Eva Fugate      | Betsy Mitchell     | Erickson Wojick   |
| Graham Hubbs    | Colton Moore       | Austen Yates      |

## John 5:1-18

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>4</sup>One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” <sup>6</sup>The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” <sup>8</sup>And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. <sup>9</sup>So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” <sup>10</sup>But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” <sup>11</sup>They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” <sup>12</sup>Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. <sup>13</sup>Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” <sup>14</sup>The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

<sup>15</sup>And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” <sup>17</sup>This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

**SERMON NOTES**  
“Personal and Powerful Work”  
*John 5:1-18*

The personal and powerful work of Jesus reveals that he is:

1. the divine healer of the helpless. (vv. 1-15)

2. the divine Son of the Father. (vv. 16-18)

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



**SERMON NOTES**  
“Personal and Powerful Work”  
*John 5:1-18*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**FOLLOW ALONG WITH BRIAN AND WIL** and the team as they check in on LMPC's ministry partners across Central Asia on their upcoming trip. If you'd like to see updates and photos, fill out the form at [lmpc.org/world-missions](http://lmpc.org/world-missions) by April 12.

**DR. BILL DAVIS WILL SPEAK** at the April 14 Care for the Caregiver meeting, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211. Topics will include: end-of-life decisions, honoring your loved one, and the spiritual beauty of caregiving. All are welcome. Contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter for more info.

**CHOICES COLLECTION:** Choices is one of LMPC's strategic partner ministries, dedicated to providing no-cost support and resources to those facing unplanned pregnancies. Occasionally, Choices has the opportunity to provide hygiene care bags to women experiencing homelessness. LMPC will partner with Choices by distributing and collecting a limited number of bags beginning next Sunday, April 19. To participate, pick up a bag and purchase all items on the attached list. Bags may be returned under the porte cochère (covered drive) on either Sunday April 26 or May 3.

**THE REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE**, featuring guest speaker Robert Cunningham, is for anyone seeking discernment in a world where screens shape much of our lives. Receive biblical insight and practical guidance, attending sessions in the fellowship hall as you are able. Schedule: Friday, May 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 3 from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

**BEAST FEAST:** Men, join us on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a feast of smoked meats. Special guest Robert Cunningham will speak on "The Mighty Meekness of Masculinity." Invite your friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Register on Realm Connect for \$20 by April 29.

**SCRIPTURE & SONG**, featuring our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Girls' Ensemble, and Handbell Choir, will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. Save the date!

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 12

|            |   |                             |
|------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 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. | Elder Prayer (pray with an elder and his wife) .....  | 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           |
| 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](http://lmpc.org/events); for information on groups and classes, visit [lmpc.org/groups](http://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/realms](http://lmpc.org/realms).

## 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.*

## CONTACT US

Address: 316 North Bragg Avenue  
Lookout Mountain, TN 37350

Web: [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org)

Email: [info@lmpc.org](mailto:info@lmpc.org)

Phone: 423.821.4528

Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.