



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 . 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

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!"

arr. Wilbur Held

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #272)

Welcome and greetings

Don Kent, ruling elder

* 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 115**, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

* **Prayer of adoration**

New member vows

Sacrament of baptism (11:00)

Ryan Thomas Malock

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 455**, vv. 1, 3, 5

“And Can It Be, That I Should Gain”

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

Offertory

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Chancel Choir

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

(continued)

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, the highest praises be
hence, evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

Come, Almighty King! Come, thou Almighty King!

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*** 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.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

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

pp. 1057-1058 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Julie Dean (8:45)

Warren McEwen (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”

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 170, vv. 1, 3, 4**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

Paraphrase on “Thine Be the Glory”

Alexandre Guilmant

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #274).

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

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

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.

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

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

John 5:1-18

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When 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?” ⁷The 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.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰So 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.” ¹¹But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” ¹²They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” ¹³Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

¹⁶And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” ¹⁸This 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)

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 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.

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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; 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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