



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

—Book of Common Prayer

APRIL 19, 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

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

arr. Peter Hilliard

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #297)

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

* Call to worship

from Jeremiah 32 and Revelation 4:8

Leader: Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

All: You show love to thousands—O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds.

Leader: You performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt and have continued them to this day, both in Israel and among all mankind, and have gained the renown that is still yours.

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!

* Hymn of praise 100, vv. 1, 2, 4

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

* Prayer of adoration

Prayer of intercession

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

Offertory

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Chancel Choir

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
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* 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 5:18-29

p. 1058 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Kim Starke (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

“Jesus' Divine Sonship”
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

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 500

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

All: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

All: We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

For the bread 703, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Loved with Everlasting Love”

For the cup

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Instrumental meditation

arr. Judy Nishimura

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #478)

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response** 310, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Praeludium in G

J. S. Bach

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Cindy Solfest-Wallis – flute

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Annie Inez Whitted, born to Bethany and Chapman Whitted on April 10.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Claire Patton and Jackson Cooper on April 18 and are given in loving memory of their grandparents: Patsy Cleveland, Troit Cleveland, Carl Cooper, Anne Patton, and Art Kunzer.

John 5:18-29

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. ¹⁹So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²²For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

²⁴“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. ²⁵Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

²⁷“And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

SERMON NOTES “Jesus’ Divine Sonship”

Jesus demonstrates his divine Sonship by:

1. declaring his equality with the Father. (vv. 18-23)
2. delivering spiritual resurrection. (vv. 24-26)
3. dispensing eternal judgment. (vv. 27-29)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. To participate, pick up a bag from the fellowship hall breezeway or sanctuary Narthex and purchase all the items on the attached list. Return filled bags under the porte-cochere (covered drive) on either Sunday April 26 or May 3. Or, drop off at the church office building between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 26, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2029. A brochure about the candidates will be available electronically and in print next week.

THE REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE will feature guest speaker Robert Cunningham. 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 Ensemble, will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for stories of boldness and strength in Scripture and song! Nursery will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE for the last Wednesday Fellowship Dinner of the semester: a picnic at The Commons on May 6.

WE NEED YOUR HELP for VBS on July 21-23! Register on Realm Connect as an adult/high school volunteer or a middle school volunteer to help in a variety of ways, including: Storytelling, Worship, Crafts, Games, Check-In and Check-Out, Hospitality (food), Set-Up and Take-Down Team, and "Happy to Help Anywhere." Training for all volunteers will be held prior to the event; you will be contacted with dates.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 19

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.	Adult Sunday school: Fellowship class.....	Room 213
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Kingdom class	chapel
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: Redeemer class	Room 211
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school: 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 with communion.....	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.

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