



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O dearest Lord, raise my devotion to the highest pitch it can possibly reach, to praise you.
Enlarge my soul to its utmost extent, to love you! Blessing, honor, glory, and power be unto
him who sits on the throne, and unto the lamb forever! Rejoice in the Lord Jesus,
O my soul, for of him comes my salvation. I will love you, O Lord, my King,
and I will praise your name forever and ever!*

—Thomas Ken

APRIL 26, 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

Brian Salter, lead pastor

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 86

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

All: **All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.**

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts; we will glorify your name forever.

All: **For great is your love toward us; you have delivered us from the depths of the grave. You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, abounding in love and faithfulness.**

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

from Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him. Let him turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* 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*

continued

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

Call to offering

Ecclesiastes 5:18–20

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Offertory hymn

“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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* Scripture reading from John 5:30–47

text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (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

“The Threefold Witness to the Son’s Authority”

Dr. Richard L. Pratt Jr., President of ThirdMill

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

*** 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.**

Congregational meeting

Musicians for this week:

Greta Erickson – vocals

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

David Kaufmann – bass

Hannah Lutz – viola

June Swank – guitar

Emmie Thompson – vocals

John 5:30-47

³⁰“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³¹If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. ³²There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.

³³“You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, ³⁸and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.

³⁹“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. ⁴¹I do not receive glory from people. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

SERMON NOTES

“The Threefold Witness to the Son’s Authority”

Jesus’ absolute authority over all people is undeniable because:

1. it is not based on self-promotion. (vv. 30-32)
2. it is not dependent upon human testimony. (vv. 33-38)
3. it is divinely revealed in the Scriptures. (vv. 39-47)

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



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service today, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2029.

IF YOU PICKED UP A BAG TO PARTICIPATE in the Choices Collection, please remember to drop it off in the porte-cochere (covered drive) today or next Sunday. Alternatively, return the bag to the church office building between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST LOGAN DREW will join the Care for the Caregiver support group on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm in Room 212. He will cover movement issues related to normal aging, dementia, and Parkinson's. All are welcome to attend.

WE WILL RECOGNIZE TERESA DABBS at Wednesday's fellowship dinner (5:45 p.m.) on April 29 before she retires in May. Join us in thanking her and congratulating her on 30 years of service at LMPC.

THE REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, featuring guest speaker Robert Cunningham, will be held this upcoming weekend over three sessions: 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. Find more information at lmpc.org.

BEAST FEAST: Men, join us on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Registration is required on Realm Connect 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. *Bring your kids! We'll have a special bulletin just for them to follow along and engage with the music and stories, and nursery will also be available.*

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING CLOSING PICNIC will be held on May 6, 5:45 p.m. at The Commons. Bring the whole family and enjoy hot dogs, slaw, chips, and cookies. Regular dinner prices apply.

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, and select your area of interest.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 26

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.	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	chapel
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
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.