LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Grant me, even me, my dearest Lord, to know thee, and love thee, and rejoice in thee. Let the knowledge of thee increase in me here, that it may be full hereafter. Let the love of thee grow every day more and more here, that it may be perfect hereafter; that my joy may be great in itself, and full in thee. Amen.

—St. Augustine

JUNE 28, 2026 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE • 9:30 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 Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship** from Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

All: **For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

Leader: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.

All: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.**

*** 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! 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**

*** Affirmation of faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of "living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

Call to confession from Ecclesiastes 12 and Isaiah 55

Here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

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

Hymn of confession "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

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

All: **We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.**

Leader: We confess our sins as a church.

All: **We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service to the world as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. May your Holy Spirit move and convict our hearts, that we might live as you have created us to live.**
adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace** from 1 John 4:9-10, 15

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

*** 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 "Christ, Our Wisdom"

Christ, our wisdom, we are humbled when you hide your ways from us;
you have purposes unnumbered, each one good and glorious.
Help us trust when we grow weary, free us from our anxious thoughts;
give us grace to see more clearly; you are God, and we are not.

Christ, our wisdom, be our gladness when we fail to understand;
you ordain all joy and sadness to fulfill your perfect plan.
Help us know you rule with power over ev'ry raging flood;
in our most uncertain hour, you are God, and we are loved.

Christ, our wisdom, we will follow though the way ahead is veiled;
as we journey through the shadows, grant us faith where sight has failed.
Help us cling to your commandments, strengthened by your faithful Word;
we will never be abandoned; you are God, and we are yours.

Christ, our wisdom, we adore you for the beauty of the cross;
once in foolishness we scorned you, but your blood has ransomed us.
Help us sing the endless mercies of your humble heart to save;
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory, you are God, forever praise.
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*** Scripture reading from John 14:25-31**
text printed in the bulletin

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Our Comforter"
Rev. Dennis Louis, senior pastor of Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825

*** 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:

Eleanor Caines – vocals
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Mike McCracken – clarinet
Matthew Mindeman – vocals
John Reeder – piano
Sara Satterfield – vocals

GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES GUEST SPEAKER, DENNIS LOUIS

Pastor Dennis Louis grew up attending many different kinds of churches with his mother and older brother, calling his early spiritual experiences a "melting pot of religious beliefs." He came to know Christ in his early 20s and was introduced to the Reformed faith by his future wife, Theresa, during his postgraduate years at Pensacola Christian College. He graduated from there with a B.A. and an M.A. in Biblical Studies and then pursued his ministerial training at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. He has served as the Senior Pastor of Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church since 2020. Pastor Dennis and Theresa have four children.

John 14:25-31

25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy
Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your
remembrance all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as
the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

28 “You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would
have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have
told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. 30 I will no longer
talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, 31 but I do as
the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go
from here.”

SERMON NOTES

"Our Comforter"

John 14:25–31

BIG IDEA: Jesus Christ sends the Holy Spirit to give us a peace that is far more substantial than the peace the world gives.

1. Biblical peace

2. The peace the world gives

3. The peace the Holy Spirit gives

GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

The George Long Preaching Series was established by the LMPC Session in 2001 as an annual reminder of our Savior's faithful use of his holy Word in our midst that has never and will never 'return to him void, but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent' (Isaiah 55:11). This series also brings honor to God for his blessings bestowed upon LMPC through the ministry of Dr. George W. Long, who served as pastor through a season of spiritual renewal in the 1970s and 80s, calling LMPC back to the primacy of God's Word. In the front cover of his Bible, Dr. Long wrote, "This book has kept me from being lost. May I never, in any sense, lose it." By the grace of God, this series will be used to annually root us in the authority, sufficiency, clarity, and necessity of Scripture. Dr. Long died in 2016.

Previous speakers have included:

Dr. Thurman Williams
Rev. Benjie Slaton
Rev. Alistair Begg
Dr. Gabriel Fluhrer
Rev. Eric Youngblood
Dr. Richard Pratt
Dr. Steve Brown
Dr. Irwyn Ince
Dr. Michael Kruger
Rev. Kennedy Smartt
Rev. Harry Long
Rev. Joe Novenson
Rev. Jerram Barrs
Dr. Paul Tripp
Dr. Bryan Chapell
Dr. Reggie Kidd
Rev. Scotty Smith
Mr. Jerry Bridges
Dr. Roger Gulick
Dr. R.C. Sproul

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME BACK TONIGHT AND HEAR OUR GUEST SPEAKER, Rev. Dennis Louis, again for the George Long Preaching Series. This Sunday Evening Gathering will be held in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.

OUR SECOND WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPER is at 6:00 p.m. on July 14 in individual homes. Please register on Realm Connect and, if you're able to host, email Caroline: caroline@lmpc.org.

REGISTER FOR VBS by July 10 on Realm Connect. Rising kindergarteners through rising sixth graders, join us July 21–23 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. for dinner, worship, and activity rotations.

SUMMER BOOK CLUBS for women continue on July 30. Choose a book to read, and sign up for the corresponding meeting at a local restaurant for dinner. Find more information and register on Realm Connect to make your selection. Books selections: *Making Faith Magnetic*, *The Lord of Psalm 23*, *The Hiding Place*, and *Pride and Prejudice*.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 28

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	*sanctuary & fellowship hall*
10:30 a.m.	Elder Prayer (pray with an elder and his wife)	*Room 212*
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	*sanctuary & fellowship hall*
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering: GLPS worship service	*fellowship hall*

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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.