# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

*Presbyterian Church*

## IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"O Lord, give us all grace by constant obedience to offer up our wills and hearts an acceptable sacrifice unto thee. Amen."*
*—Christina Rossetti*

**JULY 12, 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** John Wingard, ruling elder

*** Call to worship** based on Job 38

Leader: Who laid the earth's foundation and marked off its dimensions? Who stretched a measuring line across it—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

**All:** **The Lord God Almighty!**

Leader: Who has given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place? Who has journeyed to the springs of the sea and walked in the recesses of the deep? Who has been shown the gates of death? And who knows the way to the abode of light?

**All:** **The Lord God Almighty!**

Leader: Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm? Who waters a land where no man lives, to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass?

**All:** **The Lord God Almighty! Praise his name forever.**

*** Hymn of praise** "Across the Lands"

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

*Refrain*: You're the Author of creation,
you're the Lord of ev'ry man,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*
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*** Prayer of adoration**

**Sacrament of baptism**

Katie and Matt Hauck bringing Lucy Madeleine Hauck (9:30)
Meredith and Jay Brooks bringing Caroline Stuart Brooks (11:00)

**Call to confession** from 1 Peter 1 and 2

You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Silent prayers of confession**

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace** based on Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*** 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 help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. *Refrain*

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*

**Prayer of intercession**

**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.
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*** Scripture reading from Psalm 85** Tabitha Kapic (9:30)
*text printed in the bulletin* David Fowler (11:00)

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

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

**Sermon** "Rising From Discouragement"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

*** Hymn of response** "Here Is Love"

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood:
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me, by thy Spirit, through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory; nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.
*text by William Rees, 1847; music by Robert Lowry, 1876*

*** 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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Krista Gibson** – vocals
**David Henry** – guitar, vocals
**Hannah Lutz** – viola
**Jeremy Taylor** – piano
**Adalynn Wykoff** – vocals
**Kristin Wykoff** – violin

**Celebrating the baptism** of Lucy Madeleine Hauck at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Katie and Matt Hauck, and her grandparents, Julie and Dan Fisher and Gwenn and Dave Hauck.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Caroline Stuart Brooks at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Meredith and Jay Brooks, and her grandparents, Caroline and Hugh Morrow and Abbie and Jay Brooks.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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*.

**VIPS, COME TO WILD & WACKY BINGO** on Tuesday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and games in the fellowship hall. Expect fun prizes, including a bonus prize for the (optional) costume contest. Bring your friends! Register on Realm Connect for $10. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

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

## Psalm 85

[1]LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. [2]You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. [3]You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

[4]Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! [5]Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? [6]Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? [7]Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. [8]Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. [9]Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

[10]Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. [11]Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. [12]Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. [13]Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

## SERMON NOTES

"Rising From Discouragement"

Renewal for the people of God comes as we:

1. **look back** with humble gratitude at God's past mercies. (vv. 1–3)

2. **look up** with desperate longing for God's gracious renewal. (vv. 4–9)

3. **look forward** with confident hope in God's sure promises. (vv. 10–13)

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

**Sunday, July 12**

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| 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* |
| 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

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