LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I have no robe to bring to cover my sins. I am always standing clothed in filthy garments and by grace am always receiving change of raiment. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and you are always bringing forth the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great white throne in it, enter heaven in it, shining as the sun. —*adapted from* The Valley of Vision

AUGUST 9, 2026 • SANCTUARY 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

Prelude "Lift High the Cross"
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John H. Head

Welcome and greetings Joseph Wingfield, ruling elder

*** Call to worship** based on Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Open for us the gates of righteousness; we will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

All: We will give thanks, for you answered us and have become our salvation.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*** Hymn of praise 2,** vv. 1, 2, 4, 5 "O Worship the King"

*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith based on 1 Peter 1:3–9

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: He has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us. We, through faith, are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Leader: In this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

All: Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. For we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

Call to confession Psalm 32:1–6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

Hymn of confession 528, vv. 1, 2, 4 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace** Romans 5:6–8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*** Hymn of assurance 461**, vv. 1, 2, 5 "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Prayer of intercession

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

Offertory "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Instrumental meditation
arr. Charles Callahan
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #30)

*** 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 Psalm 146** David Wharton (9:30)
p. 622 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin Dorcas Crenshaw (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Praise and Hope — The Heart of the Psalms"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him!"

Praise the Lord! My soul, O praise him! I will praise him all my days.
I will sing while I have being; I will sing to God my praise!
Put no confidence in princes, mortal men who cannot save.
All their plans will come to nothing when they perish in the grave.

O how blest the man who trusts in Jacob's God to be his aid.
O how blest the one whose hope upon the Lord his God is stayed,
he who made the earth and heaven and the seas, with all their store;
he who keeps his word forever, he is faithful evermore.

He will always render justice for the sake of those oppressed.
He gives food to those who hunger, satisfies their emptiness.
God releases all the pris'ners, to the blind the LORD gives sight.
He lifts up those bowed in anguish and relieves them from their plight.

How the LORD loves all the righteous, and the alien defends,
helps the orphan and the widow, judgment on the wicked sends.
God the LORD will reign forever; Zion's God forevermore
reigns through ev'ry generation. Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!
Psalm 146; music by Rowland Pritchard, 1855, HYFRYDOL

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude** Toccata on Psalm 146
Jan Zwart

Musicians for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ **Harrison Wells** – trumpet

Psalm 146

[1]Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! [2]I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

[3]Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. [4]When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

[5]Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, [6]who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; [7]who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; [8]the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. [9]The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. [10]The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

SERMON NOTES

"Praise and Hope — The Heart of the Psalms"

Psalm 146

1. Bless the LORD. (vv. 1–2)

2. Beware of princes. (vv. 3–4)

3. Behold your God. (vv. 5–10)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES NEXT WEEK! Sunday School for children, youth, and adults will begin on August 16 at 10:00 a.m., so our worship services shift to 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Find a full list of adult electives, classes, and locations in your bulletin and at lmpc.org/groups, where you may sort by category and age group.

AS WE MOVE INTO OUR Sunday School schedule on August 16, we're instituting some changes to how we start our services. A prelude will be added to the fellowship hall service, and preludes in both locations will begin a few minutes before the service at 8:45 a.m. For the second service, the prelude will begin at 11:00 a.m. in both locations. This will allow the prelude to become an integral part of all worship services, while creating some space for those serving to get to the 11:00 a.m. service.

GOOD NEWS CLUB at Fairyland Elementary and Lookout Mountain Elementary will begin on September 14 and meet on each Monday after school. These LMPC-sponsored clubs are a way for children to hear the Gospel and for our church to make a meaningful impact in our community. We need 6–8 more volunteers! Initial training begins August 15; contact stephanie@lmpc.org if interested.

THE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE begins fall rehearsal on Sunday, August 23 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, preparing for Sunday worship and Christmas services. We need new ringers: beginners welcome! Contact Brett Hyberger, brett@lmpc.org, for more information.

THE WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP Fall Kickoff will be held Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Lookout Mountain Pizza Company. There will be dinner, a time of worship, and information about the ministry year. Register on Realm Connect by August 28 for $15.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL/10:00–10:45 A.M./BEGINS AUGUST 16

Elementary school:

Room 201: PreK
Room 200: Kindergarten
Room 204: 1st Grade
Room 301: 2nd Grade
Room 300: 3rd Grade
Room 202: 4th & 5th Grade

Youth:

Students in middle school will meet at the Jane Harris Youth Building. High school students will participate in adult electives through September 27.

Adult Electives:

August 16 - September 27

Christians in the Public Square: Biblical Foundations for Political Thought & Effective Action (*chapel*)
We will begin with the Scriptures as a foundation, introduce political principles derived from a biblical foundation, and conclude with examples of how to "work out" the principles as Christians at the local and national levels. Teachers: Derek Halvorson & Steve Kaufmann

Digital Discipleship: Raising Kids for the Kingdom in a Screen-Saturated World (*fellowship hall*)
Explore practical, biblically grounded frameworks for making wise decisions about screens, social media, devices, and digital culture in your home. Teachers: Glenn & Carter Breazeale, Josh Brower, Lee Burns, Ross & Dodd Shumate, Aaron Tolson

When the Journey Hurts: Finding Meaning in Suffering (*Room 213*)
Our afflictions present an opportunity to encounter God and to allow him to redeem our suffering. In this class, we will focus especially on spiritual formation and key practices that can prove helpful. Teacher: Kelly Kapic

The Mission of God: What in the World is God Doing and How Does My Life Fit into His Mission? (*Room 211*)
This class will help you see your everyday life, work, relationships, church involvement, and personal calling as part of God's greater story. Teacher: Steve Childers

Philemon: The Refreshing Requirement of the Gospel (*Room 313*)
Walk through Philemon to see why forgiveness is not an optional add-on to the Christian life, but the very fragrance of the Gospel. Teacher: Brian Salter

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 9

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*

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events; for information on groups and classes, visit lmpc.org/groups.

SET UP GIVING IN REALM CONNECT

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Connect account, tap "Giving," and tap the blue button that says "+Give" (or "Make a gift" if you're on the app) to create a new gift. From there, set up a one-time or recurring gift. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm for future gifts or event payments. Don't have a Realm Connect account? Request one today by visiting 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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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.