LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Thanks to thee, O God, that I have risen today, to the rising of this life itself;
may it be to thine own glory, O God of every gift, and to the glory of my soul likewise.
O great God, aid thou my soul with the aiding of thine own mercy;
even as I clothe my body with wool, cover thou my soul with the shadow of thy wing.
—*"Thanksgiving" from* The Celtic Vision

AUGUST 23, 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

Prelude "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ" Instrumental ensemble

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

Refrain: To whom, save thee, who canst alone
for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. *Refrain*

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
no righteousness avails save that which is of thee. *Refrain*
text by Horatius Bonar, 1857; music by Adam Wright © 2016 The Corner Room

*** Call to worship** based on Daniel 2:20–23a

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

All: **He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. We thank and praise you, O God of our fathers.**

*** 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 doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

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**

Ministry report

Call to confession from Hebrews 10:19–22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,
and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with
a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us
from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace** from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*** Hymn of assurance** "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825

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 John 7:25-36** Emmie Thompson (8:45)
text printed in the bulletin 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 "Jesus Is the Christ"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood (3x) has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x); thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"
text by John Newton, 1774; music by Laura Taylor © 2001 Laura Taylor Music CCLI Lic. #152036

*** 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:

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Mary Catherine Hewitt – banjo
Hannah Lutz – viola
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Hannah Perry – flute
Emmie Thompson – vocals
Bob Wharton – piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPRESENTATIVES FROM METANOIA, a strategic partner ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel with incarcerated men and women, are visiting LMPC this morning, speaking in services, and answering questions in the fellowship hall lobby.

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

THE GRIEFSHARE FALL SEMINAR will meet Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. from September 3 through October 22. Find comfort and support alongside others. A fee of $30 will cover the cost of the workbook and a retreat on October 24. Please register on Realm Connect.

OUR BUILD-A-BAG COLLECTION benefitting the Salvation Army is in progress. Pick up a bag in the sanctuary Narthex or fellowship hall lobby, consult the attached list, go shopping, and bring your bag back to the porte-cochere on a Sunday morning by September 6.

A KICKOFF PICNIC AT THE COMMONS will be held on Wednesday, September 2. Join us at 6:00 p.m., and bring the whole family.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES will resume on September 9, with a newly adjusted schedule. This includes children's choirs and an adult class at 5:15 p.m.; dinner at 6:00 p.m.; and Kids' Clubs, Chancel Choir, and Wednesday Prayer at 6:30 p.m. Find more information at lmpc.org/wednesday or lmpc.org/groups.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS: We are excited to announce that Bekah Montgomery is our new Kitchen Supervisor, and dinner each Wednesday (at 6:00 p.m.) will be catered by Southern Star and other local restaurants. We need volunteer servers, weekly or monthly. Would you come and help us provide a friendly and welcoming atmosphere? Contact bekah@lmpc.org for training information.

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

John 7:25-36

[25]Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? [26]And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? [27]But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from."

[28]So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. [29]I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me."

[30]So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. [31]Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?" [32]The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

[33]Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. [34]You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." [35]The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? [36]What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

SERMON NOTES

"Jesus Is the Christ"

Jesus is the Christ who:

1. defies human assumptions about the Messiah. (vv. 25-27)

2. testifies openly to his identity and mission. (vv. 28-29)

3. remains untouchable until his appointed hour. (vv. 30-32)

4. continues to confound those who refuse him. (vv. 33-36)

Beyond the Pulpit,
Resources for
Continued Study

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 23

8:45 a.m.	Worship service	*sanctuary & fellowship hall*
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for children	*elementary classrooms*
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school for middle school	*JHYB*
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school adult elective: Christians in the Public Square	*chapel*
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school adult elective: Digital Discipleship	*fellowship hall*
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school adult elective: When the Journey Hurts	*Room 213*
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school adult elective: The Mission of God	*Room 211*
10:00 a.m.	Sunday school adult elective: Philemon	*Room 313*
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*

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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 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.