LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O eternal Light, shine into our hearts. O eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.
O eternal Power, be thou our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Grant unto us that with all our hearts,
and minds, and strength, we may evermore seek thy face;
and finally bring us, in thine infinite mercy, to thy holy presence.
—Alcuinus, A.D. 780

OCTOBER 11, 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 Josh Brower, co-director of high school ministry

Prelude "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Instrumental ensemble

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.
text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

*** Call to worship** Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

All: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

*** Hymn of praise** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession Ecclesiastes 12:13b–14 and Isaiah 55:6–7

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 evil 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.

continued

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;
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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;
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text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace** from Romans 5 and Colossians 1

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*** Hymn of assurance** "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.
text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

Prayer of intercession

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

Offertory hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.
text based on Psalm 23, by Henry W. Baker, 1868; Irish melody

*** Scripture reading from John 9:1–23** Levi Barshinger (8:45)
text printed in the bulletin Michele Davis (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "When the Light Breaks In!"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741–1831

*** 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:

Joel Christie – vocals
Xaris Emmett – violin
Hannah Lutz – viola
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
John Reeder – piano
Kayla Wheeler – vocals
Chapman Whitted – guitar

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS, join us for lunch today in the Jane Harris Youth Building at 12:15 p.m.

THE CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER support group will meet Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212, with speaker Charlie Ingram of Right at Home discussing in-home care. All are welcome. For more information, contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter.

FALL BREAK: There will be no Women's Bible Study, children's choirs, adult class, fellowship dinner, or kids' clubs this *Wednesday, October 14*. Evening Prayer and Chancel Choir will still meet.

REMEMBER, THE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR FRANK HITCHINGS will be held on Sunday, October 18. Bring the whole family for a hymn sing from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by a reception. Nursery will be available. If you would like to write a letter to Frank, we will collect them for him to read.

VIPS, COME ENJOY SOUP, SALAD, AND THE MOVIE *A Great Awakening* on October 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please register on Realm Connect by October 16 for $10. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

WOMEN, GET AWAY FROM THE NOISE and pace of life at a Semi-Silent Retreat. Come to Rising Fawn Gardens on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to rest and spend time with the Lord. Cost is $25 (breakfast is included) and space is limited; please register on Realm Connect.

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

John 9:1-23

1As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who
sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3Jesus answered, "It was not that this
man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4We must work
the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5As long as
I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed
the man's eyes with the mud 7and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means
Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. 8The neighbors and those who had seen him
before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9Some said, "It
is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10So they said to
him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and
anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my
sight." 12They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

13They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14Now it was a Sabbath
day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15So the Pharisees again asked him how he
had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."
16Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But
others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among
them. 17So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened
your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." 18The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had
received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19and asked
them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20His parents
answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21But how he now sees
we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for
himself." 22(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already
agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)
23Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

SERMON NOTES

"When the Light Breaks In!"

John 9:1–23

When Jesus, the light of the world, breaks in, he:

1. reveals our misguided assumptions. (vv. 1–5)

2. displays his sovereign power. (vv. 6–12)

3. exposes our true allegiances. (vv. 13–23)

Beyond the Pulpit
Resources for
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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 11

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 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	*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*
12:15 p.m.	College Lunch	*JHYB*
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.

WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL

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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.