LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

To suffer my own dereliction for me, to be my shepherd, and to lead me through the grave and gate of death, in strength and mercy Christ has come down. At last I've found the true Shepherd and the false just fade away before him.
—*Malcolm Guite, from* Psalm 23: XXIII Dominus regit me

OCTOBER 25, 2026 • SANCTUARY 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 Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Prelude "Brother James' Air"
arr. Dale Wood
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #86)

*** Call to worship** Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: **Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*** Hymn of praise 92,** vv. 1, 2, 4 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*** Prayer of adoration**

Sacrament of baptism
Rachel and David Kaufmann bringing Caroline Elizabeth Kaufmann (8:45)
Hendley and Hugh Morton bringing William Owen Morton (11:00)

Call to confession Micah 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Prayer of confession taken from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

All: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

All: **Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace** based on 1 Peter 2:9–10, 24–25

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

*** Hymn of assurance 172**, vv. 1, 2, 4 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

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

Offertory "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Chancel Choir

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 ransom'd 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.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O the transport of delight with which my cup o'erfloweth.
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever! Amen.
text based on Psalm 23, by Henry W. Baker, 1868; Irish melody, arr. Harry Rowe Shelley ©1886, 1914 G. Shirmer, Inc.

*** 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 John 10:1–21** Amos Oster (8:45)
p. 1065 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin Warren McEwen (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "The Good Shepherd"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 599** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
arr. J. Bert Carlson
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #598)

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director **Joshua Knight** – organ

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of William Owen Morton by his grandparents, Katie and Don Morton.

Celebrating the baptism of Caroline Kaufmann at the 8:45 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Rachel and David Kaufmann, and her grandparents, Shari and Roger Collins and Mary and Steve Kaufmann.

Celebrating the baptism of William Owen Morton at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Hendley and Hugh Morton, and his grandparents, Jenny and Philip Badcock and Katie and Don Morton.

Celebrating the baptism of Anna James Elizabeth Helm at the 8:45 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Tay Tay and Carter Helm, and her grandparents, Merrile and John Stroud and Barb and Andy Helm.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER support group will meet Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212 for a presentation from an excellent new resource, *Tender Hearts, Tired Hands*. Come for information, inspiration, and intercession.

THE ANNUAL REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, on Sunday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. A festival choir and orchestra comprised of musicians from LMPC, First Presbyterian, and Covenant College will lead us in great hymns of faith. Foundational readings and Scripture will remind us of the important significance of this day. Join us!

INTERESTED IN JOINING LMPC? The next membership class begins January 3. Find more details and register on Realm Connect.

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

John 10:1–21

1 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by
another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of
the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by
name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the
sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from
him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them,
but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came
before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone
enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to
steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired
hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep
and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and
cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And
I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my
voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay
down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own
accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have
received from my Father.” 19 There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.
20 Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” 21 Others said, “These
are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

SERMON NOTES

"The Good Shepherd"

John 10:1-21

1. The shepherd's voice: familiarity and intimacy (vv. 1-6, 14)

2. The sheep's gate: provision and protection (vv. 7-10)

3. The shepherd's care: service and sacrifice (vv. 11-21)

Paul Tripp's definition of love: "Love is willing self-sacrifice for the good of another that does not demand reciprocation or that the person being loved is deserving."

Beyond the Pulpit
Resources for
Continued Study

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 25

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*
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*

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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.