LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea,
and rides upon the storm. Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.
—William Cowper

NOVEMBER 8, 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 Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Prelude "I Have a Shelter" Instrumental ensemble

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me.
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, my place of peace and solace.
No trial is deeper than your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me.
Though justice charges me with guilt, your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, who bore my condemnation.
I find my refuge in your wounds, for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me.
For in my weakness, I have learned your strength will not forsake me.
O Jesus, I will hide in you, the one who bears my burdens.
With faithful hands that cannot fail you'll bring me home to heaven.

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*** Call to worship** based on Isaiah 25

Leader: O Lord, you are our God; we will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things,
things planned long ago.

All: You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

Leader: On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

All: The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. In that day we will say, "Surely, this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!"

*** Hymn of praise** "O Worship the King"

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
text based on Psalm 104, by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of "living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

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.

Hymn of confession "Jesus, I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair, into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Silent prayers of confession

*** Assurance of God's pardoning grace** Romans 5:1–2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

*** Hymn of assurance** "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. *Refrain*
text by Philip P. Bliss, 1876; music by D. H., 2024

Call to offering Proverbs 11:24–25

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Offertory hymn "Christ, Our Wisdom"

Christ, our wisdom, we are humbled when you hide your ways from us;
you have purposes unnumbered, each one good and glorious.
Help us trust when we grow weary, free us from our anxious thoughts;
give us grace to see more clearly; you are God, and we are not.

Christ, our wisdom, be our gladness when we fail to understand;
you ordain all joy and sadness to fulfill your perfect plan.
Help us know you rule with power over ev'ry raging flood;
in our most uncertain hour, you are God, and we are loved.

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Christ, our wisdom, we will follow though the way ahead is veiled;
as we journey through the shadows, grant us faith where sight has failed.
Help us cling to your commandments, strengthened by your faithful Word;
we will never be abandoned; you are God, and we are yours.

Christ, our wisdom, we adore you for the beauty of the cross;
once in foolishness we scorned you, but your blood has ransomed us.
Help us sing the endless mercies of your humble heart to save;
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory, you are God, forever praise.
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*** Scripture reading from John 11:1-16** Levi Barshinger (8:45)
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 "The Mysterious Love of Jesus"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "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?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
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

*** 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:

Christy Gambrell – vocals
Calvin Garriott – piano
Wesley Heinecke – violin
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lindquist – vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola

IN MEMORIAM
John Frazier Risley
June 20, 1937 – October 31, 2026

The rosebud in the service this morning is for the birth of Emory Wyker Harrison, born to Bennett and Brad Harrison on October 27.

John 11:1-16

[1]Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. [2]It
was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother
Lazarus was ill. [3]So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." [4]But when
Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the
Son of God may be glorified through it." [5]Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. [6]So,
when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

[7]Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." [8]The disciples said to him,
"Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" [9]Jesus
answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not
stumble, because he sees the light of this world. [10]But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles,
because the light is not in him." [11]After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus
has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." [12]The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen
asleep, he will recover." [13]Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant
taking rest in sleep. [14]Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, [15]and for your sake I am
glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." [16]So Thomas, called the
Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

SERMON NOTES

"The Mysterious Love of Jesus"

John 11:1–16

The mysterious love of Jesus:

1. often delays when invited. (vv. 1–6)

2. always walks confidently toward death. (vv. 7–16)

Beyond the Pulpit
Resources for
Continued Study

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHER TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS PARTNERS today in Room 211 at 6:00 p.m.

ALL AGES ARE INVITED to an Advent Music Workshop to sing old hymns and learn new ones for the Advent season. We will gather on Sunday, November 15 in the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. for this casual time of worship; nursery will be provided.

ANTICIPATING ADVENT: LMPC women, come enjoy dessert and decaf, assemble fresh wreaths, and discuss how to prepare our hearts for advent. Meet in the fellowship hall on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Please register on Realm Connect by November 17 for $20.

BOXES OF BLESSING RETURNS! This annual large-scale ministry project partners with volunteers, ministries, and churches to provide food for families in need. Please register on Realm Connect:

- Saturday, November 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Chattanooga Bakery: tape boxes and assist with warehouse set-up (middle and high school students and adults only)
- Saturday, December 5 with three shifts at the Chattanooga Bakery: filling food boxes in an assembly line (all ages)
    - ◊ Due to a generous response, shifts have filled up quickly. We hope to welcome as many volunteers as we can, so if your chosen shift is full, consider joining a waitlist.

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in memory or in honor of a loved one, please do so through Realm Connect by December 7. Memorials/honorariums will be printed in the bulletins on Sunday, December 20. Due to production deadlines, any names submitted after December 7 are not able to be included in the bulletins. For more information, please call the church office or email margaretcompton@lmpc.org.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 8

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*
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with prayer for our missions partners	*Room 211*
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

Now you can subscribe to LMPC's weekly news email through Realm. While editing your profile on Realm Connect, you'll see a new field called "Weekly News Email." Select "Subscribe" to begin receiving the news email each week. This new feature allows you to better customize what email you receive from LMPC. Don't have a Realm Connect account? Visit lmpc.org/realm to request yours today.

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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.