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 • 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 Josh Brower, co-director of high school ministry

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Dundee"
C. Hubert H. Parry
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #128)

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

*** 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 528, vv. 1, 2, 3 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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 44**, vv. 1, 3, 4 "How Great Thou Art"

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 "Let Nothing Hold You in Grief" Chancel Choir

Let nothing hold you in grief; be still, as God ordains,
so be content in my will.
And why concern yourself about tomorrow?
The One stands for all.
He gives to you, he gives to you your due.
In all things be unchanged.
Hold fast: what God decrees is always best.
Amen.
text by Paul Fleming, 1609–1640; music by Johannes Brahms, 1856

*** 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 11:1–16** Hilda Jemison (8:45)
p. 1066 in the pew Bible and 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 "The Mysterious Love of Jesus"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 455,** vv. 1, 3, 4, 5 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude** "In Christ Alone"
arr. Jason Payne

Musicians for this week:

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

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.

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."

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.

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

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.

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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.