

## LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Order of Worship**

#### Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

\* Call to worship

based on Psalm 22

Leader: I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the

congregation I will praise you. All who fear the LORD, praise him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

All: From you, O LORD, comes the theme of our praise in the great

assembly.

Leader: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all

the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion

belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the

LORD. They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn.

\* Hymn of praise

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Children's choir and congregation

Choir: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,

to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,

who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

All: The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;

our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present: to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;

to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

text by Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of adoration

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** (11:00) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. text by Isaac Watts, 1707

### Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, and that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

All:

Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins to you.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook, p. 592

## Silent prayers of confession

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 2:10, 13-15

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

## \* **Hymn of assurance** "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more: be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. text by William Cowper, 1771

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

### Offertory hymn

"Lo, He Comes"

Children's Choir

Lo, he comes! Sing we "hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord! Lo, he comes! Sing we "hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Enter his gates with shouts of thanksgiving, into his courts with songs of praise.

Come, let us march in glad procession.

Loud hosannas now we raise.

Lo, he comes! Sing we "hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord! Lo, he comes! Sing we "hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Open your heart and welcome the Savior. Join with the song that has no end. This is the day for which we have waited; The coming of our Lord is surely at hand.

Lo, he comes! Sing we "hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord! Lo, he comes! Sing we "hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord! text and music by John D. Horman, 1989

### Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Meredith and Jay Brooks bringing Liza Grace Brooks

## \* Scripture reading from Mark 15:21-41

text printed in the bulletin

Carrie Schumpert (9:30) Bronwyn 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 Cross and the Confession" Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of adult discipleship

Pastoral prayer

\* Hymn of response

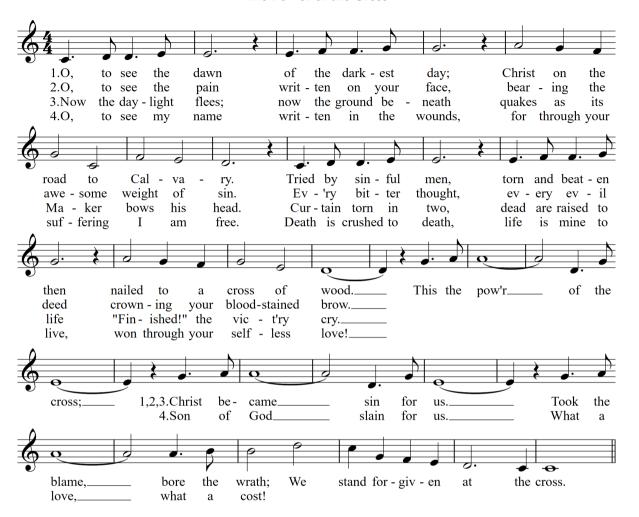
"The Power of the Cross"

(words and music may be found on the following page)

- \* 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
- \* Congregation standing as you are able



text and music Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2007 Thankyou Music ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.#152036

#### Musicians for this week:

Xaris Emmett – violin
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola

Emmie Thompson – vocalist Chase Waller – vocalist Bob Wharton – piano **Celebrating the baptism of Liza Grace Brooks** at the 9:30 a.m. service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Meredith and Jay Brooks, her grandparents, Caroline and Hugh Morrow, and Abbie and Jay Brooks, and her great-grandmother, Irene Stone.

**Celebrating the baptism of Evermore Nicodemus Doe** at the 9:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Gretchen and Frederick Doe.

Palm branches are available for all at the entrance to the fellowship hall. After the service, the branches may be placed in the cross located in the church courtyard. Next Sunday, the cross will be filled with flowers in celebration of Christ's resurrection. You are welcome to bring your own flowers on Easter to contribute to the cross or to take one of the carnations that will be available at the foot of the cross and place it in the cross. The cross is provided by Catherine and Charlie Walldorf in loving memory of Flora Walldorf.

#### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ALL VIPS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US for dinner on Thursday, April 25 at Café on the Corner, and then enjoy a CSO Masterworks Concert at the Tivoli. The cost for dinner and the performance will be \$35 per person; the cost for dinner only will be \$20. Please RSVP by this Thursday, April 18, by registering at lmpc.org/vip or through the LMPC church office. The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 60+) from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.

ALL ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF MUSIC with our Chancel Choir on Sunday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will be a celebration of Scripture and song with the theme of "He calls us, he keeps us, he carries us home." Nursery is provided.

**ALL ADULT MEN ARE INVITED TO OUR NEXT MEN'S STEAK NIGHT** on Thursday, May 9, at the homes of men in the church. Of course, your friends are invited too. Just send an email by Friday, May 3, to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you.

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY GRADUATING THIS YEAR?** College and high school graduates: Please send your name and the name of the school from which you are graduating this spring to margaret@lmpc.org no later than Monday, May 6 to be published in our bulletin.

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

#### Mark 15:21-41

<sup>21</sup>A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>22</sup>They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). <sup>23</sup>Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. <sup>25</sup>It was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>27</sup>They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>come down from the cross and save yourself!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! <sup>32</sup>Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

<sup>33</sup>At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup>One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. <sup>37</sup>With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

<sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" <sup>40</sup>Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

## **SERMON NOTES**

"The Cross and the Confession"

Mark 15:21-41

1.	Crucifixion: God's wrath is satisfied. (vv. 21-32)				
2.	Curtain: Access to God is granted. (vv. 33-38)				
3.	Centurion: Truth about God is proclaimed. (v. 39)				
	•				

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Maundy Thursday Communion Service	
7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall*	
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	
7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary*	
Easter Sunrise Service	
7:00 a.m. at Point Park (meet in the sanctuary in case of rain)	
Easter Morning Coffee and Donuts	
7:30 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building	
Easter Sunday Services	
8:10 a.m. in the chapel*	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary*	
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall*	
No Sunday School for adults, youth, or children	
No Evening Prayer or youth activities	

\*indicates nursery available

# MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

NAM	_
	OULD LIKE TO:
	Speak to a pastor
	Speak to someone in the church office
	Receive our weekly news email
PLE	ASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:
	Serving at LMPC
	O
	Joining a small group
	Joining a Bible study
	☐ men's ☐ women's
fill c	nu are a first-time or repeat visitor, please out your information on the other side of card so we can follow up with you.
	PRAYER REQUESTS &
	COMMENTS
Incl	ude request in the Prayer List?
	ude request in the Prayer List? 'es □ No
□ I	Yes □ No would like to speak with someone
□ Y □ I a	′es □ No
□ Y □ I a	would like to speak with someone bout the prayer request or other oncern. Please contact me at:

## 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. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

serve you:
IAMA: ☐ First time visitor ☐ Repeat visitor
NAME
SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY)
CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)
ADDRESS
HOME PHONE
CELL
EMAIL
SPOUSE CELL
SPOUSE EMAIL

#### TODAY AT LMPC

## Sunday, April 14

8:10 a.m.	Worship service		chapel
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanc	tuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages		various locations
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your n	eeds	Brian Salter's office
l1:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanc	tuary & fellowship hall
l1:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages		various locations
4:30 p.m.	Middle school small groups		JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer		chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group		JHYB

#### Nursery is available at all morning services.

Children of any age are welcome to participate in worship services. Crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon are available in the fellowship hall lobby.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

#### **CONTACT US**

Address: 316 North Bragg Avenue

Lookout Mountain, TN 37350

Web: lmpc.org Email: info@lmpc.org

Phone: 423.821.4528

Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in the morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.