

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Order of Worship**

### Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

\* Call to worship

based on Psalm 147 and Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God, how

pleasant and fitting to praise him!

All: Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they

were created. He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a

decree that will never pass away.

All: Let us praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

his splendor is above the earth and the heavens!

\* **Hymn of praise** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness. Praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space; praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace. Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace. text by Henry Lyte, 1834

## \* Prayer of adoration

#### Call to confession

based on 1 John 1 and Romans 13

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

#### Silent prayers of confession

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Timothy 1

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

## \* Hymn of assurance

"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 breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

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

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

## Offertory hymn

## "Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness; that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. text and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

## \* Scripture reading from Philippians 1:1-2

text printed in the bulletin

Natalie Jackson (9:30) Dwight Montague (11:00)

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

## Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"A Letter from Servants to Saints" Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

\* Hymn of response

"Here Is Love"

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood, when the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood. Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise, raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide. Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Here is love like mighty rivers poured unceasing from above: heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love. In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word; and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord. Of thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me, without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me all thy love accepting, love thee, ever all my days; let me seek thy kingdom only, and my life be to thy praise. Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see. Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou thyself hast set me free. Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise, raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days. text by William Rees, 1802-1883

- \* 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.

## Congregational meeting

\* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians for this week:

Joseph Anderson – guitar Abi Davis – clarinet David Henry – guitar, vocalist Hannah Lutz – viola Hannah Pulliam – vocalist Jackson Whitted – piano

#### **NEW SERMON SERIES**

Philippians: The Way to Joy

When we depend on ourselves, we grumble and complain, lift ourselves up, tear others down, suffer and lose hope, distort the truth, and drift into dangerous error. When we are impressed with ourselves, we hoard rather than give, demand rather than serve, and stir up strife rather than bring peace. Does this sound like a joyful way of living? Not even close. The only way to true and lasting joy is in and through the person of Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus' transforming power, grumblers become like shining stars holding out hope; the haughty become the humble who consider others better than themselves; the persecuted rest secure because "to live is Christ and to die is gain"; and the truth is both enjoyed and embodied rather than trashed and twisted. The joy of the good news of being in Christ liberates us to advance Christ's cause rather than our own; to give cheerfully; to bring peace where there is division; and to bring freedom where there is slavery. The way to joy is becoming like him in his death and spreading the hope of resurrection. The way to joy is Jesus.

#### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** at the end of the worship service today for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2022. There will also be a called meeting of LMPC, Inc., for the purpose of amending the by-laws to reflect current practice.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF MUSIC** with our Chancel Choir tonight 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.

**OUR WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP CLOSING PICNIC** is this Wednesday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m at the Town Commons. All are invited for hot dogs and fellowship.

**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 this Friday, May 3, to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you.

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS OF LMPC WILL PRESENT** "The Song Goes On . . . Beloved Hymns of the Family of God" next Sunday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome, and nursery is provided.

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 Thursday, May 23, to be published in our bulletin.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE LMPC HIGH SCHOOL MISSIONS WEEK** ends this Wednesday, May 1. The missions week will take place June 17-21, and we will be serving with Widows Harvest and Church of the First Born in Chattanooga. Registration is on Realm, and the cost is \$150 with a \$50 deposit needed to secure your spot. If you have any questions, please contact Abby Edens at abby@lmpc.org or via Realm.

REGISTRATION FOR THE LMPC HIGH SCHOOL BEACH TRIP ends this Wednesday, May 1. The beach trip will take place July 8-13 in Hilton Head. Registration is on Realm, and the cost is \$400 with a \$200 deposit needed to secure your spot. If you have any questions, please contact Abby Edens at abby@lmpc.org or via Realm.

**PLEASE PARDON OUR PROGRESS** as we continue our installation of an upgraded sound system in the chapel and sanctuary.

## Philippians 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: <sup>2</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## SERMON NOTES

"A Letter from Servants to Saints" Philippians 1:1-2

1.	The background of the letter
	from a Roman prison
	• to a young church (Acts 16:14-40; 20:1-6)
	• in a Roman colony
2.	The beginning of the letter
	• from servants of Christ Jesus (v. 1a)
	<ul> <li>to saints in Christ Jesus (v. 1b)</li> </ul>
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• about salvation from Christ Jesus (v. 2)

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# MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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Speak to a pastor   Speak to someone in the church office   Receive our weekly news email				
this card so we can follow up with you.				
PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS				
Include request in the Prayer List?  ☐ Yes ☐ No				
☐ I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:				
PHONE DAY EVENING  Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by.				

## 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!

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 28

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8:10 a.m.	Worship service	chapel
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your nee	ds Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
4:30 p.m.	Middle school small groups	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Scripture and Song	sanctuary

#### 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.

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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.