



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2019 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

*"This Joyful Eastertide"*

*Michael Burkhardt*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #284)*

## Welcome and greetings

Don Kent, ruling elder

## \* 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 115, vv. 1, 4, 5

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

## \* 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 520**, vv. 1, 2, 4

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

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

### Offertory

“Steal Away”

Chancel Choir

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.  
Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder,  
the trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.  
Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling,  
the trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.  
Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away. I ain't got long to stay here.

*traditional African American spiritual by Wallace Willis, a Choctaw freedman, circa. 1862; arr. by Brian Tate, 2015*

\* **Doxology 731**

\* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

\* **Scripture reading from Philippians 1:1-2**  
*p. 1825 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Jonas Dean (9:30)  
Hunt Davidson (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”  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of adult discipleship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 165**, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**Congregational meeting**

\* **Postlude**

“Improvisation on ‘Hymn to Joy’”

*Richard Elliot*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## 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.

### 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.

## 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)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - to saints in Christ Jesus (v. 1b)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - about salvation from Christ Jesus (v. 2)

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, April 28*

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

### **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 narthex and at the front of the sanctuary.

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

If you are new to LMPC, haven't contacted us for a while, or want to get more involved here, please fill out a welcome card from the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it passes.

## 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

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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.

Devices to amplify sound during the Sunday morning worship services are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.