



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 18, 2019 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the tear-off card in the back of your bulletin to share important information with us. 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.*

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 the crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon that are provided for children each week.*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Plating, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds. His name is the LORD—rejoice before him!

All: He is a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows. He sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing. Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice. Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over all the earth.

All: You, O God, give power and strength to your people—praise be to God!

* Hymn of praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

text by Matthew Bridges, 1851; music by George Elvey, 1868

*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith

based on The Heidelberg Catechism, question 49

Leader: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

All: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.

Second, he is our own flesh in heaven, a sure pledge that we, his members, will also be with him in heaven.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a guarantee of what is to come. By the Spirit's power, we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is seated at God's right hand.

Call to confession

based on Isaiah 44 and Hebrews 10

Leader: This is what the LORD says, "I have made you, you are my servant; I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

All: Therefore, 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

"Come, Ye Sinners"

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

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Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
 if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. *Refrain*
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music from Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this Priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

* Hymn of assurance "Not What My Hands Have Done"

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt-y soul; ___
 2. Thy grace a-lone, O God, to me can par-don speak; ___
 3. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di-vine; ___
 4. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; ___

not what my toil-ing flesh has borne can make my spir-it
 thy pow'r a-lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond-age
 and with un-fal-t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav-ior
 he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my

whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not ___
 break. No oth-er work, save thine, no oth-er blood will do; no ___
 mine. His cross dis-pels each doubt; I bur-y in his tomb each ___
 light. 'Tis he who sav-eth me, and free-ly par-don gives; I ___

all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw-ful load.
 strength, save that which is di-vine, can bear me safe-ly through.
 thought of un-be-lief and fear, each lin-g'ring shade of gloom.
 love be-cause he lov-eth me, I live be-cause he lives.

text by Horatius Bonar, 1861; music by DH, 2019

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

Offertory hymn

"Facing a Task Unfinished"

Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease,
we, who rejoice to know you, renew before your throne
the solemn pledge we owe you to go and make you known.

Where other lords beside you hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied you defy you still today,
with none to heed their crying for life and love and light,
unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose;
ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;
fired by the same ambition, to you we yield our powers.

O Father, who sustained them, O Spirit, who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on your errands send us to labor for your sake
text by Frank Houghton, 1929; music by Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

* Scripture reading from Acts 1:1-11 *text printed in the bulletin*

Bailey Adams (9:30)
David Paschall (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 Continuation of Jesus' Mission"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response "I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!"

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, glory, hallelujah!

Refrain: Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found, glory, hallelujah!

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He lives, he lives, who once was dead, glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head, glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*

He lives to bless me with his love, glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above, glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*

He lives, all glory to his name! Glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same, glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*
text by Samuel Medley, 1775; music by DH, 2013

* **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*

Musicians for this week:

Maria Dassow – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

John Reeder – piano

Gwen York – vocalist

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army begins today. Reusable grocery bags and shopping lists are available in the fellowship hall lobby. All bags must be filled and returned to the Small Conference Room at LMPC by Sunday, September 8. Our goal this year is to collect 325 food bags, which would be our largest collection to date. Please plan to participate!

A NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. in the LMPC Conference Room beginning tomorrow, August 19. We will be led by Ed Salter and will study 1 John. All men at LMPC and in the community are invited to join.

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY CAMP WILL BEGIN this Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00 a.m. Family Camp this year is September 13-15 at Alpine Camp in Mentone, Alabama. This popular event always fills up quickly, so be sure to create your Realm profile in time if you haven't and be ready to register early. For more information visit lmpc.org/family-camp.

DIVORCE CARE IS A DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP where you can find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. LMPC is starting a new Divorce Care group this Tuesday, August 20. We will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building unless otherwise noted. This ministry is open to all members and friends of LMPC. For more information contact Leon Sulser at leonsulser@gmail.com or Rodney Miller at rodney.miller@covenant.edu.

ALL VIPS ARE INVITED TO A PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT this Thursday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the JHYB. We will enjoy pizza, popcorn, fellowship, and a movie together. The cost is \$5, and please register by this Tuesday, August 20, at lmpc.org/vip or by submitting your payment to the LMPC church office.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 LMPC WOMEN'S RETREAT November 8-10, at Guntersville State Park and Lodge in Alabama. Mary Willson will speak to us on the book of Ruth. Sign-ups will begin on Wednesday, September 4. Be sure to create your Realm profile so you are prepared to register!

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

Acts 1:1-11

¹In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

NEW SERMON SERIES ACTS: THE EMPOWERED CHURCH

We are living in what seems to be an increasingly fragmented and divided world. Public discourse is rancorous and all too rarely graced with agreement or unity. How do we in the church “shine like stars in the universe” and hold fast to the Gospel in our present cultural moment? The early church faced divisions as well, both in the world and within the church. Empowered by the Gospel and filled with the Holy Spirit, however, the bride of Christ neither cowered nor retreated. Again and again, the good news that Jesus is the Christ was proclaimed, and the Word of God spread, not just to a handful of Jews, but to men and women from every conceivable background: rich and poor, slave and free, “foreigners” and natives, the scrupulously religious and the completely pagan.

Right before his crucifixion, Jesus told his followers, “In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33b) The early Christians lived this truth. May our study of their story (which is, of course, a continuation of Jesus’ story) strengthen and embolden us to live out this same truth in our present world with greater zeal, trust, and hope.

SERMON NOTES

“The Continuation of Jesus’ Mission”

Acts 1:1-11

The resurrected Jesus:

1. continues his ministry to us (vv. 1-3)
2. promises his presence with us (vv. 4-5)
3. clarifies his mission for us (vv. 6-11)

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MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

NAME

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive our weekly news email

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- Serving at LMPC
- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
 - men's
 - women's
- Prayer opportunities

If you are a first-time or repeat visitor, please fill out your information on the other side of 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!

I AM A:

- 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, August 18

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	<i>chapel</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & 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>
10:45 a.m.	High school freshman induction & rafting trip	<i>JHYB</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small group prep	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with communion	<i>chapel</i>

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.