



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 25, 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

David Caines, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on Daniel 2

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

All: He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

Leader: He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

All: We thank and praise you, O God of our fathers!

* Hymn of praise

"Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown;
bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;
surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms;
our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm,
rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
text and music by Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell © 2002 Word Music, LLC, ARR, ICS, UBP, CCLI Lic.#152036

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

taken from Colossians 3 and 1 John 1

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Ephesians 1

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

All: **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

*** Hymn of assurance**

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

continued

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Prayer of intercession

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for the beginning of a new school year.
Guide each student, at home and away, into deeper awareness of this
world you have made, and into deeper knowledge of you and love
for you.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Be with those who teach, coach, administrate, provide transportation,
clean, and volunteer, that they would be empowered by your Holy
Spirit to educate and facilitate growth with all wisdom, courage, and
humility.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Be with those for whom school is exceptionally challenging,
demanding, or even dangerous. Give them your peace and
perseverance as they press on in faith. We ask for physical safety and
your strengthening Spirit to sustain them.

All: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

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

Offertory hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow.
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
songs of praises I will ever give to thee.
text by William Williams, 1745; music by Jeremy Casella, 2002

* **Scripture reading from Acts 1:12-26**

text printed in the bulletin

David Fowler (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 Church and God's Unstoppable Mission"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

* **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.**

Ministry report

LMPC college ministry

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Kelsey Bazzel – vocalist
Stephen Bearden – flugelhorn
Kellie Currin – vocalist
David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Meredith Lee – cello
Hannah Lutz – viola
Matthew Sellers – piano
Chapman Whitted – guitar

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: CHOIRS AT LMPC

LMPC choirs are starting up again for the fall!

- The Chancel Choir is now rehearsing on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the choir room, for those who would like to join.
- The middle and high school Girls Ensemble will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 3, at 4:00 p.m. in the choir room.
- Children's choirs will meet each Wednesday, beginning September 4, at 4:45 p.m. You can register ahead of time and find more information at lmpc.org/childrens-choirs.

For more information on choirs at LMPC, please email joy@lmpc.org.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army has begun! 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!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP WILL KICK OFF with an opening picnic this Wednesday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. at The Commons. All are invited to attend. For more information on Wednesday Fellowship, visit lmpc.org/wednesday.

THE NEXT CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING will be this Wednesday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room with an emphasis on Elementary Wednesday Clubs. If you will be serving with minors at LMPC this fall, you need to attend a Child Protection Policy Training Meeting. For more information please email greata@lmpc.org.

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!

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US for lunch on Sunday, September 8, at 12:15 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please come, and invite your friends!

MOST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES WILL BEGIN MEETING the week of September 9. All adult women are welcome to participate. For a full list and schedule of groups, visit lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

ALL ADULT MEN ARE INVITED TO OUR NEXT MEN'S STEAK NIGHT on Thursday, September 26, at the homes of men in the church. Of course, your friends are invited too. Just send an email by Monday, September 16, to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you.

COME CELEBRATE THE MINISTRY OF LEN TEAGUE on Sunday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a note of appreciation or one of your favorite memories of Len to be given to him after the celebration!

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

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷he was one of our number and shared in this ministry." ¹⁸(With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For," said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms, 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, 'May another take his place of leadership.'

²¹"Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

SERMON NOTES

“The Church and God’s Unstoppable Mission”

Acts 1:12-26

God’s unstoppable mission through his church involves:

1. waiting in fervent and united prayer (vv. 12-14)
2. interpreting life through the lens of Scripture (vv. 15-20)
3. identifying leaders to advance the apostolic witness (vv. 21-26)

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STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- Gain access to our online church directory
- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

You can find more details on how to join and use Realm at lmpc.org/realm. For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at onrealm@lmpc.org.

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 25

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>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	Intro to LMPC	<i>Reception Room</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small group prep	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</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.