



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 25, 2019 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack in front of you 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

Prelude

"Take My Life and Let It Be"
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #585)

Welcome and greetings

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Introit

"Rise Up, O Men of God"

Men's Ensemble

Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
Rise up, O men of God! His kingdom tarries long;
bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God! The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
as brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!
text by William Merrill, 1867-1954; music by William Henry Walter, arr. Kenneth Jennings

* 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 4, vv. 1-4

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

* 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 701

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

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.

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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

"Sov'reign Lord, Creator, Righteous One"

Men's Ensemble

Sov'reign Lord, Creator, righteous one, most high and holy King,
my Redeemer, Father, dearest friend, my praise to you I bring.
I will praise your name forever, knowing that you loved me first;
for you feed my ev'ry hunger and quench my ev'ry thirst.
With my heart I'll ever worship you, my voice will sing your praise;
for your everlasting mercy and grace for ev'ry day.

All creation bows in humbleness before your heav'nly throne,
and I shall forever thank you for making me your own.
You are higher than the highest, and the God of all who live.
You are worthy of all honor and praise that I can give.
All my life shall be a witness of your majesty and grace,
and in heav'n I'll bow before you and see you face to face. Amen.

text by Mike Harbin; music by Mary McDonald, based on the tune THAXTED by Gustav Holst

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Acts 1:12-26**
p. 1691 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Olivia Oster (9:30)
Laura Broussard (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”
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of adult discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 565**

“All for Jesus!”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“All for Jesus!”
arr. Malcolm Archer

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Roselynn and Addison Soltau’s 70th anniversary.

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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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.

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- 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.

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

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.

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.