



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 8, 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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship**

taken from Psalms 103 and 102

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

All: He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion. He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: In the beginning he laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of his hands. They will perish, but he will remain the same, and his years will never end. The children of his servants will live in his presence; his descendants will be established before him.

All: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

*** 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 him, praise the everlasting King.
Praise him, 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, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

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.
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text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Hebrews 4:13-16

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 1

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

* **Hymn of assurance** “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

text by William Cowper, 1771; music by Lowell Mason, 1830

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

Offertory hymn “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

* **Scripture reading from Acts 2:14-41**

text printed in the bulletin

Mary Kaufmann (9:30)

Rebekah Risley (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 Power of Pentecost”
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

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; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

* **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:

Eleanor Caines – vocalist
Charley Crichton – bass
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Pulliam – flute
Melanie Ray – vocalist
Jeremy Taylor – piano
Ben VanderHart – guitar

Celebrating the baptisms of Annabel Austen Yates, Evelyn Josephine Yates, and Christopher Allen Yates, Jr. at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are their parents, Kirsten and Allen Yates, and their grandmother, Barbara McLaughlin.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: ALL BAGS FOR THE BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE must be returned to the Small Conference Room today. Thanks to all who have participated!

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

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT is now open. The retreat will take place November 8-10 at Guntersville State Park and Lodge in Alabama. Our speaker will be Mary Willson, director of women in ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis. The cost is \$200, and you can register and find more information at lmpc.org/womens-retreat. Don't miss this special event which takes place only every three years!

MOST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES will begin meeting this week. All adult women are welcome to participate. For a full list and schedule of groups, visit lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

OFFICER NOMINATION SEASON IS BEGINNING SOON. Members will receive their Step One letters in the mail this week. Please begin to pray about whom you might recommend to be nominated, as this is a crucial element of your membership at LMPC. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the nomination process will be in the mailing and can be found at lmpc.org as well. The deadline for nominations this year is Monday, September 30.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS! Knitwits' first meeting will be this Thursday, September 12 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building's living room. We will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday through May. We are knitting newborn items for Erlanger's Neo-Natal Unit and Southside Clinic. We would love to have new members join us! We can refresh your memory of how to knit or teach beginners. Call Dottie Brock if you are interested in lessons at 706-820-8069.

OUR SEPTEMBER VIP EVENT will be a Trivia Night and Ice Cream Social on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please RSVP by this Thursday, September 12 by registering at lmpc.org/vip or by sending your payment of \$5 to the LMPC church office.

ALL ADULT MEN ARE INVITED TO 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!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE? The Marriage Course is a video series that can help you do just that, and is open to members and friends of LMPC. The course will be held on seven Thursday evenings beginning October 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the LMPC Conference Room. Interested? Just send an email to marriagecourse@lmpc.org

SAVE THE DATE: THE NEXT MARKETPLACE VBS will take place June 8-12, 2020. More information will be coming in 2020. Mark your calendars now, and begin praying about how you might participate.

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

Acts 2:14-41

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

²²“Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him: ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ ²⁹Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand ³⁵until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”’ ³⁶Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT SUSIE COURTNEY

After 13 years of serving on the adult discipleship team at LMPC, Susie Courtney is stepping down at the end of 2019. While it was a difficult decision, after much prayer she came to the conclusion that it was time for her to retire from her position and to “pass the baton” to another person to take up this role. Susie will not be taking a position at another church, but rather plans to spend more time at home, spend time with her grandchildren, and work part time in the catering business. Susie and her husband, Lea, have been members of LMPC since 1980 and will remain here as involved members.

In light of this decision, a search committee to find a replacement for Susie will be formed in the near future. Please be in prayer for this search, and also for Susie and Lea as they prepare for this transition. And please thank Susie for her service when you see her!

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: HEDGEHOG GROVE

Volunteers are needed for Hedgehog Grove on Friday, September 27 from 5:15-9:00 p.m. Hedgehog Grove is a ministry that provides an evening of fun and care for children with special needs and their siblings. If you are interested in preparing food dishes or serving as a buddy to a child with special needs or their sibling, please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org. For those who need Child Protection Policy Training, we will be holding a Hedgehog Grove-specific training this Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room.

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, September 8

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>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<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.