



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 8, 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

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### Prelude

*"Prelude to Te Deum"  
Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

### Welcome and greetings

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

### \* Call to worship

based on Genesis 1, Act 2, and Titus 3

Leader: We gather to worship God the Father.

**All: He spoke in the beginning and created all things.**

Leader: We gather to worship Christ the Son.

**All: He was crucified for our sake by God's set purpose and foreknowledge, but God raised him from the dead because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.**

Leader: We gather to worship the Holy Spirit.

**All: He is our Counselor, whom God poured out abundantly on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

### \* Hymn of praise

*"For Your Gift of God the Spirit"*

For your gift of God the Spirit, power to make our lives anew,  
pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship you.  
Crowning gift of resurrection sent from your ascended throne,  
fullness of the very Godhead, come to make your life our own.

He, himself the living author, wakes to life the sacred Word,  
reads with us its holy pages and reveals our risen Lord.  
He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray,  
he whose holy intercessions rise for us both night and day.

He, the mighty God, indwells us; his to strengthen, help, empower;  
his to overcome the tempter, ours to call in danger's hour.  
In his strength we dare to battle all the raging hosts of sin,  
and by him alone we conquer foes without and foes within.

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Kirsten and Allen Yates bringing Annabel Austen Yates, Evelyn Josephine Yates, and Christopher Allen Yates, Jr.

### 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

based on Romans 8:15-17

Leader: Hear the good news! You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.

**All: By him we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.**

Leader: Know that through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, God forgives you and strengthens you to live in him. Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\* **Hymn of assurance 693** (11:00)

“Blessed Assurance”

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

**Offertory**

“When God the Spirit Came”

Chancel Choir

When God the Spirit came upon his Church outpoured  
in sound of wind and sign of flame, they spread his truth abroad  
and, filled with the Spirit, proclaimed that Christ is Lord.

What courage, pow’r, and grace that youthful church displayed!  
To those of ev’ry tribe and race they witnessed unafraid.  
And, filled with the Spirit, they broke their bread and prayed.

They saw God’s word prevail, his kingdom still increase,  
no part of all his purpose fail, no promised blessing cease  
and, filled with the Spirit, knew love and joy and peace.

Their theme was Christ alone, the Lord who lived and died,  
who rose to his eternal throne at God the Father’s side,  
and, filled with the Spirit, the Church was multiplied.

So to this present hour our task is still the same:  
in Pentecostal love and pow’r his gospel to proclaim  
and, filled with the Spirit, rejoice in Jesus’ name.  
Alleluia, amen.

*text by Timothy Dudley-Smith; music by Bruce R. Backer, arr. William Braun*

\* **Doxology 731**

\* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

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

*p. 1692 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Amos and Olivia Oster (9:30)

Phillip 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 Power of Pentecost”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response**

“For Your Gift of God the Spirit”

Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today,  
grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his sovereign way.  
Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
in us, through us, then, forever, shall your perfect will be done.

*text by Margaret Clarkson, 1983; music by Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**Congregational meeting**

\* **Postlude**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN, *arr. R. Adams*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #53)*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Tommy Bulman** – trumpet

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**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.

## Acts 2:14-41

<sup>14</sup>Then 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.

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

<sup>22</sup>“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. <sup>23</sup>This 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. <sup>24</sup>But 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. <sup>25</sup>David said about him: ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, <sup>27</sup>because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ <sup>29</sup>Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup>But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Seeing 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. <sup>32</sup>God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. <sup>33</sup>Exalted 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. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”’ <sup>36</sup>Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

<sup>37</sup>When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter 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. <sup>39</sup>The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” <sup>40</sup>With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**SERMON NOTES**  
"The Power of Pentecost"  
*Acts 2:14-41*

What does Pentecost mean?

1. It locates us: these are the last days. (vv. 14-21; Joel 2:28-32)
2. It assures us: Jesus is the resurrected Lord and Messiah. (vv. 22-36; Psalm 16:8-11; Psalm 110:1)
3. It changes us: through repentance, we receive the promise of forgiveness and presence of Holy Spirit. (vv. 37-41)

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mountainmen@lmpc.org) to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto: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](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## 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!

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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](http://lmpc.org/realm). For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at [onrealm@lmpc.org](mailto:onrealm@lmpc.org).

## TODAY AT LMPC

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*Sunday, September 8*

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>
4:00 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](http://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.