

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Psalms 90 and 92

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and

the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

All: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may

sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most

High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at

night.

All: For you make us glad by your deeds, O LORD; we sing for joy at the

works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD!

* Hymn of praise

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! text by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861

* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Offertory hymn

"Jesus, I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee; out of my sickness into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth, out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee; out of earth's sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm, out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee; out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold, ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

* Scripture reading from Acts 4:23-31

text printed in the bulletin

Tabitha Kapic (9:30) Ed Salter (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"How Prayer Emboldens the Church" Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Hymn of confession

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small, child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone, can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain* text by Elvina M. Hal, 1865; music by DH, 2012

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Acts 2 and Romans 4, 5

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: God of all good, we thank you for this supper. Teach us to see in it your loving purposes for strengthening our souls and increasing our joy.

All: You have prepared for us a feast, and because we are unworthy in ourselves to sit down as guests, we wholly rest on the merits of Jesus and hide ourselves in his righteousness.

Leader: In this supper we hear Jesus say, "I gave my life to purchase yours, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, and bore your condemnation to satisfy divine justice."

All: O Lord, may we grasp the breadth and depth of your love. May we draw near and testify before all people that you are our life, strength, and joy.

Leader: As the bread and the cup nourish our bodies, so may your indwelling Spirit invigorate our souls until that day when we hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast.

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

based on The Valley of Vision, "The Lord's Supper"

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

Give to the winds thy fears, hope and be undismayed; God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, our God will lift up, our God will lift up thy head.

Still heavy is your heart? Still sink your spirits down? Cast off the weight, let fear depart, and every care, and every care be gone.

Leave to his sovereign sway to choose and to command. Then shalt thou, wandering, own his way, how wise, how strong, how wise, how strong his hand.

Through waves and clouds and storms, he gently clears the way; wait thou his time; so shall this night soon end in joy, soon end in joy, soon end in joyous day. text by Paul Gerhardt, 1656, translated by John Wesley; music by Jon Caudill, 2002

"There Is a Higher Throne"



- * **Hymn of praise** "Come, People of the Risen King" (words and music on the following page)
- * 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:

Amy Barham – vocalist Joel Christie – vocalist David Henry – guitar, vocalist Maddie Lee – piano Hannah Lutz – viola Sam Miller – violin

Acts 4:23-31

²³On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' ²⁷Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

The rosebuds in the fellowship hall today are for the birth of John Worthington Daughdrill, born to Libby and Jim Daughdrill on September 24, and the birth of Catherine Laura Cleary, born to Laura and Ryan Cleary on September 27.

SERMON NOTES

"How Prayer Emboldens the Church" *Acts* 4:23-31

1.	An instinctive reaction (vv. 23-24a)
2.	A fortifying focus on: (vv. 24b-30) • the nature of God
	• the word of God
	• the cross of Christ
	• the mission of God
3.	A spectacular confirmation (v. 31)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEXT VIP EVENT WILL BE A DAY TRIP TO NASHVILLE on Monday, October 14. We will visit the Ryman Auditorium and Grand Ole Opry together. The cost of the two tours, lunch, and ride is \$35.00 per person. Please register by this Wednesday, October 9, at lmpc.org/vip or by submitting your payment to the church office. The VIPs are a group of mostly retired adults from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.

THE LMPC MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT will take place October 18-20 at Camp Vesper Point. The cost is \$115 and the deadline to register is this Friday, October 11. Please visit lmpc.org/youth to find out more and to register via Realm.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT has been extended to this Friday, October 11. 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 Impc.org/womens-retreat. Don't delay - sign up today!

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Are you looking for a way to get plugged in at LMPC? Children's ministry offers many opportunities:

- Helpers are needed in several Elementary Sunday School classes at 11:00 a.m.
- Volunteers are needed for the quarterly nursery rotation.
- Paid positions are also available in the nursery.

For more information contact Greta Erickson at greta@lmpc.org or Amy Horne at amy@lmpc.org.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals were mistakenly omitted from the list of new members in last week's bulletin. We apologize for the oversight.

Marie Bowen

Joe Edwards

McKenna Jerrard

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Annual Budget: \$4.881 million 2019 Giving YTD: 3.238 million

Remaining gifts needed: 1.643 million (33.7% of budget) **Outstanding Pledge Balance:** 1.221 million

We are grateful to God for the generosity of his people at LMPC. We ask that you prayerfully keep up the momentum in giving as we head into the final quarter of the year. You can find multiple ways to give at

lmpc.org/give.

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
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Include request in the Prayer List? ☐ Yes ☐ No
\square 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!

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 6

8:10 a.m. Worship service with communion chapel 9:30 a.m. Worship service with communion sanctuary & fellowship hall 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages various locations 10:30 a.m. Elders are available to pray for your needs Brian Salter's office 11:00 a.m. Worship service with communion sanctuary & fellowship hall 11:00 a.m. Sunday school for all ages various locations 4:00 p.m. Middle school small groups IHYB6:00 p.m. Evening prayer with missionary prayer chapel

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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- 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.

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.