

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 27, 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

Prelude in C Major, BWV 547 J. S. Bach

Welcome and greetings

\* Call to worship

Brian Salter, lead pastor

taken from Psalm 46

Leader: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

- All: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- Leader: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

\* Hymn of praise 92

#### \* Prayer of adoration

#### **Reformation affirmation**

Leader: Holy God, we praise you for the cry of the Reformation and affirm that you alone are worthy of all glory. Therefore, people of God, what is the chief end of mankind?

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

- All: Our chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever. This is our all-consuming purpose. Our every activity is to be sanctified to the glory of God alone. (based on the Westminster Shorter Catechism, *question one*)
- 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. In him we have been chosen, in order that we might be for the praise of his glory. (based on Ephesians 1)
- All: To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and power forever and ever! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. **Amen.** (*Revelation 5:13 and Romans 11:36*)

#### Call to confession

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

#### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

\* **Hymn of assurance 455**, vv. 1, 3, 5

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

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

Psalm 32:1-6a

taken from Romans 5 and Hebrews 12

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord"

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. *text adapted from Ephesians 4:4-6, 13 by Craig Courtney; music by Craig Courtney, 2009* 

## \* Doxology 731

## \* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

\* Scripture reading from Acts 6:1-7 p. 1700 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin Amos Oster (9:30) Marcus Dorsey (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 Does the Lord Repair and Restore the World?" Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**Pastoral prayer** 

\* Hymn of response

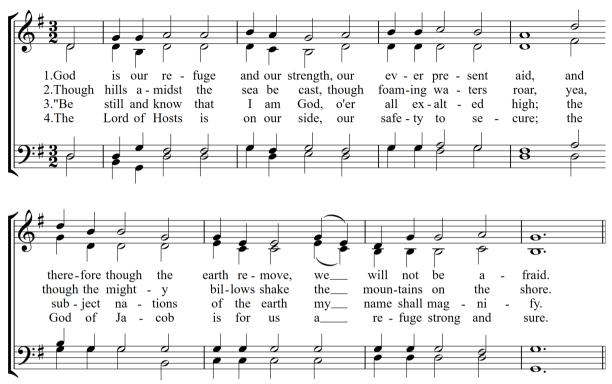
"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" (words and music may be found on the following page)

- \* Benediction
- \* Congregational response
- \* Postlude "Gelobt sie Got" ("Praise be to God") Melchoir Vulpius, arr. John Ferguson

\* Congregation standing as you are able

"Threefold Amen"

#### "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"



text from Psalm 46 in The Psalter, 1912; music by Carl G. Glaser, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, AZMON

#### Musicians for this week:

Tommy Bulman – trumpet Joy Gibbons – director Joshua Knight – organ, piano Eric Miller –trombone Jacqueline Miller – trombone Aaron Moore – trumpet Nate Oster – timpani

#### Acts 6:1-7

<sup>1</sup>In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

<sup>2</sup>So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup>and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup>They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

## SERMON NOTES

"How Does the Lord Repair and Restore the World?" Acts 6:1-7

1. He creates a people who faithfully face their weaknesses. (v. 1)

2. He fills servant leaders with his Spirit and wisdom. (vv. 2-6)

3. He spreads his Word and adds people to his Kingdom. (v. 7)

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#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: HEDGEHOG GROVE

Volunteers are needed for Hedgehog Grove on Friday, November 15 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.

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WILL JOIN IN A COMBINED EVENING HYMN FESTIVAL** for the congregations of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery to celebrate the Reformation this evening. The festival will be at 6:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga and will explore the five solas through Scripture and song. There will be no regular evening prayer service at LMPC tonight. Please plan to join us.

**IF YOU WILL BE FACING THE HOLIDAYS AFTER A SEPARATION OR DIVORCE**, join us for a special Divorce Care presentation to learn how to deal with emotions and family plans and to discover hope for your future. This is a special one-time event on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the JHYB. Dessert & refreshments will be served. Contact Leon at leonsulser@gmail.com or Rodney at rodney.miller@covenant.edu for more information.

#### GATHER YOUR LEAF BLOWERS, RAKES, GLOVES, SHEARS, AND WHEELBARROWS

and come help clean up the church! The deacons will host a Fall Church Work Day on Saturday, November 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tasks will include leaf collection, weeding, and vine removal and we will have donuts and drinks available for volunteers. All are encouraged to come and participate!

**LAUNCH SUNDAY FOR THE 2020 BUDGET** will be on Sunday, November 17. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2020. Members will receive more specific information about the 2020 budget in the mail soon. We are praying that we will have 80% of the budget pledged by December 31, 2019. You can already pledge for 2020 if you wish. This year, you can submit your giving plans in three different ways:

- under the "Giving" tab on your Realm profile
- online at lmpc.org/giving-2020
- completing a giving plan card and placing it in an offering plate or submitting to the church office

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

#### TODAY AT LMPC

#### Sunday, October 27

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	chapel
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	
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	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	
6:00 p.m.	TVP Reformation Hymn Festival	
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

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

#### 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.

#### OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.* 

## CONTACT US

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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.