



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 3, 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

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Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

\* Call to worship

based on Psalm 36 and Psalm 145

Leader: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

**All: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love!**

Leader: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. For in you is the fountain of life.

**All: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

\* Hymn of praise

"This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.  
*text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Responsive prayer

Leader: Praise be to you, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

**All: As we give thanks for all the saints, we are mindful of those  
members of the church whose lives and ministries are oppressed.  
We ask of you, great Father, to bless today our brothers and sisters  
of the persecuted church.**

Leader: Thank you for the humbling example of their bold witness to the  
gospel of Jesus Christ. May they be strengthened in their faith and  
assured of your active presence in their lives and our world.

**All: Help us all to see and celebrate the great unity in Christ to which  
we are called, and may opportunities abound to share with others  
your great love found at the cross and in the empty tomb. May  
the church here and around the world be refreshed through your  
Word and strengthened through these prayers as we all grow in the  
knowledge of Christ. Amen.**

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

### Offertory hymn

"For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu. . .

*continued*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Allelu. . .

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*text by William How, 1864; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

\* **Scripture reading from Acts 6:8-7:1**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

Bailey Adams (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** "A Sermon to the Stubborn"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**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** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

*text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 1

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.

## 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 prayer, "The Lord's Supper"*

## Prayer of consecration

“Let Me Find Thee”

Behold me here, in grief draw near, pleading at thy throne, O King.  
To thee each tear, each trembling fear, Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.  
Let me find thee, let me find thee.  
Let me find thee, Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Look down in love, and from above, with thy Spirit satisfy.  
Thou hast sought me, thou hast bought me, and thy purchase, Lord, am I.  
Let me find thee, let me find thee.  
Let me find thee, here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken, longings of my heart to thee.  
All the crying, all the sighing, of thy child accepted be.  
Let me find thee, let me find thee.  
Let me find thee, wounded healer, suff'ring Lord.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; music by Matthew Smith, 2012*

“Behold the Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us; and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.  
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

*text and music by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend © 2007 Thankyou Music ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.#152036*

**\* Prayer of thanksgiving**

\* **Hymn of praise**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

*text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

\* **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*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Marie Bowen** – vocalist  
**Kellie Currin** – vocalist  
**Calvin Garriott** – piano

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Sam Miller** – violin

### Acts 6:8-7:53

<sup>8</sup>Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen, <sup>10</sup>but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke. <sup>11</sup>Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak words of blasphemy against Moses and against God." <sup>12</sup>So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. <sup>13</sup>They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. <sup>14</sup>For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us." <sup>15</sup>All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

<sup>1</sup>Then the high priest asked him, "Are these charges true?" <sup>2</sup>To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. <sup>3</sup>'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.' <sup>4</sup>So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. <sup>5</sup>He gave him no inheritance here, not even a foot of ground. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child. <sup>6</sup>God spoke to him in this way: 'Your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. <sup>7</sup>But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.' <sup>8</sup>Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

<sup>9</sup>"Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him <sup>10</sup>and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace. <sup>11</sup>Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our fathers could not find food. <sup>12</sup>When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers on their first visit. <sup>13</sup>On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family. <sup>14</sup>After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all. <sup>15</sup>Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our fathers died. <sup>16</sup>Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.



<sup>17</sup>“As the time drew near for God to fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt greatly increased. <sup>18</sup>Then another king, who knew nothing about Joseph, became ruler of Egypt. <sup>19</sup>He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our forefathers by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die. <sup>20</sup>At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for in his father’s house. <sup>21</sup>When he was placed outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. <sup>22</sup>Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

<sup>23</sup>“When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites. <sup>24</sup>He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. <sup>25</sup>Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not. <sup>26</sup>The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, ‘Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?’ <sup>27</sup>But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us? <sup>28</sup>Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ <sup>29</sup>When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.

<sup>30</sup>“After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. <sup>31</sup>When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to look more closely, he heard the Lord’s voice: <sup>32</sup>‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.’ Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look. <sup>33</sup>Then the Lord said to him, ‘Take off your sandals; the place where you are standing is holy ground. <sup>34</sup>I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.’ <sup>35</sup>This is the same Moses whom they had rejected with the words, ‘Who made you ruler and judge?’ He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush. <sup>36</sup>He led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the desert. <sup>37</sup>This is that Moses who told the Israelites, ‘God will send you a prophet like me from your own people.’ <sup>38</sup>He was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living words to pass on to us.

<sup>39</sup>“But our fathers refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt. <sup>40</sup>They told Aaron, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don’t know what has happened to him!’ <sup>41</sup>That was the time they made an idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and held a celebration in honor of what their hands had made. <sup>42</sup>But God turned away and gave them over to the worship of the heavenly bodies. This agrees with what is written in the book of the prophets: ‘Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the desert, O house of Israel? <sup>43</sup>You have lifted up the shrine of Molech and the star of your god Rephan, the idols you made to worship. Therefore I will send you into exile’ beyond Babylon.

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<sup>44</sup>“Our forefathers had the tabernacle of the Testimony with them in the desert. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen. <sup>45</sup>Having received the tabernacle, our fathers under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time of David, <sup>46</sup>who enjoyed God’s favor and asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup>But it was Solomon who built the house for him. <sup>48</sup>However, the Most High does not live in houses made by men. As the prophet says: <sup>49</sup>‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be? <sup>50</sup>Has not my hand made all these things?’

<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup>Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him—<sup>53</sup>you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.”

### IN MEMORIAM

**E. White Patton III**

August 19, 1944 – October 26, 2019

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Centuries ago, believers developed what is now known as the “Church Calendar Year.” It was designed to assist both unlearned and illiterate believers in mastering the truths of the Kingdom of God by causing them to “walk through” the events of redemptive history. All Saints’ Day, November 3, was chosen to call all believers to remember the faithful saints who had already finished their race and gone home to heaven. On All Saints’ Sunday we join the historic practice and recall the lives of our members who have gone on to glory in the past year.

Bob Ashlock — March 28, 2019  
Julia Corley — February 19, 2019  
Joe Francis — October 11, 2019  
Nancy Johnson — February 15, 2019  
Dick Lindeman — March 4, 2019  
Corinne McGee — August 27, 2019

E. White Patton III — October 26, 2019  
Mary Quick — May 8, 2019  
Celes Shuck — May 4, 2019  
Roselynn Soltau — August 9, 2019  
Rachel Tucker — August 27, 2019



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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 this Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the JHYB. Dessert and refreshments will be served. Contact Leon at [leonsulser@gmail.com](mailto:leonsulser@gmail.com) or Rodney at [rodney.miller@covenant.edu](mailto: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 this 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 this week. 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](http://lmpc.org/giving-2020)
- completing a giving plan card and placing it in an offering plate or submitting to the church office

### **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](mailto:emily@lmpc.org).

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

# MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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*email address*

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

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

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*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)

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EMAIL\*

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL\*

*\*By supplying your email address(es), you consent to receive email from LMPC.*

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, November 3*

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	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer with missionary prayer	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

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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).

### 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.