



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 10, 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**

taken from Psalm 89

**Leader:** I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**All:** **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

**Leader:** The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

**All:** **O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

"Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;  
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown;  
bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,  
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm;  
surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms;  
our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm,  
rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;  
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;  
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*  
*text and music by Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell © 2002 Word Music, LLC, ARR, ICS, UBP, CCLI Lic.#152036*

### \* 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.**

### Call to confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

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.

### Hymn of confession

“To Thee I Come”

To thee I come a sinner poor and wait for mercy at thy door;  
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me.  
To thee I come a sinner weak and scarce know how to pray or speak;  
from fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;  
mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me.  
To thee I come a sinner great and well thou knowest all my state;  
yet full forgiveness is with thee, O God be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner lost nor have I aught wherein to trust  
but where thou art, Lord, I would be, O God be merciful to me.  
To glory bring me Lord at last and there when all my sins are passed;  
with all the saints I'll then agree, O God was merciful to me!  
O God was merciful to me!

*text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Ephesians 1

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. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

**All: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

\* **Hymn of assurance**                    "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:*     Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*  
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

## 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 7:54-8:3**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

Peter Lindquist (9:30)  
Lee Franks (11:00)

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

### **Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon** "Searing Loss and Sovereign Grace"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response** "Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

*text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 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:**

**Brooke Adams** – vocalist

**Kelsey Bazzel** – vocalist

**Stephen Bearden** – flugelhorn

**Joel Christie** – vocalist

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist

**Hannah Pulliam** – flute

**Matthew Sellers** – piano

**Celebrating the baptisms** of Arabella Juniper Wojick, Ariadne Fleur Wojick, Asher Pierce Wojick, Atalia Lili Wojick, and Erickson Scott Wojick at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are their parents, Megan and Walter Wojick and their grandparents, Drs. Pat and Scott Barber.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Ranger Michael Phillips at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Emily and Paul Phillips, and his grandparents, Jeanne and Bob Phillips.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAUNCH SUNDAY FOR THE 2020 BUDGET** will be next Sunday, November 17. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2020. 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

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS OF LMPC** will present “Come with Thanksgiving,” a musical program of praise and thanksgiving, on Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome, and nursery is provided.

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

## HOME MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

### **HOLIDAY TOY COLLECTION FOR HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY'S CHRISTMAS STORE**

LMPC will be collecting new, unwrapped toys in room E204 in the chapel breezeway beginning today through Wednesday evening, December 4. For a list of suggested items visit [lmpc.org/christmas-store](http://lmpc.org/christmas-store). Join us for Family Night on December 4 as we eat pizza, play bingo, and hear from our friends at Hope for the Inner City. We'll finish the evening by loading the trucks with our donations to be transported to the Christmas Store.

### **METANOIA BENEFIT CONCERT TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 11, AND MENTOR TRAINING**

Metanoia Prison Ministries will host a benefit concert and silent auction at First Presbyterian Church. The concert will feature the Quebe Sisters and doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free, but a love offering will be collected to support Metanoia. All are welcome to an evening of music as well as testimonies from former mentees at Walker State Prison. This **Saturday, November 16**, Metanoia will host a mentor training class at First Presbyterian Church from 8:00-11:30 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to take the Gospel to prisoners at Walker State. Please email Alan Bonderud at [arbondrud@gmail.com](mailto:arbondrud@gmail.com) or David Fowler at [david@lmpc.org](mailto:david@lmpc.org) if you are interested in attending.

### Acts 7:54-8:3

<sup>54</sup>When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup>dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

<sup>1</sup>And Saul was there, giving approval to his death. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup>Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.



## **SERMON NOTES**

### *“Searing Loss and Sovereign Grace”*

*Acts 7:54-8:3*

Searing loss is one more opportunity for the Sovereign Lord to show his grace.

- The world’s fury against Stephen and the truth he preached discloses heaven’s favor on the man and vindication of the message. (vv. 7:54-60)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The persecution of the church actually becomes the propulsion for the advancement of the Gospel and the church. (vv. 8:1-3)

**SERMON NOTES**

“Searing Loss and Sovereign Grace”

*Acts 7:54-8:3*

## FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31

**Annual Budget:** \$4.881 million

**2019 Giving YTD:** \$3.600 million

**Remaining gifts needed:** \$1.281 million (26.2% of budget)

**Outstanding Pledge Balance:** \$908,000

**Unpledged Giving Needed:** \$373,000

*Find ways to give at [lmpc.org/give](http://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 email from LMPC

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:

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

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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 10*

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	chapel
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	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	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	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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- 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).

### 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.