



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 10, 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 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "Jesus Shall Reign"
*(Words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #30 and #441)
William Croft, arr. Victor Labenske*

Welcome and greetings Brian Salter, lead pastor

Introit "How Can I Keep from Singing?" Covenant Singers

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real though far off tune that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.
The peace of love makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
All things are mine in love and joy! How can I keep from singing!
arr. Sarah Quartel

*** 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 7

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

* Prayer of adoration

Sacrament of baptism

Megan and Walter Wojick bringing Arabella Juniper Wojick, Ariadne Fleur Wojick, Asher Pierce Wojick, Atalia Lili Wojick, and Erickson Scott Wojick (9:30)

Emily and Paul Phillips bringing Ranger Michael Phillips (11:00)

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.

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 508

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

Covenant Singers

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my dear Father, and I as thy son,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Wilt thou preserve me ‘midst all of my foes,
thy love as a fortress that none can o’erthrow.
Oh be thou my Guardian, my Shield, and my Stay;
protect and defend me, through all of my days.

Be thou my vision, O Ruler of all,
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall.
Grant me thy presence, when vict’ry is won,
great High King of heaven, my Heaven’s bright Sun.

Irish hymn tune, arr. Keith McKay Evans

* Doxology 731

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* Scripture reading from Acts 7:54-8:3

p. 1704 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Mark Newton (9:30)
Laura 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

“Searing Loss and Sovereign Grace”
Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 565

“All for Jesus!”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – organ, piano

Randall Crenshaw – piano

Covenant Singers

Kara Riley, director

Kendall Barrie

Maria Coletti

Mia Connell

Mary Brook Diamond, soloist

Jenna Donet

Alexis Dupree

Sarah Huskey

Abbs Kern

Ashley Luchenbill

Hope Merrill

Hope Plating

Cameron Shorter

Leila Vaughn

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.

Acts 7:54-8:3

⁵⁴When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But 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. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸dragged 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. ⁵⁹While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

¹And 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. ²Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³But 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)

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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. 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 or David Fowler at david@lmpc.org if you are interested in attending.

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

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
- 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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 10

8:10 a.m.	Worship service	<i>chapel</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & 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 & 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.

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.*

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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.