

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 2020 | 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

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 145

- Leader: We will exalt you, our God the King; we will praise your name for ever and ever.
- All: Every day we will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
- 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 may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

* Hymn of praise "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *text by Francis of Assisi*, 1225; *German tune*, 1623

* 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 Luke 11:1-2b, 10:21 text printed in the bulletin Allie Wakefield (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

"The Necessity of Joyous Praise" 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.

Call to confession

taken from Hebrews 4:16

Let us 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

"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

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. Christ Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Words of institution

based on 1 Peter 2

Communion affirmation

- Leader: God of all good, 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.
- All: In this supper we remember the agony of the cross and the cost of redemption. We rejoice in your eternal love, boundless grace, and infinite compassion.
- Leader: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.
- All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. *based on* The Valley of Vision *prayer, "The Lord's Supper"*

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown, of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in thy beloved Son.

Refrain: Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Savior's bounty taste; behold a never-failing store for every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine, dear source of every good; Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood! *Refrain*

Here shall your numerous wants receive a free, a full supply; he has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die. *Refrain text by Anne Steele*, *1716-1778; music by Brian T. Murphy*, 2010

"There Is a Higher Throne"

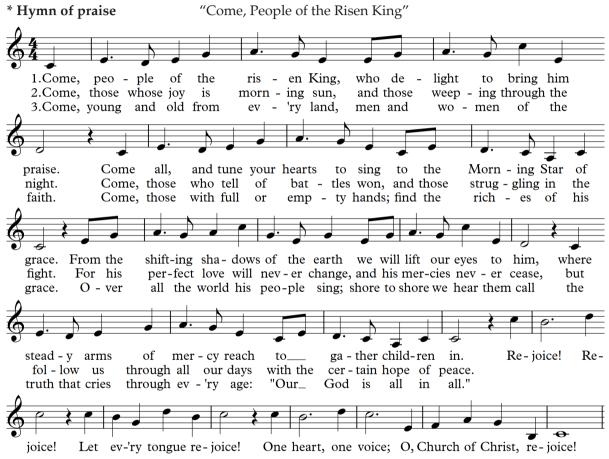
There is a higher throne than all this world has known, where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come. Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings. Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

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And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne. We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. *Refrain text and music by Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty* © 2002 *Thankyou Music ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.* #152036

* Prayer of thanksgiving



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* 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:

Kelsey Bazzel – vocalist Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone David Henry – guitar, vocalist Maddie Lee – piano Sam Miller – violin Jennifer Mixon – vocalist

NEW SERMON SERIES THE NECESSITY OF PRAYER: LESSONS FROM LUKE

A year ago, our congregation spent the month of January renewing our commitment to the authority and necessity of God's Word. At the beginning of this year, we are turning to the other (and no less important) necessity in the life of the believer and the life of the church: prayer. There is no mistaking the centrality of prayer in the life of Jesus, particularly as recorded in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus prayed at his baptism, before his crucifixion, and as he was dying. Throughout his ministry, he withdrew time and again from the crowds to pray, and he taught his disciples how to pray. If our perfect Master was so devoted to prayer, should not we be likewise? May this sermon series spur all of us to commit ourselves afresh to Kingdom-focused prayer that is rooted and grounded in the Word of God.

AS A COMPLEMENT TO THE SERMON SERIES on "The Necessity of Prayer," a prayer resources handout is available in the narthex and the fellowship hall lobby. This handout provides a list of additional resources on prayer available in the church library and at lmpc.org. It also lists the various opportunities for participating in communal prayer here at LMPC.

Luke 11:1-2b

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name.'"

Luke 10:21

²¹At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."

SERMON NOTES

"The Necessity of Joyous Praise" Luke 11:1-2b, 10:21

1. The astounding access to praise (Luke 11:1-2a, Hebrews 4:16, 10:19)

- 2. The reverent attitude and activity of praise (Luke 11:2b, 10:21)
 - "To pray that God's name be hallowed is not to pray that God become holy but that he be treated as such, that his name not be despised by the thoughts and conducts of those who have been created in his image." D. A. Carson

- 3. The honest assessment of our praise
 - "What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or for restoration." Greg Beale

• "I think we delight to praise what we enjoy, because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment...the delight is incomplete until it is expressed...It is frustrating to come suddenly to the turn of the road, upon some mountain valley of unexpected grandeur, and then have to keep silent because the people with you care for it no more than a tin can in a ditch." C. S. Lewis

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE AGAIN OFFERING COMMUNITY BIBLE READING JOURNALS for sale as we begin the new year. The journals are for sale in the fellowship hall lobby and the sanctuary narthex. They cost \$10 each and last for two years. There will also be a CBR Journal discussion Sunday School class led by Hunt Davidson beginning today at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Conference Room.

THE LMPC HIGH SCHOOL SALT AND LIGHT RETREAT will begin this Wednesday, January 8 and run through Sunday, January 12. Please visit lmpc.org/youth for detailed information on the schedule and locations.

OUR ANNUAL COMMUNICANT CLASS for middle school and high school students interested in joining the church will begin next Sunday, January 12. For more information and to sign up, visit lmpc.org/youth or contact Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org with the student's name, age, and grade. **The deadline to sign up is today, January 5.**

MOST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN AGAIN the week of January 12. All women are welcome to attend any of the studies. You can find the full schedule with leaders and topics at lmpc.org/women. Nursery is provided for the Wednesday morning groups.

INTERESTED IN JOINING LMPC? The next Intro to LMPC class will be a four-day class taking place on January 24, 25, 26 and February 2, 2020. This class is for those interested in joining LMPC or learning more about what we believe. If you are interested in signing up for the class, please confirm by emailing julie@lmpc.org or calling 423-424-5973 by January 13.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES ON PRAYER, we will hold a four-week class with Robert Row of *seeJesus* Ministries on Wednesday nights beginning January 15. This class will be from 6:10-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us! Normal Wednesday night nursery is provided.

DIVORCE CARE IS A DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP where you can find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. LMPC is starting a Divorce Care group on Tuesday, January 21 and will be meeting weekly throughout the winter and spring. Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building unless otherwise noted. This ministry is open to all members and friends of LMPC. For more information contact Leon Sulser at leonsulser@gmail.com; Rodney Miller at rodney.miller@covenant.edu or Julie Dean at julie@lmpc.org.

ALL ADULT WOMEN ARE INVITED TO OUR WINTER

SUPPERS on Thursday, January 30. The suppers will again be in women's homes, and each supper will include 8-12 women of all generations. You can sign up by emailing women@lmpc.org. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, January 23. If you are willing to host, please email caroline@lmpc.org.

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

2019 PLEDGING REPORT

As of December 31, 2019, we had 77% of the 2020 budget pledged. Thank you to all who pledged early and generously. You can still pledge for the budget at lmpc.org/giving-2020, or by filling out a giving plan card and placing it in the offering plate or handing it to David Fowler in the church office.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: HEDGEHOG GROVE

Volunteers are needed for Hedgehog Grove on Friday, January 31 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.

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*

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SPOUSE EMAIL*

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 5

| 8:10 a.m. | Worship service with communion | chapel |
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| 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 nee | eds 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 |
| 3:30 p.m. | Officer training class | Reception Room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Evening prayer with missionary prayer | chapel |
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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.