



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 1, 2020 | **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

"The God of Abraham Praise"

arr. Wilbur Held

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #34)

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* 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 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Chancel Choir

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

text paraphrase of Psalm 23, Isaac Watts, 1719; music trad. hymn tune arr. Virgil Thomson, 1938

*** Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from Acts 9:19b-31**

p. 1707 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Stephanie Wharton (9:30)

Sandy Gardner (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Saul: From Persecutor of Christ to Proclaimer of Christ"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession 599, vv. 1, 2, 3

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Psalm 103

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Words of institution

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, your boundless grace, and your 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

Acts 9:19b-31

^{19b}Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" ²²Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

²³After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, ²⁴but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. ²⁵But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

²⁶When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him. ³⁰When the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

³¹Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

SERMON NOTES

“Saul: From Persecutor of Christ to Proclaimer of Christ”

Acts 9:19b-31

1. Saul’s messianic proclamation (vv. 19b-22)
 - powerfully proving that Jesus is the Son of God and the Christ

2. Man’s murderous plots
 - in Damascus (vv. 23-25)

 - in Jerusalem (vv. 29-30)

3. God’s marvelous provision (vv. 25-28 & 31)
 - of Barnabas the encourager

 - of the church’s acceptance and protection

 - of the Holy Spirit’s blessing

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LENT

Lent is the forty-day period before Easter. It began this year on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. In counting the forty days, Sundays are skipped. The liturgical color is purple, a kingly color reminding us of Christ's reign and rule, the color of the robe Roman soldiers put on Christ before the crucifixion, and the same liturgical color as Advent to reflect a similar period of waiting and watching. Lent is a season of simple living, prayer, and repentance. It is a season particularly set aside for reflection on Jesus Christ's life, suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the first century church as a preparatory time for Easter. By observing the forty days of Lent, the early church desired that the individual Christian imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. To help us visually reflect on the sparse nature of this season, you will see only curly willow or twigs decorating the chancel during these weeks. It also serves to remind us of the branch used to serve Christ sour wine on the cross. Alongside Christians who have observed Lent since apostolic times, let us seek after our Savior with self-examining humility.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHURCH-WIDE COIN COLLECTION for the purchase of Kazakh Bibles through our supported World Missions partner, Bible Mission Global. A donation of \$10 purchases two Bibles for a family in Kazakhstan (a Bible and a Family Bible). We have set a big goal this year of \$5,000, and would like to challenge you to join in. The World Missions Committee has agreed to match collected funds up to \$5,000, making it possible for our church-wide contribution to be as high as \$10,000 or 1,000 sets of Bibles. For more information and to donate, visit the fellowship hall lobby. You may also contribute through Realm or Venmo (LktMtnPC) with a note for "Bible Donation."

OUR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, "Celebrating the Spirit's Work in Central Asia," will take place March 20-22. Saturday night banquet registration will open **tomorrow**, March 2. Please make plans to join us for this special annual event. You can find the full schedule at lmpc.org/world-missions-conference-2020.

THE 20TH ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES will take place on Sunday, March 15. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Richard Pratt of Third Millennium Ministries and he will preach at all morning services as well as an evening Communion service at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be provided. For more information on this sermon series, please visit lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series.

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 1

8:10 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<i>chapel</i>
9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages.....	<i>various locations</i>
9:30 a.m.	Communicants class	<i>JHYB</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 with communion.....	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages.....	<i>various locations</i>
3:30 p.m.	Officer Training class	<i>Reception Room & Conference Room</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer with missionary prayer	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

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

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- Check your progress on giving and pledging

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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.