

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** We're so glad you are with us today. 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.

### A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

- We are unable to offer a nursery at this time.
- Coloring sheets and crayons are available for children. Please take crayons home with you.
- Tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at the exits.
- At the end of the service, please wait for the ushers to indicate when and where you are to exit.

## Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

\* Call to worship

based on Psalm 92 and Psalm 66

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. For you make us glad by your deeds, O LORD; we sing for joy at the works of your hands.

A11:

How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! You, O LORD, are exalted forever. Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

\* Hymn of praise

"Rejoice in All Your Works" (music and words on the following page)

\* Prayer of adoration

New member vows (11:00)



text based on Psalm 104, music by Wendell Kimbrough ©2014 Wendell Kimbrough, ARP, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

#### Call to confession

based on Matthew 22:35-40

One of the Pharisees, an expert in the law, tested Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

## Hymn of confession

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small, child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

*Refrain*: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone, can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain* 

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain* text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by DH, 2012

## Silent prayers of confession

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Timothy 1

God has saved us and called us to a holy life, not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

## \* Hymn of assurance

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: he who washed us with his blood (3x), has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky: "Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x), thou art worthy, Lamb of God!" text by John Newton, 1774; music by Laura Taylor, 2001

### Prayer of intercession for Church of the Firstborn

(prayer requests given by Pastor Alfred Johnson of Church of the Firstborn)

Leader: Gracious Father, we thank you for the partnership and friendship you are cultivating between Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and Church of the Firstborn. We praise you for their faithful ministry to us and to the city of Chattanooga. As co-laborers and co-heirs in

the gospel, we bring before you their needs this morning.

All: We ask that you would give them wisdom and strength as they seek to meet the needs of the elderly in their own community and surrounding neighborhoods. Bless their efforts and provide resources and people to carry out this vital ministry.

Leader: We pray for the MVP children's summer program and ask that you would grant energy and endurance to those leading the program, and allow this time to deepen relationships and increase faith among all who participate.

All: We ask, in the midst of unrest and grief, that you would protect the hearts of our brothers and sisters from fear and bitterness. May they look in faith to your Son and depend on your grace for all things.

Leader: We ask that you would continue to grow and strengthen the ministry of Church of the Firstborn in every way. Protect each member from the evil one and give them a firm sense of your presence, love, and faithfulness by the power of your Spirit.

All: We ask, with the words of the apostle Paul, that our brothers and sisters would be filled with the knowledge of your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. That they would be strengthened with all power according to your glorious might, so that they may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father, in whom we all share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. Amen.

taken from Colossians 1:9, 11-12

\* Scripture reading from Acts 14:8-20 text printed in the bulletin

Tim Sorrell (9:00) Merrile Stroud (11:00)

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

Sermon

"A Varying Approach but an Unchanging Gospel" Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

\* Hymn of response

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee; destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be. Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known; yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too; human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue. O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, foes may hate and friends disown me; show thy face and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care; joy to find in every station something still to do or bear.

Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine!

Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heav'n, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer; heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there. Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days; hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise. text by Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833; music by Bill Moore, 2001

#### \* 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.

## Congregational meeting

\* Congregation standing as you are able

#### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EXITING AFTER THE SERVICE**: Please wait for the ushers to excuse you row by row after the service.

**MASKS**: While we know mask wearing is cumbersome, we appreciate your compliance with the requirement to wear one.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall today for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2023.

**ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** will run through Sunday, August 9. The class is held from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each Sunday morning. In light of Covid-19 and the current state/local guidelines, this class is held via the online platform Zoom. If you would like to virtually attend Summer Sunday School, you can find the registration link on the LMPC website's Adult Sunday School page. Once you are registered, a Zoom invitation with instructions will be sent prior to each Sunday's class so that you can log on and participate in the class.

**WNOO RADIO SHOW**: Brian Salter will be on WNOO Radio (107.3 FM/1260 AM or www.wnooradio.com) with Pastor Alfred Johnson from Church of the First Born on Thursday, July 2, and every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Listen in for inspiration and prayer.

**THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE HOUR** will continue to broadcast on Facebook Live until further notice. Archives of past sessions are available on the LMPC Facebook page by selecting "Videos" from the menu. You can also find the current week's session on the LMPC website's homepage by clicking on the Prayer & Bible graphic.

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

Musicians for this week:

Hank Currin – vocalist Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone David Henry – guitar, vocalist Maddie Lee – vocalist Hannah Lutz – viola Salley Kate Pierce – piano John Wingard – vocalist

#### Acts 14:8-20

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup>He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup>and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. <sup>11</sup>When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup>"Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. <sup>16</sup>In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup>Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." <sup>18</sup>Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup>Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. <sup>20</sup>But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

## **SERMON NOTES**

"A Varying Approach but an Unchanging Gospel"  $Acts~14{:}8{-}20$ 

1.	The crowd's reaction to a miraculous healing: a surprising, but very human, response (vv. 8-13)
2.	The apostles' message to a superstitious people: a varying approach but an unchanging Gospel (vv. 14-18)
3.	The remarkable shift of the disenchanted crowd: from attempted worship to attempted murder (vv. 19-20)

# 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					
-					
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  Diagra democit this eard in the offering plate					
PHONE DAY EVENING  Please deposit this card in the offering plate.					

## 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!

### TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Worship service

sanctuary & fellowship hall sanctuary & fellowship hall

11:00 a.m. Adult Summer Sunday School

via Zoom

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

		Α.
	м	

- ☐ First time visitor
- ☐ Repeat visitor

NAME

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL\*

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL\*

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

# 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**

Address: 316 North Bragg Avenue

Lookout Mountain, TN 37350

Web: lmpc.org Email: info@lmpc.org

Phone: 423.821.4528

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.