



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2020 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:00 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.*

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

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

* Call to worship

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of intercession for East Lake Expression Engine

(based on requests given by East Lake Expression Engine)

Leader: Lord, King of all creation, we pray this morning that you would protect and encourage all who participate in the ministry of East Lake Expression Engine. For staff members, volunteers, children, parents, and everyone involved, be their help and comfort in these trying times as they seek to build up a strong community in the East Lake area.

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All: O Lord, we ask that you would give Expression Engine wisdom and courage as they seek to meet the needs of the East Lake community. Bring health, safety, and opportunities to build gospel-centered relationships with children and their families.

Leader: Bless Expression Engine's music writing and recording efforts this summer as they work to create a song book of original music from past summer programs. Give them perseverance, creativity, and dependence on you during this process, and allow the finished product to deepen relationships and bring more people to know and love you.

All: Loving Father, we ask that Expression Engine would be a community of believers characterized by kindness and love, always pointing the people they serve to Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection. May you equip them with everything good for doing your will, that you may accomplish in them what is pleasing to you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

taken from Hebrews 13:21

* **Scripture reading from Acts 15:1-21**
text printed in the bulletin

Jennifer Mixon (9:00)
David Paschall (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 First Church Council"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Hymn of response

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
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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

Isaiah 64:6 and Proverbs 28:13

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

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, boundless grace, and infinite compassion.**

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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"

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

"Let the Nations Be Glad"
(see next page for words and music)

* Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of praise

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825

* 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

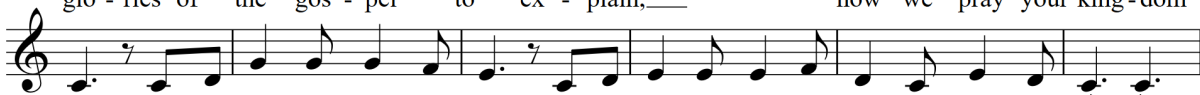
“Let the Nations Be Glad”



1. Let the glo - ry of the Lord for - ev - er be our joy. May re -
2. Through the a - ges gone be - fore, through the tri - al and the sword, man - y
3. As your ho - ly church goes forth in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power, with the



demp - tion be the theme of our song. For by grace we have been
saints and mar - tyrs con - quered, though they died. Still we're hold - ing out the
glo - ries of the gos - pel to ex - plain, now we pray your king - dom



saved, and by grace we shall pro - claim to the cor - ners of the earth that Christ has come.
cross, cross - ing o - ceans, suf - fer - ing loss, shall en - dure all things to win the crown of life.
come, and we pray your will be done for the hon - or and the glo - ry of your name.



Let the na - tions be glad, let the peo - ples re - joice, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our God...



Let the whole earth be filled with the prais - es of the Lord, for sal -



va - tion be - longs to our God. Let the na - tions be glad.

Acts 15:1-21

¹Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” ²This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. ³The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the brothers very glad. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. ⁵Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses.”

⁶The apostles and elders met to consider this question. ⁷After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. ⁸God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? ¹¹No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.” ¹²The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. ¹³When they finished, James spoke up: “Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself. ¹⁵The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: ¹⁶‘After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, ¹⁷that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’ ¹⁸that have been known for ages.

¹⁹“It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. ²⁰Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. ²¹For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

Musicians for this week:

Ismael Bartalome – violin
Joel Christie – vocalist
Daniel Dassow – vocalist

Maria Dassow – vocalist
Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today. In light of the new Hamilton County mandate, we are also now asking that everyone entering the church buildings during the week wear a mask.

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT THE LIBRARY: Not only is our church library open on weekdays and Sunday mornings, but you can now search the library catalog from home! Access the new catalog on either the church website (see Alice Joiner Memorial Library under Resources on the home page) or the Librista app. Please follow the safety guidelines posted on the library door. Come see what's new and return overdue books. Contact wiki@lmpc.org with questions.

SPECIAL GUESTS ON THURSDAY PRAYER & BIBLE, hosted on Facebook Live each week at 10:30 a.m. Brian is having conversations with three special guests with the purpose of helping us to grow in our awareness of needs in the city and racial reconciliation. On July 9, he was joined by Dwayne Stephens, Director of The House of Refuge. On July 16, Brian will converse with Pastor Alfred Johnson of Church of the First Born, and on July 23 he will be visiting with Paul Green, executive director of Hope for the Inner City. Listen live on the LMPC Facebook page or listen to archived recordings by selecting "Videos" from the Facebook page menu or clicking the Prayer & Bible graphic on the LMPC website's homepage.

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 16, and every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Listen in for inspiration and prayer.

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

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

Annual Budget: \$5.07 million

2020 Giving YTD: \$2.37 million

Remaining gifts needed: \$2.7 million (53.3% of budget)

We're grateful for God's provision through the generous giving at LMPC this year. Please continue to give toward the 2020 budget as you are able. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at 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

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.

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) _____

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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, July 12

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary</i>
9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	<i>fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	<i>fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Summer Sunday School	<i>via Zoom</i>

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

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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 and second Sundays of every month, one Sunday in the sanctuary and one Sunday in the fellowship hall. Please see the church website for more details.