



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 19, 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

John Wingard, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

based on 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise.

All: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

* Hymn of praise

“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-quer-ed, 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-fering 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.

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* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

taken from John 1 and Colossians 1

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

All: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

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Leader: The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

All: By him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Call to confession

James 1:23-26

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Prayer of confession

taken from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

All: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* **Hymn of assurance** “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Hymn of preparation “Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.
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* **Scripture reading from Acts 15:22-35**

text printed in the bulletin

Mack Erickson (9:00)

Annie Reynolds (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 Joy of Living under God's Authority”

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 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*

Musicians for this week:

Marie Bowen – vocalist
Calvin Garriott – piano
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin
Melanie Ray – vocalist
Kelsey Whitted – vocalist

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WAIT FOR THE USHERS to excuse you row by row after the service.

WE APPRECIATE everyone's willingness to wear a mask to protect one another. We do ask that everyone wear a mask for the entire service, covering both mouth and nose. Also, in light of the Hamilton County mandate, we are now asking everyone entering the church buildings during the week to wear a mask.

MAKING SERVICE REGISTRATION MORE SIMPLE: Logging into your Realm account makes service registration much easier! Many in the congregation are registering every member of their household (often including themselves) as "guests," which requires typing in the name of each person. Once you are logged into your Realm account, however, your Realm registration will automatically show every member of your household (spouse and children 18 and under), and you need only click the boxes next to the names of household members who will also be attending. Call the church office at 423-821-4528 if you need assistance with Realm.

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 Dewayne Stephens, director of The House of Refuge, and on July 16, he met with Pastor Alfred Johnson of Church of the First Born. 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.

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

MTW HAS PUBLISHED A BROCHURE featuring stories of African American missionaries. Limited copies of this brochure, titled "The Story of Missions," are available in the library.

Acts 15:22-35

²²Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, two men who were leaders among the brothers. ²³With them they sent the following letter: The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings. ²⁴We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. ²⁵So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul— ²⁶men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. ²⁸It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:

²⁹You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.

³⁰The men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. ³¹The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message. ³²Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers. ³³After spending some time there, they were sent off by the brothers with the blessing of peace to return to those who had sent them. ³⁵But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord.

SERMON NOTES

“The Joy of Living under God’s Authority”

Acts 15:22-35

The joy of living under God’s authority as stewarded through his church is that we are faithfully guided towards:

1. Gospel clarity when confused. (vv. 22-28)
2. selfless love for one another. (v. 29)
3. joyful encouragement in the Word. (vv. 30-35)

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
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NAME

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 19

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

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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.