

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26, 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

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 96

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

- All: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

* Hymn of praise "This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. *text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915*

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

taken from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Hymn of confession

"To Thee I Come"

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door; indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me. To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak; from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile; mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me. To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state; yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust; but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me. To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past, with all the saints I'll then agree: O God, was merciful to me! O God, was merciful to me! *text by Samuel Medley*, 1738-1799; *music by Clint Wells*, 2006

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

- Leader: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved.
- All: May we, being rooted and established in love, have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

* Hymn of assurance "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best: 'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee. *text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890 EBENEZER*

Prayer of intercession for Widows Harvest Ministries

(requests given by Widows Harvest Ministries, an LMPC Home Missions strategic partner)

- Leader: Almighty God, giver of life and strength, your word calls us to look after orphans and widows in their distress. We thank you for Widows Harvest Ministries and how you continue to work through them. Pour out your mercy and provision on them as they seek to serve widows in distress in our city.
- All: Lord, give health, safety, peace, and courage to both widows and the volunteers who minister to them. Grant deep and abiding comfort to women who have recently lost loved ones from Covid-19 and other causes. Surround them with the encouragement and support of your people as they grieve.
- Leader: Bless the widows' weekly prayer time and allow it to strengthen their love for each other and their love for you. We ask that your Spirit would work powerfully through their prayers, and that their needs might be met through your abundant provision.

All: We pray that you would, by your Spirit, move in the hearts and minds of families and churches to take up the work of Widows Harvest Ministries. Provide them with volunteers, resources, and all that is needed to serve their community. Help them to stand firm, always giving themselves fully to the work of the Lord, knowing that their labor in the Lord is not in vain. Amen. from James 1 and 1 Corinthians 15

Sacrament of baptism (9:00)

Ellie and David Henry bringing Simon James Henry

* Scripture reading from Acts 15:36-16:5

text printed in the bulletin

Barbara Wingard (9:00) Kakhi Wakefield (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon	"Another Missionary Journey Begins"
	Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response "The Church's One Foundation"

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word: from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee. *text by Samuel Stone*, *1866; music by Brian Moss*, *1996*

* 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:

Abi Davis – clarinet Micah Davis – french horn David Henry – guitar, vocalist Hannah Lutz – viola Jennifer Mixon – vocalist John Reeder – piano Gwen York – vocalist

Celebrating the baptism of Simon James Henry at the 9:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Ellie and David Henry, and his grandparents, Merle and Brian Henry and Barb and Joe Novenson.

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.

GIVING STATEMENTS were emailed on Friday, July 17. While Scripture is infallible, your finance department is not, so please review your giving statement to ensure accuracy. Thank you for your generous gifts to the work of LMPC!

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.

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.

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

Acts 15:36-16:5

³⁶Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." ³⁷Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

³⁹They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

¹He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. ²The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

⁴As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

SERMON NOTES

"Another Missionary Journey Begins" Acts 15:36-16:5

- 1. A sharp disagreement about advancing the Kingdom (15:36-41)
 - The reason (vv. 36-38)

• The resolution (vv. 39-41)

- 2. A new opportunity for advancing the Kingdom (16:1-5)
 - To practice the law of selfless love (vv. 1-3)

• To deliver Gospel clarity (vv. 4-5)

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? \Box Yes \Box 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)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL*

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL*

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, July 26

9:00 a.m. Worship service11:00 a.m. Worship service11:00 a.m. Adult Summer Sunday School

sanctuary & fellowship hall sanctuary & fellowship hall via Zoom

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.