



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:00 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 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

Prelude

"How Great Thou Art"
Abin Wentworth

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 96:1-9

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

All: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.**

* Hymn of praise

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
 in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.

* **Prayer of adoration**

* **Affirmation of faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sacrament of baptism

Libby and Jim Daughdrill bringing John Worthington Daughdrill (9:00)

Stephanie and Ben Wharton bringing Boaz Reed Wharton (11:00)

Call to confession

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Silent prayers of confession

Organ meditation

“We Pray Now, to the Holy Spirit”

Dieterich Buxtehude

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

*** Hymn of assurance**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
(please turn the page for words and music)

*** Scripture reading from Acts 17:16-34**

text printed in the bulletin

Joe Novenson (9:00)

Nate Jackson (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** 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.**

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Unknown God in Athens"

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"
(please turn the page for words and music)

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude**

Improvisation on *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

David Oliver

*** Congregation standing as you are able**

Musicians for this week:

Ensemble

Dr. David Oliver – organ

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see:

all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed; Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

1.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made; your might - y word was
2.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man; no pow'rs of death or
3.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now, but soon be - fore your

spo - ken and light and life o - beyed. Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and
dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan. All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su -
tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow. With this glad hope be - fore_ us our

bounds the o - cean's shore, sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
preme in time and space, you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
faith springs up a - new: our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

Acts 17:16-34

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean." ²¹(All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. ²⁷God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' ²⁹Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." ³²When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." ³³At that, Paul left the Council. ³⁴A few men became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

SERMON NOTES

“The Unknown God in Athens”

Acts 17:16-34

What the world needs from followers of Jesus Christ is:

1. compassionate dialogue without being caustic. (vv. 16-21)
2. contextualized truth without compromise. (vv. 22-34)

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.

AS WE REACH CAPACITY IN SOME OF OUR SERVICES, it is especially important that everyone who is planning to attend on Sunday morning register for a service. **Please note that registration now closes on Saturdays at midnight**, and you may also now register for chapel seating. If you have trouble with service registration, please call the church office at 423-821-4528. You will know that you have successfully completed the registration process when you receive a confirmation email.

CANCELING YOUR REGISTRATION: If you are able, please cancel your registration if you are no longer planning to attend a service. Complete instructions on how to cancel may be found at lmpc.org/service-registration.

THE AUGUST MISSIONARY PRAYER PACKET is now available. Limited copies are located in the Small Conference Room, and packets can be emailed upon request.

TRUTH ON THURSDAYS: In place of Thursday Morning Prayer and Bible Hour on Facebook Live, we are offering "Truth on Thursdays" each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. We are featuring discussion of various theological and cultural questions, study of the Bible, and occasional topical times with guests for interviews. Please join us each Thursday at our Facebook page, facebook.com/LookoutMountainPresbyterian. You can watch recordings at lmpc.org/truth-on-thursdays.

OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE for the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army will begin on Wednesday, September 2. We will accept food donations in the porte cochere every Wednesday and Friday through Friday, September 18. We will have bags available to pick up at the church next Sunday, August 30, though it is not necessary to pick up a bag to participate. You can find more information and a shopping list at lmpc.org/build-a-bag.

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

Celebrating the baptism of John Worthington Daughdrill at the 9:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Libby and Jim Daughdrill, and his grandparents, Betsy and Tim Adgent and Vicki and Hal Daughdrill.

Celebrating the baptism of Boaz Reed Wharton at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Stephanie and Ben Wharton, and his grandparents, Jeanne and Bob Phillips and Stephanie and David Wharton, and his great-grandparents, Peg and Bob Wharton.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Caroline Walters and Lee Maclellan on August 22.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. Worship service *sanctuary & fellowship hall*
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Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

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.

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.