



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 30, 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 Revelation 4 and 5

Leader: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power.

All: For you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Leader: You are worthy, Lord Jesus, for you have ransomed men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

All: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

*** Hymn of praise**

“Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

Refrain: You're the Author of creation;
you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

taken from Isaiah 30

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it." Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help!

Hymn of confession

"Come, O Redeemer, Come"

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy;
ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

Refrain: Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,
faithless, troubled hearts weighed down. *Refrain*

Look now upon our need; Lord be with us.
Heal us and make us free from our sin. *Refrain*
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Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-10

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. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* Hymn of assurance "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*
text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

Prayer of intercession for a new school year

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for the beginning of this new school year.
We ask that you would guide each student at home and away into
deeper awareness of this world you have made and into deeper
knowledge of you and love for you.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Be with those who teach, coach, administrate, provide transportation,
clean, and volunteer, that they would be enabled to educate and
facilitate growth with all wisdom, courage, and humility. Strengthen
and encourage those for whom school is exceptionally challenging,
and difficult. Give them your grace and perseverance as they press
on in faith.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Be with all of us during this pandemic. For those struggling with fear and anxiety in the face of increased exposure, give them rest, peace, and trust in your sovereign care. For those who have made drastic changes in order to accommodate new school schedules, grant them flexibility and perseverance. Lastly, we ask for all those beginning a new school year, protect their health and renew their strength by your Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Hymn of preparation "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing wa - ters
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub -
 land. I am weak, but thou art migh - ty; hold me with thy power - ful
 flow. Let the fire - ry cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney
 side. Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's
 hand. Bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er - more;
 through. Strong De - liv' - rer, be thou still my strength and shield;
 side. Songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to thee;
 bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 strong De - liv' - rer, be thou still my strength and shield.
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text by William Williams, 1745; music by Jeremy Casella, 2002

* Scripture reading from Acts 18:1-18a

text printed in the bulletin

Rebekah Risley (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 "God's Faithfulness to His Discouraged Servant"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* **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:

Calvin Garriott – piano
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola
Sam Miller – violin

Jennifer Mixon – vocalist
Rebekah Risley – vocalist
Fred Verwoerd – 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.

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.

OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE for the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army will begin this Wednesday, September 2. We will accept food donations in the porte cochere every Wednesday and Friday through Friday, September 18. We have bags with lists available to pick up at the church today, 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.

Acts 18:1-18a

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

¹²While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him into court. ¹³“This man,” they charged, “is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law.”

¹⁴Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, “If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you.

¹⁵But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law—settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things.” ¹⁶So he had them ejected from the court. ¹⁷Then they all turned on Sosthenes the synagogue ruler and beat him in front of the court. But Gallio showed no concern whatever.

¹⁸Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time.

SERMON NOTES

“God’s Faithfulness to His Discouraged Servant”

Acts 18:1-18a

God’s faithfulness to his discouraged servant is clearly seen in:

1. His timely provision of Christian friends and fellowship (vv. 2-6)
 - New and old friends in Christ

 - Good news and sacrificial gift

2. His clear commands and encouraging promises (vv. 9-10)
 - Commands to fight the fear and stay the course

 - Promises of his presence, protection, and power!

3. His transformational power and providential protection (vv. 7-8, 12-18a)
 - Ministry fruit in unexpected places (vv. 7-8)

 - Providential protection through unexpected sources (vv. 12-18a)

“I was surprised; so much drunkenness, cursing and swearing (even from the mouths of little children) do I never remember to have seen and heard before in so small a compass of time. Surely this place is ripe for him who ‘came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.’”

— John Wesley, 1742, upon arrival in a northern English city

Biographer Iain Murray on Wesley being *encouraged* instead of *discouraged* by the opposition he faced: “[Wesley knew] ‘the gospel of grace does not need promising conditions to make its reception a certainty.’”

MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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- Speak to a pastor
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- Receive email from LMPC

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- Serving at LMPC
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- 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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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 30

9:00 a.m. Worship service

sanctuary & fellowship hall

11:00 a.m. Worship service

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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.