



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2020 | **Fellowship Hall Service**

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

taken from Psalms 33 and 34

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

All: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

Leader: He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

All: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
3. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4. Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;



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;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



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text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

based on Isaiah 55:6-7

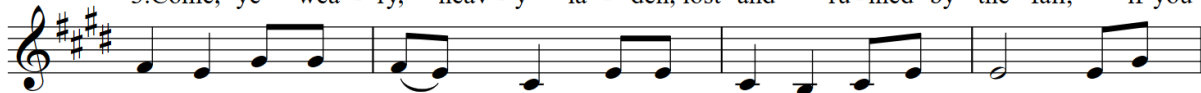
Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him. Let him turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Hymn of confession

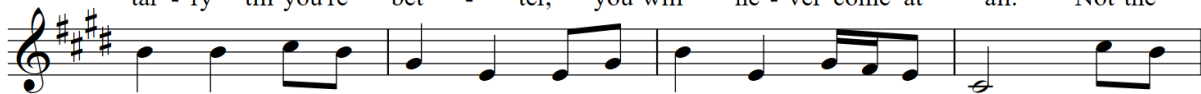
"Come, Ye Sinners"



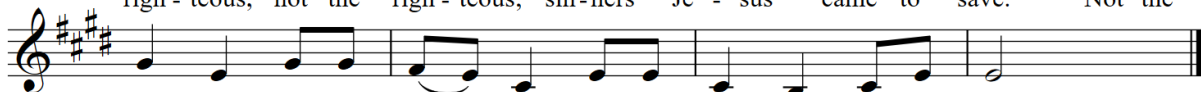
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, weak and wound ed, sick and sore; Je - sus
2. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall; if you



read - y stands to save_ you, full of pi - ty, love and power. He is
fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him. This he
tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will ne - ver come at all. Not the



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text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

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.

* Hymn of assurance

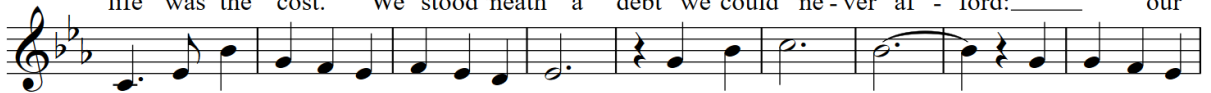
“His Mercy Is More”



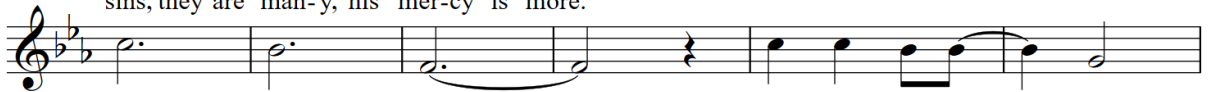
1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, he
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. What ri - ches of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His blood was the pay - ment, his



counts not their sum; thrown in - to the sea with - out bot - tom or shore: _____ our
call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor: _____ our
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford: _____ our



sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, _____ his mer - cy is
sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



more. _____ Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn, _____ our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

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Sacrament of baptism

Lizzie and Michael Moore bringing Stella Gray Moore

Laura and Luke Pettit bringing Levi Sinclair Pettit

* Scripture reading from Acts 19:1-12

Scott Quatro

¹While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ²and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. ⁴Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷There were about twelve men in all.

⁸Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

¹¹God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

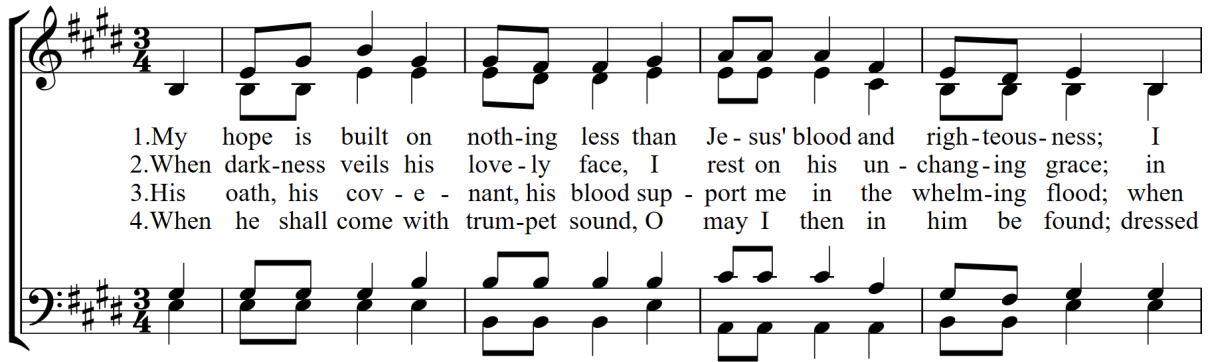
Sermon “God's Kingdom Change Meets Conflicting Public Response”
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

1. An honest openness to being taught the truth (vv. 1-7)
 - Admitting what we do not know and do not have
 - Accepting what he alone can give and accomplish
2. A stubborn unbelief in the face of sustained exposure to the truth (vv. 8-9)
 - Resisting
 - Refuting
3. A powerful advance of God's kingdom by Word proclaimed and wonders performed (vv. 1-7, 11-12)

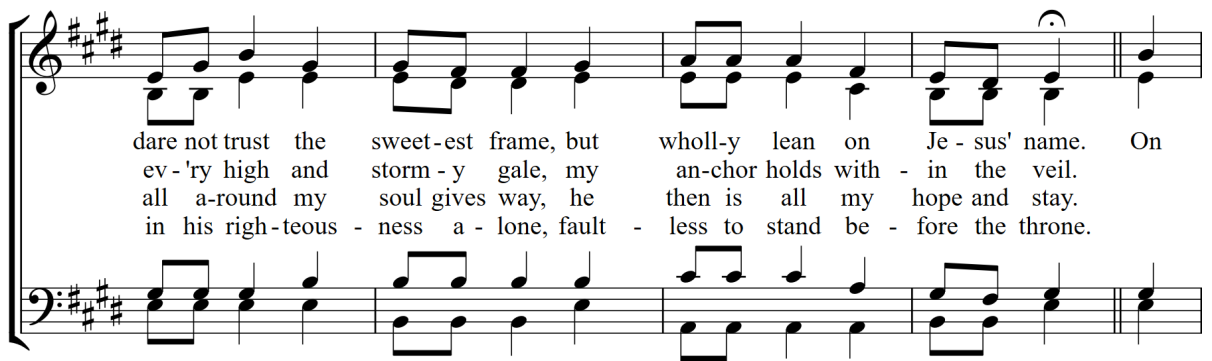
Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

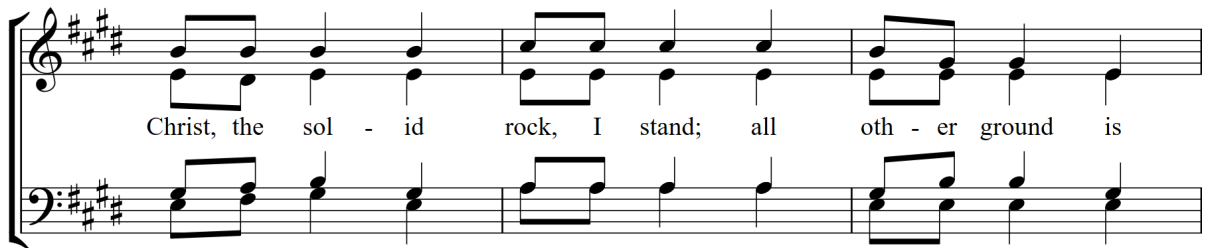
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



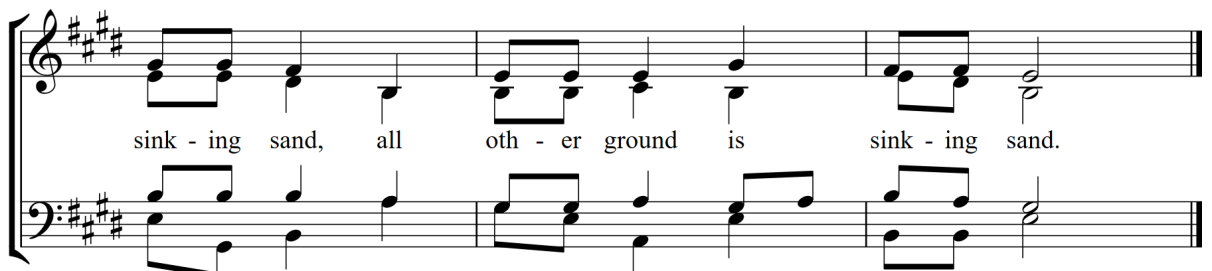
1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ-teous-ness; I
2. When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace; in
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood; when
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed



dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but wholl-y lean on Je - sus' name. On
ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my an-chor holds with - in the veil.
all a-round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
in his righ-teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

* **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:

Ismael Bartolome – violin

Kelsey Bazzel – vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Pulliam – vocalist

Kara Riley – piano

Fred Verwoerd – vocalist

Chapman Whitted – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of Stella Gray Moore at the 9:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Lizzie and Michael Moore, her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Patrick McDonald, and her great-grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinner.

Celebrating the baptism of Levi Sinclair Pettit at the 9:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Laura and Luke Pettit, his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Patrick McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pettit, and his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huffaker, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinner.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR ANNUAL BUILD-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE for the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army finishes this Friday, September 18! We will accept food donations in the porte cochere this Wednesday and Friday. 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. Please participate!

"FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN: RESOURCES FOR CONTINUED STUDY": Our redesigned sermon discussion questions begin this week and will continue to be offered each week during the school year. This new resource is designed to allow both individuals and groups to continue studying the sermon passage. There is also a new section entitled "Family Dinner Table," with questions for families to use. The new resource can be accessed on the sermon resource page by Friday afternoon of each week for the upcoming sermon.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT THIS WEEK. Our new Wednesday Night Takeout begins this Wednesday, September 16. Drive-thru pick-up will be under the porte cochere from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Register today via Realm or at lmpc.org/wednesday. Find more information on the website.

THIS FALL, ALL WOMEN OF LMPC ARE INVITED TO A "SEMESTER IN THE PSALMS." Our journey in the Psalms will be a two-part Bible study with alternating Large Group and Small Group gatherings. **Registration for Small Group Pods ends today, September 13.** Please register via Realm or at lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS are invited to join our Girls Ensemble this fall. We will be resuming rehearsals tomorrow, September 14, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. We will be focusing on a variety of worship arts such as instruments, skits, readings, and musicianship skills with limited singing. Social distancing and use of masks will be implemented. If you have any questions, please email joy@lmpc.org.

ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT? Come meet our adult discipleship team and learn what opportunities you might be interested in at LMPC. We will meet in the courtyard immediately after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services next Sunday, September 20 for a brief informational gathering. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the Reception Room. Please come and hear how you can be involved in the life of LMPC while you are in college.

ALL CHILDREN GRADES 3-5 ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US on Wednesdays beginning this Wednesday, September 16, for BAM! (Bible, Arts, and Music) from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. We will explore fun activities such as bells, rhythm instruments, hymnody, Scripture memorization, and musicianship skills. Social distancing and masks will be implemented. Please register on Realm and contact joy@lmpc.org with any questions.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY HAS BEGUN MEETING AGAIN on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Connector Building at First Presbyterian Church downtown. Please park behind the sanctuary and enter through the Connector Building door. We will pick up where we left off in "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas à Kempis. All are welcome to join us!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE? The Marriage Course is a video series that can help you do just that, and is open to members and friends of LMPC. The course will be held on seven Tuesday evenings beginning October 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Reception Room. Each couple sits at their own table and there is no sharing with others. Dessert will be provided. Interested? Just send an email to marriagecourse@lmpc.org.

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

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: YOUR INPUT NEEDED!

Postcards have been mailed to all members inviting their participation in the officer nomination process. Please visit lmpc.org/nomination-process to access the following:

- A video about officer nominations
- A step-by-step explanation of the nomination process
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- A list of those eligible to serve as officers

You may submit nominations online at lmpc.org/nominations OR call the church office at 423-821-4528 to request a paper ballot. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, September 30. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.