

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" Francis Havergal, arr. Jay Rouse

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* 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.

"Children of the Heavenly Father"



text by Carolina V. Sandell Berg, ca. 1855; traditional Swedish melody, arr. Marc Hedlin, 1976, tryggare kan ingen vara

* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Scripture reading from Acts 19:1-12 text printed in the bulletin

Hilda Jemison (9:00) David Wharton (11:00)

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

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "God's Kingdom Change Meets Conflicting Public Response" Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession

"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" (see next page for words and music)

Silent prayers of confession

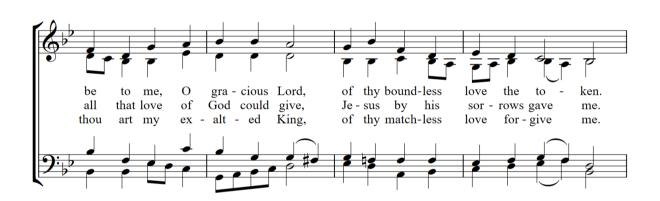
Assurance of God's pardoning grace

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.

Words of institution







Greek hymn, tr. John Brownlie, 1907; music by Johann Crüger, 1653, jesus, meine zuversicht

Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

All: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

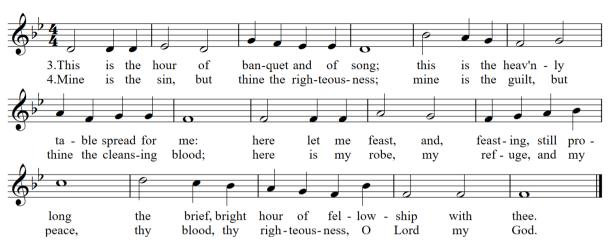
All: We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration



text by Horatius Bonar, 1855; music by Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870, MORECAMBE



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Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of response

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (please turn the page for words and music)

- * Benediction
- * Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

"Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful" *Provencal Carol, arr. Harriet Ziegenhals*

* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians for this week:

Ensemble
Joy Gibbons – director, piano

Daniel Jeong – violin **Eun-Mee Jeong** – violin



text by William and Peter Williams, 1745; music by John Hughes, 1907, CWM RHONDDA

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.

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.

Acts 19:1-12

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. ⁵There 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.

SERMON NOTES

"God's Kingdom Change Meets Conflicting Public Response" Acts~19:1-12

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)		

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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.

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 Impc.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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	sanctuary & chapel
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	Worship service with communion	
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	fellowship hall
	Adult Sunday School	

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- Gain access to our online church directory
- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

You can find more details on how to join and use Realm at lmpc.org/realm. For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at onrealm@lmpc.org.

OUR MISSION

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

CONTACT US

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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.