

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 2020 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.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 the morning services. We do have a limited capacity nursery at the 5:00 p.m. fellowship hall service for which prior registration is required.
- 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**

based on Psalm 86 and Psalm 89

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

All: We will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with our mouths we will make your faithfulness known through all generations. We will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

All: We rejoice in your name all day long for you are our glory and strength. We will sing of the LORD's great love forever.

* Hymn of praise

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith (11:00, 5:00)

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Hymn of confession*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984

Silent prayers of confession**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

*** Hymn of assurance***"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"*

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
 when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
 he who washed us with his blood (3x), has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
 here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
 "Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x), thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

text by John Newton, 1774; music by Laura Taylor, 2001

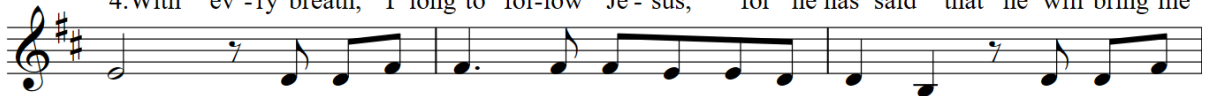
Sacrament of baptism (9:00)

Margaret and Grayson Lowery bringing Poppy Lanier Lowery

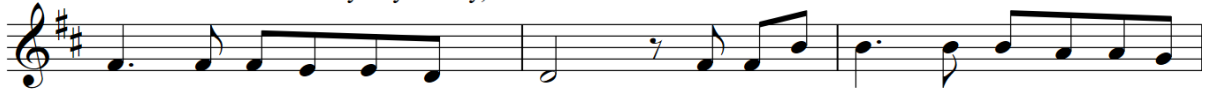
Hymn of preparation (11:00, 5:00) "Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er? There is no more for heav - en now to
 2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en, for by my side, the Sav - ior, he will
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture sure, the price it has been
 4. With ev' - ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has said that he will bring me



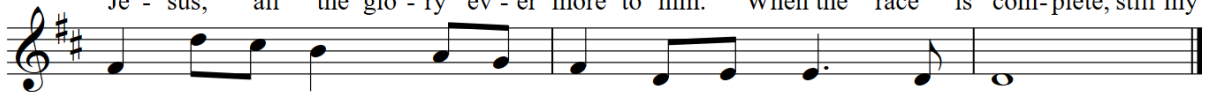
give. He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast
 stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing, for in my
 paid; for Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was
 home. And day by day, I know he will re - new me un - til I



love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly
 need his pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de -
 raised to ov - er - throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de -
 stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



Je - sus, for my life is whol - ly bound to his. O how strange and di - vine, I can
 fend me; through the deep - est val - ley he will lead. O the night has been won and I
 fea - ted; Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea. O the chains are rel - eased, I can
 Je - sus; all the glo - ry ev - er more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing, "All is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing, "I am free!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

text and music by Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson, 2018 CityAlight Music

* **Scripture reading from Acts 19:23-41**
text printed in the bulletin

Jennifer Mixon (9:00)
Kakhi Wakefield (11:00)
Chad Middlebrooks (5:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "The Reality of Spiritual Counterfeits"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*
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* **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

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Pulliam – vocalist

Charlotte Reeder – vocalist

John Reeder – piano

IN MEMORIAM

Julia Sellers Hailey

April 1, 1927 – September 21, 2020

Celebrating the baptism of Poppy Lanier Lowery at the 9:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Margaret and Grayson Lowery, her grandparents, Karen and Miller Welborn and Josie and Todd Lowery, and her great-grandparents, Peggy and Oscar Chunn, Irene Welborn, and Gloria Lowery.

The rosebud in the sanctuary is for the birth of Landon Ranger Gibson, born to Krista and Brad Gibson on September 16.

Acts 19:23-41

²³About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. ²⁴A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in no little business for the craftsmen. ²⁵He called them together, along with the workmen in related trades, and said: "Men, you know we receive a good income from this business. ²⁶And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that man-made gods are no gods at all. ²⁷There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited, and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."

²⁸When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ²⁹Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and rushed as one man into the theater. ³⁰Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him. ³¹Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.

³²The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there. ³³The Jews pushed Alexander to the front, and some of the crowd shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people. ³⁴But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ³⁵The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: "Men of Ephesus, doesn't all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? ³⁶Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you ought to be quiet and not do anything rash. ³⁷You have brought these men here, though they have neither robbed temples nor blasphemed our goddess. ³⁸If, then, Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a grievance against anybody, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. They can press charges. ³⁹If there is anything further you want to bring up, it must be settled in a legal assembly. ⁴⁰As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting because of today's events. In that case we would not be able to account for this commotion, since there is no reason for it." ⁴¹After he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

SERMON NOTES

“The Reality of Spiritual Counterfeits”

Acts 19:23-41

1. The logic of spiritual counterfeits (vv. 23-27)
 - The spiritual counterfeits **reject loss** brought on by outsiders as far too costly (protective investing).

 - Those in the Gospel Kingdom **accept loss** as a price worth paying for the glory of God *and* the good of outsiders (redemptive suffering).

2. The passion of spiritual counterfeits (vv. 28-31)
 - In self-protective fear, the spiritual counterfeits enflame the passions of many in order to stop a few enemies.

 - With Spirit-empowered faith, those in the Gospel Kingdom are able to face the threats of many with courage: they truly seek to serve and bring the Gospel to their enemies.

3. God overrules the spiritual counterfeits (vv. 32-41)
 - God is sovereign over all: he can even use the self-protective actions of his enemies to protect his people. (“Even the wrath of man shall praise you...” Psalm 76:10)

“We resemble what we revere, either for ruin or restoration.”

—Dr. Greg Beale, *We Become What We Worship: A Biblical Theology of Idolatry*

BIG IDEA: Spiritual counterfeits rage and riot, but are finally overruled by the true King.

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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED in this year's Build-A-Bag collection benefitting the Chattanooga Salvation Army. We estimate that we collected about 250 food bags which will be distributed over the next few weeks through their social services center. It was a joy to watch our community come together under unusual circumstances to perform this act of service.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE IN OFFICER NOMINATIONS! You may submit your ballot online at lmpc.org/nominations OR call the church office at 423-821-4528 to request a paper ballot. The deadline for nominations is this Wednesday, September 30. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH PLANTING EFFORTS of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery by picking up a Church Plant Prayer Guide from the fellowship hall lobby, the sanctuary narthex, or the Small Conference Room (under the map). There are currently seven church plants, five prospective planting sites, and various revitalization efforts underway in our Presbytery. For more information on our church planting efforts, please contact Stephanie Young in the Missions Office.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY "SERVICE OF LAMENT" today at 5:00 p.m. at New City Fellowship in Glenwood. This will be a time of crying out to God for his help with issues of racial unrest and other social issues challenging our nation, and to encourage us to live in the reconciliation of the cross of Christ. Please join if you are able.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! On Wednesday, October 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall we will welcome Dr. Irwyn Ince for a discussion of his recent book, *The Beautiful Community: Unity, Diversity, and the Church at Its Best*. Dr. Ince serves as a pastor at Grace DC Presbyterian Church and director of the Grace DC Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission. Registration via Realm is required. Please join us!

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

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PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

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- 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?

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
 Repeat visitor

NAME _____

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY) _____

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

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EMAIL* _____

SPOUSE CELL _____

SPOUSE EMAIL* _____

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	<i>via Zoom</i>
5:00 p.m.	Worship service	<i>fellowship hall</i>
5:00 p.m.	Elementary children activities	<i>elementary classrooms</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>fellowship hall</i>

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.