

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Isaiah 40 and Psalm 95

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

All: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall.

Leader: But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and never faint.

All: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us extol him with music and song.

* Hymn of praise

"O Worship the King"

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend! based on Psalm 104, text by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

* Prayer of adoration

Prayer of intercession for Covenant College

Leader: Sovereign Lord, we praise and thank you for Covenant College. We ask that you would continue to make it a place where all people learn and proclaim the preeminence of Jesus Christ in all things.

All: Make your presence known to staff and faculty as they navigate teaching and serving the student body through new platforms that provide challenges as well as opportunities. Grant them wisdom, patience, strength, and dependence on you in every area of their lives and work.

Leader: Make your presence known to students as they pursue all that you have called them to at this time in their lives. As they grow in relationship with you, give them assurance of your grace and favor. As they learn about each other, give them your humility and love. As they study various disciplines, give them diligence, joy, and a sense of wonder.

All: Make your presence known to those in leadership positions as they seek your will for Covenant College. Grant them clarity and wisdom as they make difficult decisions, and encourage their hearts by your Spirit. We pray these things so that all involved in Covenant's work may please the Lord in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that they may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father.

taken from Colossians 1:10-12a

* Scripture reading from Acts 20:1-12

text printed in the bulletin

Tabitha Kapic (9:00) David Paschall (11:00) Frank Hitchings (5:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Needing and Delivering Encouragement"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Hymn of confession

"Depth of Mercy"

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me? God, the Just, his wrath forbears; me, the chief of sinners spares. So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways, making clear my desp'rate need for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done. Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more. There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands, scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free. text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997

Silent prayers of confession

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Words of institution

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 life, death, resurrection, and ascension 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

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"Eternal Weight of Glory"

Now the days and hours and moments of our suff'ring seem so long; and the toilsome wait and wond'ring threaten silence to our song. Now our pain is real and pressing where our faith is thin and weak; but our hope is set on Jesus, and we cling to him, our strength. O eternal weight of glory! O inheritance divine! We will see our Lord redeeming every past and future time. All our pains will be transfigured, like the scars of Christ our Lord. We will see the weight of glory, and our broken years restored.

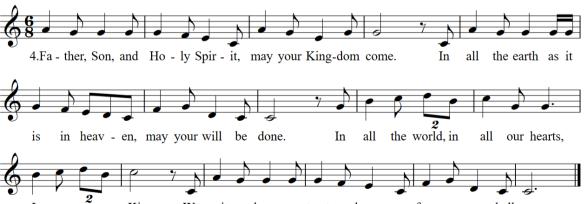
We will see our wounded Savior. We'll behold him face to face; and we'll hear our anguished stories sung as vict'ry songs of grace. For behold! I tell a myst'ry: at the trumpet sound we'll wake. "Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!" when we meet our King of Grace. Every year we thought was wasted; every night we cried "How long?" All will be a passing moment in our Savior's vict'ry song. text and music ©2015 Wendell Kimbrough

"A Hymn for All the World"

There is no place in all the world you do not call your own. Creator of all peoples, every nation, every tongue. From every corner of the earth boundless is your reign. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hear us sing your praise.

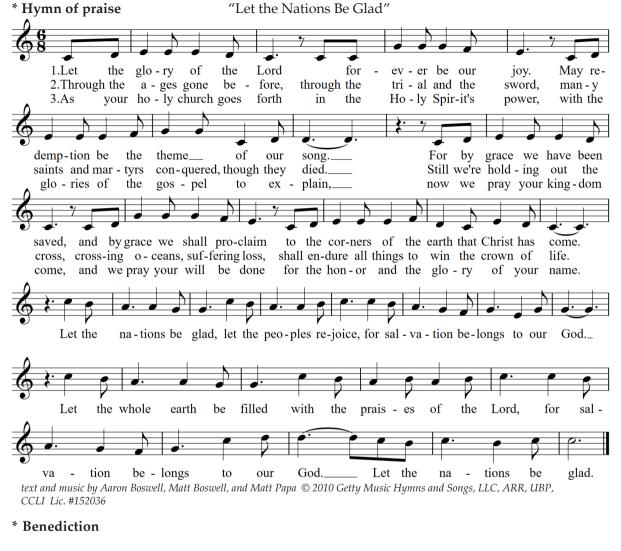
We your people call to you, asking for your help.
O God be merciful to those whose pain we've never felt.
Give them rest from worldly sorrow, bless them, Lord, with food to eat.
We ask you, Gentle Shepherd, call the ones who are your sheep.

All-seeing Lord, now look to those in city and in field, who seek to spread your fame and love, this broken world to heal. See your persecuted children, soothe their violent wounds. In their weakness be their strength that they might hope in you.



Je - sus, you are King. We wait, we hope, we trust, we know, your face we soon shall see. text and music by Josh Bales ©2008 Bryan Days Music (ASCAP) CCLI Lic. #152036

* Prayer of thanksgiving



* 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

Acts 20:1-12

¹When the uproar had ended, Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, said good-by and set out for Macedonia. ²He traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece, ³where he stayed three months.

Because the Jews made a plot against him just as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to go back through Macedonia. ⁴He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy also, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia. ⁵These men went on ahead and waited for us at Troas. ⁶But we sailed from Philippi after the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and five days later joined the others at Troas, where we stayed seven days.

⁷On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. ⁸There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. ⁹Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. ¹⁰Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" ¹¹Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. ¹²The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

Musicians for this week:

Ismael Bartolome – violin William Darby – vocalist Calvin Garriott – piano David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Ellie Henry – vocalist Maddie Lee – vocalist Hannah Lutz – viola

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Alice Marie Barham, born to Amy and Robert Erle Barham on September 24.

SERMON NOTES

"Needing and Delivering Encouragement"

Acts 20:1-12

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1.	The encouragement of Gospel truth (vv. 1-3a)
	• Hebrews 3:12-13 "See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."
2.	The encouragement of traveling companions (vv. 3b-6)
3.	The encouragement of gathered worship (vv. 7, 11)

4. The encouragement of resurrection power (vv. 7-12)

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.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, October 7. Drive-thru pick-up will be under the porte cochere from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Registration for meals via Realm is currently open through Tuesday, October 6. The cost of each meal is \$5 with a \$25 maximum for a family of 5 or more. If you need assistance with registering, please contact the church office.

WOMEN OF LMPC: REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for our next Large Group Women's Bible Study gathering this Thursday, October 8. Registration is via Realm, and more information and a schedule can be found at lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

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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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!

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 4

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sanctuary	Worship service	9:00 a.m.	
fellowship hall	Worship service with communion	9:00 a.m.	
sanctuary	Worship service	11:00 a.m.	
fellowship hall	Worship service with communion	11:00 a.m.	
via Zoom	Adult Sunday School	11:00 a.m.	
JHYB	Middle school small groups	3:30 p.m.	
fellowship hall	Worship service with communion	5:00 p.m.	
elementary classrooms	Elementary children activities	5:00 p.m.	
fellowship hall	High school youth group	7:30 p.m.	

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.