



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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 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

Prelude

"I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice"
Fanny Crosby and William H. Doane, arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

Introit

"The Invitation"

Ensemble

Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, all you who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.
text adapted from Matthew 11:28-30; music by Ethan McGrath, 2015

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

* Hymn of praise

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man, by whom all things con -
2. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to live the more a - bun - dant
3. We wor-ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King, to you our youth and

sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a - lone we
life that earth can nev - er give: O ris - en Lord! We
strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring: so fill our hearts, that

live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.
live in you: in us each day your life re - new!
all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time and features a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three verses. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics in two lines. The third system concludes the piece with lyrics in two lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

text by E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

* Prayer of adoration

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to confession

based on 1 John 1 and Romans 13

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. Dan Forrest

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

The King of love my Shepherd is, my Shepherd is the King of love;
and so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house,
within thy house, forever, within thy house, forever.

Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever, forever.
text by Henry W. Baker; Ancient Irish melody, arr. Dan Forrest

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 2

Leader: Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

All: We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life that we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

* Hymn of assurance

*"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"
(please turn the page for words and music)*

Prayer of intercession for Metanoia Prison Ministries

Leader: O Lord, your Scriptures tell us that because of your great love we are not consumed, for your compassions never fail. They are new every morning, and great is your faithfulness. We pray that your love, your compassion, and your faithfulness would renew and advance the work of Metanoia Prison Ministries.

All: We ask that you would reveal yourself to men and women in prison who do not yet know you, and draw them into a life-giving and life-changing relationship with you. May they know your unfailing love and boundless grace and put their hope in you. For those who do know you, strengthen their faith and encourage their hearts by your Spirit.

Leader: We ask that you would protect these men and women from Covid-19, and that, when they feel afraid and helpless, they would find great comfort in you. Be with all who are grieving the loss of loved ones from the pandemic, and continue to give Metanoia wisdom as they seek to minister under such complicated circumstances.

All: We ask that you would raise up believers to become part of Metanoia's correspondence ministry, and allow new relationships between your people and prisoners to grow. Grant Metanoia access where they currently have none, and provide new opportunities for connection and friendship. We thank you, Lord, for Metanoia's work produced by faith, their labor prompted by love, and their endurance inspired by hope in your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask that you would continue to establish the work of their hands. Amen.

Lamentations 3:22-23, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, Psalm 90:17

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

D A D

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;

D A D D/F#

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare: bless - ed
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free: bless - ed

G D A D D/F#

Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are; bless - ed
 Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee; bless - ed

G D D A D

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text from Hymns for the Young, attr. to Dorothy Ann Thrupp; music by William B. Bradbury, 1859, SHEPHERD

* **Scripture reading from Acts 20:22-38**
text printed in the bulletin

Neil Groothuis (9:00)
Dan Wykoff (11:00)

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

* **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.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Parting Words to Lead and Live By"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"Be Thou My Vision"

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in - her - i - tance,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys,

save that thou art, thou my best thought by day or by
thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true
now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly, first in my
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be -

night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*text from ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century, tr. by Mary E. Byrne, versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912;
traditional Irish melody, arr. David Evans, 1927, SLANE*

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”
Jamie Owens-Collins, arr. Mark Hayes

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – piano
William Darby – soloist

Ensemble
Joy Gibbons – director

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Chamberlain Shuck

September 14, 1953 – October 9, 2020

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.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS: We will be offering a new "Sunday School in a Box" unit this week for at-home Sunday School this fall. Please visit lmpc.org/children/sunday-school for more information and to register. You can sign up for drive-thru box pick-up for tomorrow, October 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. or Wednesday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, October 21. 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 20. 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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for our next Large Group Women's Bible Study gathering this Thursday, October 22. Registration is via Realm, and more information and a schedule can be found at lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

THE 20TH ANNUAL GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES will take place next Sunday, October 25. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Richard Pratt of Third Millennium Ministries and he will preach at all five services. For more information on this sermon series, please visit lmpc.org/series/george-long-preaching-series.

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

Acts 20:22-38

²²“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace. ²⁵Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

²⁸“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. ³²Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

³³“I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. ³⁷They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. ³⁸What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

SERMON NOTES

“Parting Words to Lead and Live By”

Acts 20:22-38

More unmistakable marks of Christian living:

1. Commitment to Spirit dependence and Kingdom purpose (vv. 22-27)
2. Awareness of need for God’s watchful and relational care through his church (vv. 28-32, 36-38)
3. Reputation of generosity rather than greed (vv. 33-35)

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 18

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

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.

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.