

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, 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

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 145

- Leader: Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- All: One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.
- Leader: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.
- All: They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all may know of your mighty acts. Let every creature praise your holy name for ever and ever.

* Hymn of praise "This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. *text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915*

* Prayer of adoration

Prayer of intercession for the church

- Leader: Praise be to you, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.
- All: We give thanks for all the saints, and especially those members of the church whose lives and ministries are oppressed for the sake of the Gospel. We ask of you, great Father, to bless today our brothers and sisters of the persecuted church.
- Leader: Thank you for the humbling example of their bold witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May they be strengthened in their faith and assured of your active presence in their lives and our world.
- All: As we prepare for the upcoming national election, remind us that you are sovereign over all things, and we are your people. As part of your church, let us demonstrate to a polarized, angry, scared, unstable world, that we know our only comfort in life and in death is that we are not our own, but belong body and soul to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
- Leader: Help us all to see and celebrate the great unity in Christ to which all believers are called, and may opportunities abound to share with others your great love found at the cross and in the empty tomb.
- All: May the church, here and around the world, be refreshed through your Word and strengthened through these prayers as we all grow in the knowledge of Christ. Amen.

Hymn of thanksgiving

"For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Allelu

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Allelu

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Allelu

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! *text by William How, 1864; music by Christopher Miner, 1997*

* Scripture reading from Acts 21:1-16

text printed in the bulletin

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Moving Towards Suffering" Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Melanie Ray (9:00) Jeanie Dassow (11:00) James Stevens (5:00) Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. *text by Isaac Watts*, 1707; *music from traditional English melody*, *O WALY WALY*

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-9

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

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 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

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"Sing to Jesus"

Come and see, look on this mystery—Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree. Christ our God, spilling his holy blood, bowing in anguish his sacred head. Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame; Lord of our sinful hearts, he is our great Redeemer. Sing to Jesus, honor his name; sing of his faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death.

Come you weary and he will give you rest; come you who mourn, lay on his breast. Christ who died, risen in paradise; giver of mercy, giver of life. Sing to Jesus, his is the throne now and forever; he is the King of Heaven. Sing to Jesus, we are his own;

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"Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us; and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth. As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King. *text and music by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend* © 2007 *Thankyou Music ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.*#152036

* Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of praise "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the flood; upheld, protected, gathered up.

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion.We will sing with our hearts restored."He has done great things," we will say together.We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid. For the promised morning, O how long? O God of Jacob be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one. And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. *Refrain text and music by Joshua Moore and Sandra McCracken* © 2015 *Drink Your Tea Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.*# 152036

* 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:

Joel Christie – vocalist David Henry – guitar, vocalist Ellie Henry – vocalist Jonah Hitchcock – cello Maddie Lee – piano Hannah Lutz – viola Sam Miller – violin Jennifer Mixon – vocalist John Reeder – piano

Acts 21:1-16

¹After we had torn ourselves away from them, we put out to sea and sailed straight to Cos. The next day we went to Rhodes and from there to Patara. ²We found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, went on board and set sail. ³After sighting Cyprus and passing to the south of it, we sailed on to Syria. We landed at Tyre, where our ship was to unload its cargo. ⁴Finding the disciples there, we stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.

⁵But when our time was up, we left and continued on our way. All the disciples and their wives and children accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray. ⁶After saying good-by to each other, we went aboard the ship, and they returned home. ⁷We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for a day. ⁸Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. ⁹He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

¹⁰After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'" ¹²When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.

¹³Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."

¹⁵After this, we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶Some of the disciples from Caesarea accompanied us and brought us to the home of Mnason, where we were to stay. He was a man from Cyprus and one of the early disciples.

SERMON NOTES

"Moving Towards Suffering" Acts 21:1-16

As followers of Jesus, moving towards suffering, we need:

1. generous support from God's people. (vv. 1-4a, 5-9, 15-16)

2. wise discernment among God's people. (vv. 4b, 10-12)

3. Christ-like courage before God's people. (vv. 13-14)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WAIT FOR THE USHERS to excuse you row by row after the service.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, November 4. 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, November 3. 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.

OUR ANNUAL FALL WORK DAY to remove fallen leaves, weed landscape beds, and do general outdoor cleanup will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All ages are welcome, with parents requested to supervise your own children. Water will be provided. If you are able, please bring leaf blowers, rakes, clippers, tarps, other yard tools, and gloves.

LAUNCH SUNDAY FOR THE 2021 BUDGET will be on Sunday, November 15. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2021. Members and regular attenders will receive more specific information about the 2021 budget in the mail soon. You can find more details at lmpc.org/budget-details-2021. This year, you can submit your giving plans in three different ways:

- under the "Giving" tab on your Realm profile
- online at lmpc.org/pledge-2021
- completing a giving plan card and placing it in an offering plate or submitting it to the church office

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Centuries ago, believers developed what is now known as the "Church Calendar Year." It was designed to assist both unlearned and illiterate believers in mastering the truths of the Kingdom of God by causing them to "walk through" the events of redemptive history. All Saints' Day, November 1, was chosen to call all believers to remember the faithful saints who had already finished their race and gone home to heaven. On All Saints' Sunday we join the historic practice and recall the lives of our members who have gone on to glory in the past year.

Jeannine Allen — May 25, 2020 Dick Fowler — December 24, 2019 Julie Hailey — September 21, 2020 Esther Hamm — April 5, 2020 David Moore — October 2, 2020 Jeanne Salyer — November 21, 2019 Michael Shuck — October 9, 2020 Linda Wagner — December 26, 2019 Martha Webb — November 9, 2019

MEMBERS & VISITORS -PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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I WOULD LIKE TO:

- □ Speak to a pastor
- □ Speak to someone in the church office
- □ Receive email from LMPC

EMAIL

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- □ Serving at LMPC
- □ 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? \Box Yes \Box 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

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NAME

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 1

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	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 with communion	fellowship hall
5:00 p.m.	Elementary children activities	elementary classrooms
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	fellowship hall

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

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
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You can find more details about how to join and use Realm at lmpc.org/realm. For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at caitlyn@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.

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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.