



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 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

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**Prelude**

*"Give Me Jesus"  
arr. Mark Patterson*

**Welcome and announcements**

Brian Salter, lead pastor

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 107

**Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

**All:** Let us give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds. Let us exalt him in the assembly of the people. Let the wise heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD.

\* Hymn of praise

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor; in grate - ful de -  
2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you; through life's storm and  
3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer, to you, great Je -

vo - tion our tri - bute we bring. We lay it be - fore you, we kneel\_\_ and a -  
tem - pest our Guide you have been. When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape\_\_ you will  
ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us, our God\_\_ is be -

dore you; we bless your ho - ly name,\_\_ glad prais - es we sing.  
make us, and with your help, O Lord,\_\_ our bat - tles we win.  
side us; to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

*text by Julia Cady Cory, 1902; music from Adrianus Valerius's Nederlantsch Gedenckclank, 1626,  
arr. Edward Kremser, KREMSEK*

\* **Prayer of adoration**

\* **Affirmation of faith**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\* **Scripture reading from Acts 21:17-26**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Hilda Jemison (9:00)

Paul Phillips (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**

*"When Following Christ Gets Complicated"*

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**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

*"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"  
(please turn the page for words and music)*

#### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Hebrews 10

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stood and performed his religious duties; again and again he offered the same sacrifices, which could never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

#### 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.**

*adopted from The Worship Sourcebook*

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

1. There\_ is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins; and\_  
2. The\_ dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that\_ foun - tain in\_ his\_ day; and\_  
3. Dear\_ dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose\_ its\_ pow'r, till\_

sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose\_ all their guilt - y stains: lose\_  
there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way: washed  
all the ran - sored church of God be\_\_ saved to sin no more: be\_\_

all their guilt - y stains, \_\_\_\_\_ lose all their guilt - y \_\_\_\_\_ stains; and\_  
all my sins a - way, \_\_\_\_\_ washed all my sins \_\_\_\_\_ a - way; and\_  
saved to sin no more, \_\_\_\_\_ be saved to sin \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ more; till\_

sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose\_ all their guilt - y stains.  
there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.  
all the ran - sored church of God be\_\_ saved to sin no more.

## Prayer of consecration

### For the bread

“Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

1. Shep-herd of souls, re - fresh and bless your cho - sen pil - grim flock  
2. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by that Word of grace,  
3. Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;

with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.  
Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.

*text by anon. and James Montgomery, 1825; music by John B. Dykes, 1866, ST. AGNES*

### For the cup

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”  
*(please turn the page for words and music)*

## Prayer of thanksgiving

### \* Hymn of response

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”  
*(please turn the page for words and music)*

### \* Benediction

### \* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

### \* Postlude

“Here I Am, Lord”  
*arr. Mark Hayes*

### \* Congregation standing as you are able

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would gra - cious be;  
2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would truth - ful be;  
3. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would might - y be;  
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would ho - ly be;

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment is in a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine re - veal;  
and with wis - dom kind and clear let thy life in mine ap - pear;  
might - y so as to pre - vail where un - aid - ed man must fail;  
sep - a - rate from sin, I would choose and cher - ish all things good,

The second system of music continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

and with ac - tions bold and meek would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.  
and with ac - tions broth - er - ly speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.  
ev - er by a might - y hope press - ing on and bear - ing up.  
and what - ev - er I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

The third system of music concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.



"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic-tor-ious King, who has washed us  
 2. Where the pas-chal blood is poured, death's dark an-gel sheathes his sword; Is-rael's hosts tri-  
 3. Might-y vic-tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be-neath thee lie; death is con-quired

in the tide flow-ing from his pierc-ed side; praise we him whose love di-vine  
 um-phant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
 in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: hymns of glo-ry and of praise,

gives his sa-cred blood for wine, gives his bod-y for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.  
 pas-chal vic-tim, pas-chal bread; with sin-cer-i-ty and love eat we man-na from a-bove.  
 ris-en Lord, to thee we raise; ho-ly Fa-ther, praise to thee, with the Spir-it, ev-er be.

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Ensemble**

**Joy Gibbons** – director, piano

**Celebrating the baptism** of Alice Elizabeth Holm at the 9:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Mary Clare and Seth Holm, and her grandparents, Clare and Jonathan Kent.

## 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 11. 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 10. 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 this 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 next Sunday, November 15. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2021. Members and regular attenders should have received information in the mail this past week, and you can find more details at [lmpc.org/budget-details-2021](https://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](https://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](https://lmpc.org/news)*

### GIVING UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2020

**Annual Budget:**.....\$5,071,750

**2020 Giving YTD:**.....3,602,704

**Remaining Gifts Needed:**.....1,468,996

**Outstanding Pledge Balance:**.....999,714

**Unpledged Giving Needed:**.....469,282

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. You are welcome to continue giving online, by mailing a check, or through your bank bill pay application. There are also offering plates available as you exit the worship services today. [lmpc.org/give](https://lmpc.org/give).

## Acts 21:17-26

<sup>17</sup>When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers received us warmly. <sup>18</sup>The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. <sup>19</sup>Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. <sup>20</sup>When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law. <sup>21</sup>They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs. <sup>22</sup>What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come,

<sup>23</sup>"so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. <sup>24</sup>Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everybody will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law. <sup>25</sup>As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality." <sup>26</sup>The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

## SERMON NOTES

“When Following Christ Gets Complicated”

*Acts 21:17-26*

Following Christ gets complicated when:

1. a joyful reception is followed by a concerning rumor. (vv. 17-22)

**Application:** Godly wisdom and humility are necessary to walk in God-honoring ways in the face of being misrepresented.

2. a loving accommodation is necessary for the sake of Gospel unity. (vv. 23-26)

**Application:** A heart devoted to the Gospel will gladly take the low place for the sake of unity in the church.

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## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, November 8*

9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary
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11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship service .....	fellowship hall
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 .....	JHYB

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

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://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](http://lmpc.org/realm). For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at [caitlyn@lmpc.org](mailto: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.

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.