



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 24, 2021 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.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 do not have a nursery available in the morning services at this time.
- 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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**Welcome and announcements**

David Caines, ruling elder

**\* Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 138

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart.

**All: I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

Leader: When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted.

**All: May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
*text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**\* Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**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**

Luke 18:9-14

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

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

*text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000*

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 2:10, 13-14

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

### \* Hymn of assurance

“His Mercy Is More”

*(see the following page for words and music)*

### \* Scripture reading from Acts 23:12-35

*text printed in the bulletin*

Jennifer Mixon (9:00)

Natalie Jackson (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

### Sermon

“When Plans and Providence Collide”

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

### Pastoral prayer

"His Mercy Is More"



\* **Hymn of response**

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

*text by John Keith, 1787; traditional American melody*

\* **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*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Ismael Bartolome** – violin  
**Genna Christie** – vocalist  
**Joel Christie** – vocalist  
**Charley Crichton** – bass

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**John Reeder** – piano  
**Rebekah Risley** – vocalist

## NATIONAL SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

**TODAY WE RECOGNIZE** National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and call for prayer for the unborn, their precious mothers and fathers, and the families around them. Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church is a community which seeks to embrace God's timeless concern for the most marginalized persons in every age and culture. It is in privileged participation with Jesus' followers who have acted throughout history that we speak for and stand with those who have little or no voice today. We stand with them by voicing their petitions before the throne of God. We also stand with them through partnering with city-wide ministries such as Choices Pregnancy Resource Center, Bethany Christian Services, and Lookout for Orphans. We maintain that there is grace and forgiveness in Jesus for those who have had abortions, and we long to love and serve those who have made this choice or have been impacted by it in any way. Let us unite in prayer together for all who have been affected by abortion, for the ministries that we support in our city, and for God's grace to help us be their humble friends and servants.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**WE WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT** on Wednesday, February 3. Registration will open this Thursday, January 28, via Realm. The cost is \$5 per meal and pick-up will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m. under the porte-cochere. You may pay by cash, check, or Venmo (@LktMtnPC) when you pick up your meal. If you have problems registering, please contact the church office.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL OFFER A 2021 COMMUNICANT CLASS** for any youth (grades 6-12) who are interested in joining LMPC. Please mark your calendars for February 19-21 (Friday night, Saturday morning, and one hour on Sunday morning). For more information and to sign up, email Margaret Compton at [margaret@lmpc.org](mailto:margaret@lmpc.org) with the student's name, grade, and age.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## Acts 23:12-35

<sup>12</sup>The next morning the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. <sup>13</sup>More than forty men were involved in this plot. <sup>14</sup>They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have taken a solemn oath not to eat anything until we have killed Paul. <sup>15</sup>Now then, you and the Sanhedrin petition the commander to bring him before you on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about his case. We are ready to kill him before he gets here."

<sup>16</sup>But when the son of Paul's sister heard of this plot, he went into the barracks and told Paul.

<sup>17</sup>Then Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the commander; he has something to tell him." <sup>18</sup>So he took him to the commander. The centurion said, "Paul, the prisoner, sent for me and asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to tell you." <sup>19</sup>The commander took the young man by the hand, drew him aside and asked, "What is it you want to tell me?" <sup>20</sup>He said: "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul before the Sanhedrin tomorrow on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about him. <sup>21</sup>Don't give in to them, because more than forty of them are waiting in ambush for him. They have taken an oath not to eat or drink until they have killed him. They are ready now, waiting for your consent to their request." <sup>22</sup>The commander dismissed the young man and cautioned him, "Don't tell anyone that you have reported this to me." <sup>23</sup>Then he called two of his centurions and ordered them, "Get ready a detachment of two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at nine tonight. <sup>24</sup>Provide mounts for Paul so that he may be taken safely to Governor Felix."

<sup>25</sup>He wrote a letter as follows: <sup>26</sup>Claudius Lysias, To His Excellency, Governor Felix: Greetings.

<sup>27</sup>This man was seized by the Jews and they were about to kill him, but I came with my troops and rescued him, for I had learned that he is a Roman citizen. <sup>28</sup>I wanted to know why they were accusing him, so I brought him to their Sanhedrin. <sup>29</sup>I found that the accusation had to do with questions about their law, but there was no charge against him that deserved death or imprisonment. <sup>30</sup>When I was informed of a plot to be carried out against the man, I sent him to you at once. I also ordered his accusers to present to you their case against him.

<sup>31</sup>So the soldiers, carrying out their orders, took Paul with them during the night and brought him as far as Antipatris. <sup>32</sup>The next day they let the cavalry go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. <sup>33</sup>When the cavalry arrived in Caesarea, they delivered the letter to the governor and handed Paul over to him. <sup>34</sup>The governor read the letter and asked what province he was from. Learning that he was from Cilicia, <sup>35</sup>he said, "I will hear your case when your accusers get here." Then he ordered that Paul be kept under guard in Herod's palace.





## **2020 YEAR-END GIVING REPORT**

Praise God for his abundant provision through his people at LMPC. While giving of \$4.966 million was under budget by approximately \$106,000, we had more than adequate funds to meet the operational and ministry needs of the church in 2020. Giving in 2020 was approximately 1.9% above 2019 and giving to LMPC-supported missionaries and ministries was approximately \$1.617 million. Thank you for your generous gifts toward the work of the Kingdom at LMPC.

## MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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NAME

I WOULD LIKE TO:

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

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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

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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:

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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

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, January 24*

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	<i>via Zoom</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>fellowship hall</i>

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
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- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

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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.*

### CONTACT US

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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.