



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 7, 2021 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:00 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 have a limited capacity nursery available this morning, as well as a Sunday school class for Pre-K/K children. 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

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 27 and Psalm 89

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

All: **Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.**

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

All: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

*** Hymn of praise**

"Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

Leader: What is the message of the Gospel?

All: This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and he was buried. He was raised on the third day and appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.
based on I Corinthians 15:1-6; Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28

Hymn of preparation "Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me"
(please see following page for words and music)

* **Scripture reading from Acts 24:1-27**
text printed in the bulletin

Pat Lindley (9:00)
Merrile Stroud (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

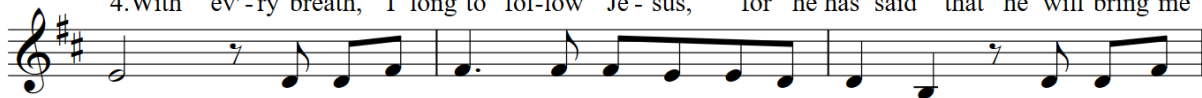
Sermon "The Apostle and the Gospel Are on Trial Again!"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

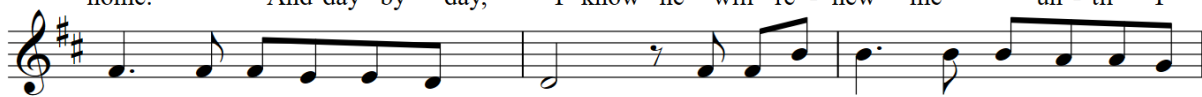
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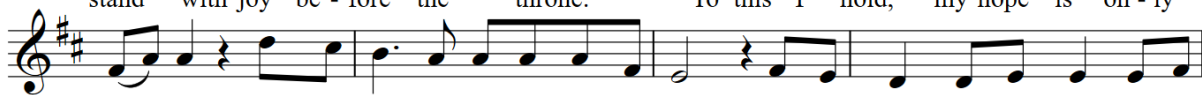
1. What gift of grace is Je-sus my re-deem-er? There is no more for heav-en now to
2. The night is dark but I am not for-sak-en, for by my side, the Sav-ior, he will
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv-en, the fu-ture sure, the price it has been
4. With ev'-ry breath, I long to fol-low Je-sus, for he has said that he will bring me



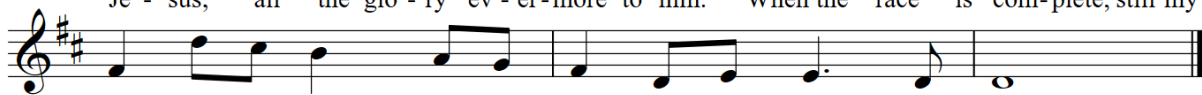
give. He is my joy, my righ-teous-ness and free-dom, my stead-fast
stay. I la-bor on in weak-ness and re-joic-ing, for in my
paid; for Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my par-don, and he was
home. And day by day, I know he will re-new me un-til I



love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on-ly
need his pow-er is dis-played. To this I hold, my Shep-herd will de-
raised to ov-er-throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de-
stand with joy be-fore the throne. To this I hold, my hope is on-ly



Je-sus, for my life is whol-ly bound to his. O how strange and di-vine, I can
fend me; through the deep-est val-ley he will lead. O the night has been won and I
fea-ted; Je-sus now and ev-er is my plea. O the chains are re-leased, I can
Je-sus; all the glo-ry ev-er-more to him. When the race is com-plete, still my



sing, "All is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shall ov-er-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
sing, "I am free!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lips shall re-peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

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

"Jesus Paid It All"

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*
text by Elvina M. Hal, 1865; music by DH, 2012

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can 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.

continued

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

"Come All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown,
of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in thy beloved Son.

Refrain: Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Savior's bounty taste;
behold a never-failing store for every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine, dear source of every good;
Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood! *Refrain*

Here shall your numerous wants receive a free, a full supply;
he has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die. *Refrain*
text by Anne Steele, 1716-1778; music by Brian T. Murphy, 2010

"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.

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* **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*

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* **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:

Abi Davis – clarinet
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Jonah Hitchcock – cello
Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola
Hallie Blair Quatro – vocalist
Fred Verwoerd – vocalist

Acts 24:1-27

¹Five days later the high priest Ananias went down to Caesarea with some of the elders and a lawyer named Tertullus, and they brought their charges against Paul before the governor. ²When Paul was called in, Tertullus presented his case before Felix: "We have enjoyed a long period of peace under you, and your foresight has brought about reforms in this nation. ³Everywhere and in every way, most excellent Felix, we acknowledge this with profound gratitude. ⁴But in order not to weary you further, I would request that you be kind enough to hear us briefly. ⁵We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect ⁶and even tried to desecrate the temple; so we seized him. ⁸By examining him yourself you will be able to learn the truth about all these charges we are bringing against him." ⁹The Jews joined in the accusation, asserting that these things were true.

¹⁰When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: "I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense. ¹¹You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. ¹²My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. ¹³And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. ¹⁴However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, ¹⁵and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. ¹⁶So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man. ¹⁷After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. ¹⁸I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. ¹⁹But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. ²⁰Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin— ²¹unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"

²²Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. "When Lysias the commander comes," he said, "I will decide your case." ²³He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs. ²⁴Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁵As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, "That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you." ²⁶At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him. ²⁷When two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison.

SERMON NOTES

“The Apostle and the Gospel Are on Trial Again!”

Acts 24:1-27

1. The Prosecution — BEWARE of pretty words and partial truths, masking unfounded accusations that aggressively oppose the Gospel. (vv. 1-9)

2. The Defense — BE AWARE that the resurrection and faith in Christ Jesus are always at the heart of the case for grace. (vv. 10-21)

3. The Outcome — BEWARE of flirting with faith for personal gain rather than fixing our faith on Christ for true allegiance. (vv. 22-27)
 - “He sent for him frequently and talked with him.” (v. 26)

 - “At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe.”(v. 26)

 - “Felix was afraid.” (v. 25)

 - “When I find it convenient...” (v. 25)

 - “When two years had passed...he left Paul in prison.” (v. 27)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OUR REGULAR SERMON RESOURCE ("Further up, Further in: Resources for Continued Study") will not be available this week. Our adult discipleship team is emailing small group leaders with some suggested general questions, and you are welcome to email info@lmpc.org if you would like to receive a copy of those.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, February 10. Registration is now open 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 WILL OFFER A 2021 COMMUNICANT CLASS for any youth (grades 6-12) who are interested in joining LMPC, February 19-21. For more information and to sign up, email Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org with the student's name, grade, and age.

WE WILL BE HOLDING AN IN-PERSON WOMEN'S "MINI-RETREAT" on Saturday, February 27. The topic will be "Refresh: A Morning on Grief and Hope" and our speakers will be Caroline Scruggs and Julia Friedman. The cost is \$20 which includes a take-home lunch, and registration opens today. You can find more information at lmpc.org/women.

WHILE WE ARE NOT HOSTING A DIVORCE CARE GROUP AT LMPC this spring, we are recommending an online group that begins February 18. Divorce Care is a divorce recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. If you have questions or would like more information on how to access this group, please contact Leon Sulser at leonsulser@gmail.com or Rodney Miller at rodney.miller@covenant.edu.

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

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EMAIL

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- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
 - men's
 - women's
- Prayer opportunities

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**PRAYER REQUESTS &
COMMENTS**

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:

PHONE **DAY** **EVENING**

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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, February 7

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary</i>
9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	<i>fellowship hall</i>
9:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K	<i>elementary area</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	<i>fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K	<i>elementary area</i>
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	<i>via Zoom</i>

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.