



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 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.

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* **Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* **Scripture reading from Acts 27:27-44**

text printed in the bulletin

Carter Helm (9:00)
Barbara Wingard (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Help and Hope in the Shipwreck"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

taken from Romans 5 and Hebrews 12

Leader: At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

All: **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

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

"Eternal Weight of Glory"

Now the days and hours and moments of our suff'ring seem so long;
and the toilsome wait and wond'ring threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing where our faith is thin and weak;
but our hope is set on Jesus, and we cling to him, our strength.

O eternal weight of glory! O inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured, like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory, and our broken years restored.

We will see our wounded Savior. We'll behold him face to face;
and we'll hear our anguished stories sung as vict'ry songs of grace.
For behold! I tell a myst'ry: at the trumpet sound we'll wake.
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!" when we meet our King of Grace.
Every year we thought was wasted; every night we cried, "How long?"
All will be a passing moment in our Savior's vict'ry song.

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"There Is a Higher Throne"

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

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Musicians for this week:

William Darby – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Maddie Lee – piano

Erika Lines – vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Ella Katherine Smisson, born to Bethany and Matthew Smisson on March 1.

Acts 27:27-44

²⁷On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. ²⁸They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. ²⁹Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. ³⁰In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. ³¹Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved." ³²So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it fall away.

³³Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. "For the last fourteen days," he said, "you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven't eaten anything. ³⁴Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head." ³⁵After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷Altogether there were 276 of us on board. ³⁸When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

³⁹When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. ⁴⁰Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. ⁴¹But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf. ⁴²The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. ⁴³But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴The rest were to get there on planks or on pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land in safety.

SERMON NOTES

“Help and Hope in the Shipwreck”

Acts 27:27-44

When we are stuck, broken, and wrecked with all hope lost, we have and need Christlike help that:

1. protects us from foolishness. (vv. 27-32)
2. provides us with nourishment. (vv. 33-38)
3. points us toward selfless, trustworthy love. (vv. 39-44)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE NO LONGER DISMISSING BY ROWS at the end of the service. Your assistance in making it possible for those who wish to exit quickly or maintain social distancing is greatly appreciated. When weather permits, please enjoy visiting outside rather than remaining in the building.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, March 10. Registration is now open via Realm. The cost is \$5 per meal and pick-up will be from 5:30 to 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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/easter-flowers to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is Monday, March 22.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE will take place April 16-18, 2021. Join us as we explore the topic of "Powering Missions Through Prayer." We will have several events during the weekend for which pre-registration will be required. Please make plans to attend this special weekend in the life of our church!

OUR CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER GROUP continues to meet by Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The purpose of the group is to provide inspiration, information, and intercession to caregivers. This group is for those who are caring for a loved one or are having to make decisions about care. You may contact Ed Salter for more information at edwardsalter815@gmail.com.

COMING SOON! WE WILL BE OFFERING IN-PERSON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 14-17, 2021. All children who will have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join the fun as we learn what it means to "...press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14) Volunteer information will be available soon, and registration for children will be open in late April.

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

MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

NAME

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?

Yes 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
 Repeat visitor

NAME _____

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY) _____

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL _____

EMAIL* _____

SPOUSE CELL _____

SPOUSE EMAIL* _____

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 7

9:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	fellowship hall
9:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K	elementary area
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K	elementary area
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	via Zoom
3:15 p.m.	Elementary communicant class	elementary area
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
- Register easily for popular events
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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.