



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 25, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



\* Hymn of praise

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee, though the eye of  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;  
praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
there is none be - side thee per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

\* **Prayer of adoration**

**Call to confession**

taken from Isaiah 30

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.”

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Choral prayer**

“Search Me, O God”

Ensemble

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is evil in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
And where shall I go from your presence?  
If I ascend up to heav’n, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there.  
If I rise on wings of the morning and dwell in lands across the sea,  
even there will your hand uphold me;  
and there will your right hand sustain me.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is evil in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.  
*based on Psalm 139; music by K. Lee Scott*

**Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

based on Romans 8:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Leader:** Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set us free from the law of sin and death.

**All:** **If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Thanks be to God!**

\* Hymn of assurance

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1.O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise, the  
2.Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis  
3.He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free; his  
4.Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loos-en'd tongues em - ploy; ye

glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.  
blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

*text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, AZMON*

\* Scripture reading from Genesis 25:19-34

*text printed in the bulletin*

Denny Wise (9:30)

Will Jackson (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

\* 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.**

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon**

“God's Sovereign Grace: Surprising and Stunning”

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

1.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made; your might - y word was  
 2.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man; no pow'rs of death or  
 3.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain, trans - mut - ing earth - ly  
 4.O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now, but soon be - fore your

spo - ken and light and life o - beyed. Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and  
 dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan. All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su -  
 sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain. All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as  
 tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow. With this glad hope be - fore us our

bounds the o - cean's shore, sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.  
 preme in time and space, you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.  
 none but Con - qu'ror could, your love pur - sues its pur - pose: our souls' e - ter - nal good.  
 faith springs up a - new: our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

text by Margaret Clarkson, 1982; music by Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615, ST. THEODULPH

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**Congregational meeting**

\* **Postlude**

*Allegretto from Six Voluntaries for Organ  
Robert J. Powell*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Ensemble**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**NEW SERMON SERIES: THE GOSPEL IN THE LIFE OF JACOB**

Have you ever asked yourself, “How can God use me?” Maybe you are bone-weary after months of virtual schooling and social distancing. Maybe you are heart-broken. Perhaps your faith is flickering so faintly that you wonder whether it has, in fact, burned out. Or maybe you compare yourself to those you believe to be more like Jesus—more loving, more compassionate, more steeped in Scripture—and think that God probably prefers those who are not struggling.

For the feeble and trembling, the story of Jacob is a warm fire to gather around. It makes rubbish the idea that God only seeks out wise, good, and accomplished people to be his followers and to do his work. In the second half of Genesis, we are offered an unflinching look at an imperfect man. If every family is to some extent or another dysfunctional, the dysfunction in Jacob’s family grew like unchecked cancer. And yet—and yet!—Jacob was chosen. His appalling failures did not cut him off from the never-ceasing flow of God’s grace. The Gospel was and is the best news for sinners.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and are from the marriage celebration of Elizabeth Grace (Riddle) and Andrew Douglas. They are also given in loving memory of Linda Wagner, grandmother of Elizabeth Grace. Parents are Melanie and Rob Riddle and Karen and Steven Douglas.

## Genesis 25:19-34

<sup>19</sup>This is the account of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

<sup>22</sup>The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." <sup>24</sup>When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. <sup>27</sup>The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished.

<sup>30</sup>He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) <sup>31</sup>Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup>"Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR: WIL NETTLETON

After much prayer and a 2+ year search interrupted for several months by the pandemic, the Session has issued a call to the Reverend Wil Nettleton to join our pastoral team. In addition to regular pastoral duties, Wil will be overseeing outreach at LMPC - including world, home, and mountain missions. Wil was approved for transfer by the Tennessee Valley Presbytery on April 17, 2021, and he and his wife, Mary, and their two children, Cooper and Story, hope to move here in June 2021. They will most likely need temporary housing when they first arrive. Please email [frank@lmpc.org](mailto:frank@lmpc.org) if you have something to offer.





## SERMON NOTES

“God’s Sovereign Grace: Surprising and Stunning”

*Genesis 25:19-34*

God reveals his grace in:

1. The pregnancy (vv. 19-21)

- God’s gracious promises are received by faith in the midst of uncertain circumstances.

2. The birthright (vv. 22-28)

- God’s gracious choice is not based on our position, power, or pedigree.

3. The brothers (vv. 29-34)

- God’s gracious provision is often doubted by us leading to reckless and cunning self-reliance.

## EXCITING NEWS ABOUT CHANGES ON SUNDAYS BEGINNING MAY 2

Beginning on May 2, we will have one service hour—**11:00 a.m. in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall**—where masks, social distancing, and registration will no longer be required. Also, beginning May 2, we will be adding children's Sunday school classes for 1st through 5th grades at both hours for the month of May.

### Worship services:

- 9:30 a.m. in fellowship hall and sanctuary – Continuation of current protocols with masks, social distancing of 3 ft., and registration required.
- 11:00 a.m. in fellowship hall and sanctuary – Masks optional, and no social distancing or registration required.
- 9:30 a.m. in chapel – Social distancing of 6 ft., masks, and registration required.
- 11:00 a.m. in chapel – Masks optional, no social distancing or registration required.
- We will continue to offer a livestream of our 9:30 a.m. service at [lmpc.org/live](https://lmpc.org/live) and on our Facebook page.

### Nursery and Children's Sunday School:

- 9:30 a.m. Nursery – Registration and masks required.
- 11:00 a.m. Nursery – **FIRST SUNDAY ONLY:** Please register your child for nursery so that our children's staff can make adequate preparations. Masks optional and after the first Sunday, no registration required.
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School (pre-K through 5th grade) – Masks required. Registration required **FIRST SUNDAY ONLY.**
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (pre-K through 5th grade) – Masks optional. Registration required **FIRST SUNDAY ONLY.**

These changes were approved by the Session based on the recommendations of our Covid Task Force. Please continue to follow CDC recommendations regarding remaining at home when exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19 or following a known exposure to someone who is sick. As always, our task force will continue to monitor conditions in Hamilton County and re-assess our protocols whenever necessary.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS** will take place in each worship service today. You can find more information about the nominees by picking up a brochure from the fellowship hall lobby or sanctuary narthex, or online at [lmpc.org/officers](http://lmpc.org/officers).

**JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT** this Wednesday, April 28. 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.

**WOMEN OF LMPC: YOU ARE INVITED TO GATHER** together for a day of outdoor recreation and fellowship next Saturday, May 1. We will offer groups for hiking, walking, and coffee at both 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.. You may register via Realm for your preferred activity and time slot. Please join us!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR "SACRIFICE OF PRAISE,"** a concert of Scripture and song which will take place next Sunday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert will begin with a prelude at 5:45 p.m., and nursery will be provided. A livestream will be available at [lmpc.org](http://lmpc.org).

**OUR LONG OVERDUE MEN'S STEAK NIGHT** will take place on Thursday, May 13. After a long and challenging year, we need this opportunity to be with other guys to enjoy fellowship and eat meat. We will gather in groups of 10 and you are welcome to invite your friends. Please send an email by Wednesday, May 5 to [mountainmen@lmpc.org](mailto:mountainmen@lmpc.org) to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you. If you would like to be a host, please email us at [mountainmen@lmpc.org](mailto:mountainmen@lmpc.org).

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, April 25*

9:30 a.m.	Worship service .....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K .....	elementary area
11:00 a.m.	Worship service .....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K .....	elementary area
11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School .....	via Zoom

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

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

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.