



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 16, 2021 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 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 nursery available this morning, as well as Sunday school classes for Pre-K/K - 5th grade.
- Children's worship 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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 97

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

All: **For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.**

*** Hymn of praise**

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

taken from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Hymn of confession

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.
text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

* Hymn of assurance "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Officer ordination and installation

* Scripture reading from Genesis 27:1-29

text printed in the bulletin

Melanie Ray (9:30)
David Paschall (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Family Dysfunction, Faithful God"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response "O Great God"

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme. Conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me.

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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:

David Henry – guitar, vocalist
David Kaufmann – bass
Hannah Lutz – viola
Hannah Pulliam – flute

Melanie Ray – vocalist
Fred Verwoerd – vocalist
Bob Wharton – piano

Genesis 27:1-29

¹When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” “Here I am,” he answered. ²Isaac said, “I am now an old man and don’t know the day of my death. ³Now then, get your weapons—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. ⁴Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

⁵Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, ⁶Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, ⁷‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.’ ⁸Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: ⁹Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. ¹⁰Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.” ¹¹Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I’m a man with smooth skin. ¹²What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.” ¹³His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.” ¹⁴So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. ¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. ¹⁶She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. ¹⁷Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made. ¹⁸He went to his father and said, “My father.” “Yes, my son,” he answered. “Who is it?” ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game so that you may give me your blessing.” ²⁰Isaac asked his son, “How did you find it so quickly, my son?” “The LORD your God gave me success,” he replied. ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.” ²²Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him. ²⁴“Are you really my son Esau?” he asked. “I am,” he replied. ²⁵Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.” Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank.

²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come here, my son, and kiss me.” ²⁷So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, “Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed. ²⁸May God give you of heaven’s dew and of earth’s richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. ²⁹May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed.”

SERMON NOTES

“Family Dysfunction, Faithful God”

Genesis 27:1-29

1. Isaac and Esau: neglecting God’s promise for personal preference (vv. 1-4)
2. Rebekah and Jacob: manipulating to advance God’s promise (vv. 5-25)
3. Our hope: resting in the blessing that can neither be stolen nor stopped by sin (vv. 26-29)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEGINNING JUNE 2, WE WILL BE OFFERING A FIVE-WEEK women's summer Bible study entitled: "Women & Jesus: Their Stories. His Story. Our Stories." The study will be held each Wednesday morning in June from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Each morning will include a time of fellowship, round table discussion, and teaching from Caroline Scruggs and Christy Gambrell. For more information and a schedule, visit lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

WOMEN OF LMPC: SAVE THE DATES for our Women's Summer Suppers on June 3 and July 13. Join us for an evening of food and fellowship with other women from our church and community. Suppers will be hosted in individual homes, and you are welcome to invite your friends and neighbors. **Registration for the June 3 supper is now open via Realm.** If you would like to host a supper, please email women@lmpc.org.

SUMMER VBS IS BACK! We will be holding "VBS 2021: The Race is On" for all children who have completed kindergarten-5th grade, June 14-17, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Registration is now open via Realm. If you would like to volunteer, you may register your interest via Realm. For more information, visit lmpc.org/children.

MANY OF OUR MISSIONARIES ARE VISITING LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN THIS SUMMER, and many are seeking temporary housing. Length of stay could vary from one week to several months. If you have housing available for temporary guests, please email Stephanie Young in the missions office at stephanie@lmpc.org.

"FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN" STUDY RESOURCE: As small groups are winding down for the school year, we will no longer be publishing the "Further up, Further in" study resource each week. Please visit lmpc.org/sermons to find study resources from previous weeks.

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

OFFICER INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

The LMPC officer class of 2024 will be installed during the morning worship services today. Any officer serving for the first time as either an elder or a deacon will also be ordained. The make-up date is June 6.

ELDERS

Glenn Breazeale
Bill Davis
Pete Frederick
Allen Jackson
Will Jackson
Chip Kelley
Don Kent
Jason Lehn
John Plating
Miller Welborn

DEACONS

Robby Bosshardt
Ryan Cleary
Mallory Dean
Alan Doak
Johnny Garth
Tom Ireland
Lee Perry
Tim Sorrell
Ron Thomas
Rob Witcher

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)

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SPOUSE CELL

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 16

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K - 5th grade	<i>elementary area</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school Pre-K/K - 5th grade	<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.