



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 23, 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

David Caines, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

1 Chronicles 29:10b-12

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: **Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: **Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.**

*** Hymn of praise**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
his Kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honor and glory to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

text by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by John Hatton, 1793

* Prayer of adoration

Prayer for our graduates

Call to confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and
purify us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of confession

based on Colossians 3

Leader: Heavenly Father, your Word says that as your chosen people, holy
and dearly loved, we are to clothe ourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We are to bear with
each other and forgive whatever grievances we may have against
one another.

**All: Lord, forgive us for our lack of compassion and humility. Forgive
our impatience with each other and our refusal to bear with one
another. Forgive us for ignoring your command to forgive those
who have sinned against us.**

Leader: Your Word says that we are to forgive as you have forgiven us,
and that over all these virtues we are to put on love, which binds
everything together in perfect unity.

**All: Lord, forgive us for offering temporary, conditional forgiveness
to those around us, which is fundamentally different from the
eternal, unconditional forgiveness we have received in Christ.**

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Leader: Your Word says to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace, and to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly.

All: Lord, forgive us for allowing irritation and arrogance to rule in our hearts rather than your peace. Forgive us for seeking to be abundantly filled by the things of this world, rather than seeking to have your Word dwell richly in our hearts. Teach us to do all things, whether in word or deed, in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-10

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* **Hymn of assurance** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!"

I know that my Redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—glory, hallelujah!

Refrain: Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head—glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*

He lives to bless me with his love—glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above—glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*

He lives, all glory to his name!—glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same—glory, hallelujah! *Refrain*
text by Samuel Medley, 1775; music by DH, 2013

Hymn of preparation

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*

*original text by Ada Habershon, 1906; alt. text and music by Matt Merker ©2013 Matthew Merker Music, ARP,
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* Scripture reading from Genesis 27:30-46

text printed in the bulletin

Ed Salter (9:30)

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 “Sin’s Inevitable Consequences/God’s Unstoppable Advance”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love like mighty rivers poured unceasing from above:
heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

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In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy kingdom only, and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou thyself hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.
text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

* **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
Erika Lines – vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola

Charlotte Reeder – vocalist
John Reeder – piano

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 to 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: Join us for our Women's Summer Suppers on June 3 and July 13. 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.

WE HAVE THREE POSITIONS OPEN on the LMPC staff: Assistant to Pastor Hitchings (full time); Children's Ministry Assistant (25 hours/week); and Church Management Software Administrator (10-15 hours/week). For more information and to apply please visit lmpc.org.

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

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

We have multiple opportunities for you to serve in music ministry this summer:

- Sanctuary Choral Ensembles: Women (middle school and up) will sing in sanctuary services during the month of June. Men will sing in sanctuary services during the month of July.
- Communion Choir at Thrive: 3rd Friday of each month at 12:45 p.m.
- "Hymns for Home": ministering to the homebound through music. Times will vary.

You do not need to be a member of the Chancel Choir to participate. For more information about any or all of these opportunities, please contact Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org.

Genesis 27:30-46

³⁰After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. ³¹He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing." ³²His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."

³³Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!" ³⁴When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!" ³⁵But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing." ³⁶Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?" ³⁷Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?" ³⁸Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud. ³⁹His father Isaac answered him, "Your dwelling will be away from the earth's richness, away from the dew of heaven above. ⁴⁰You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck."

⁴¹Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

⁴²When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself with the thought of killing you. ⁴³Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran. ⁴⁴Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides. ⁴⁵When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I'll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?" ⁴⁶Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living."

SERMON NOTES

“Sin’s Inevitable Consequences/God’s Unstoppable Advance”

Genesis 27:30-46

1. Beware of the inevitable consequences of our sinful choices.
 - Isaac: surprising realization

 - Esau: shattering remorse that still lacks repentance

 - Rebekah: fracturing relationships and personal despair

2. Be aware of the unstoppable advance of God’s covenant blessing.
 - God sovereignly overrules some of his people’s worst choices to still advance the grace he intends.
 - ◇ “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” (Genesis 50:20)

 - ◇ “This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.” (Acts 2:23)

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MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!

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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:

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 23

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.