



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the welcome card from the pew rack 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.
- 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

Prelude

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578
J. S. Bach

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* **Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

* **Hymn of praise 38**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* **Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith

Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Call to confession

based on Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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.

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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.

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 1 Peter 2

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy...He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

* Hymn of assurance 599, vv. 1, 2, 3

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

* Scripture reading from Genesis 28:10-22
text printed in the bulletin

Chad Middlebrooks (9:30)
Amos Oster (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

"When God Comes Down"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 97**

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
Paul Manz

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Joshua Knight is our organist this morning.

IN MEMORIAM

Don Lee Hartman

February 13, 1935 – May 24, 2021

Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

ESV BIBLE

Beginning this morning, we are replacing our current Bible translation, the 1984 NIV (New International Version), with the ESV (English Standard Version). This decision was approved by our Session for two main reasons. First, the 1984 NIV has not been published for 10 years and is unavailable. Second, adopting the ESV in our worship services is consistent with our use of the ESV in other areas of church life. For instance, for the last 8 years we have been giving new communicant members an ESV Study Bible when they profess their faith and join the church.

Highly respected in the evangelical community, the ESV was first published in 2001 and was put together by a group of more than 100 leading scholars and pastors. The goal of this team was to create a "word-for-word" translation that stressed linguistic accuracy while also portraying the truth, beauty, and literary diversity of God's inspired Word. We prayerfully move forward with this translation, trusting that, through his Word, God will continue to reveal himself to us, to shape our hearts and lives, and to grow us in faith.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEGINNING THIS WEDNESDAY, 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. We will offer childcare for infants through 5th grade, and registration for this week's childcare is now open via Realm. For more information and a schedule, visit lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

WOMEN OF LMPC: JOIN US THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 3, for our first Women's Summer Suppers of 2021. Suppers will be hosted in individual homes, and you are welcome to invite your friends and neighbors. The deadline for registration (via Realm) is **this Tuesday, June 1.**

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.

SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION: Summer break can often put a strain on families already struggling with food insecurity. This year, we will be holding a limited food collection beginning Sunday, June 6, to benefit the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army Food Pantry. We will collect:

- peanut butter and jelly (plastic containers preferred)
- canned ravioli
- fruit cups
- cracker snacks (peanut butter and/or cheese crackers)

We will collect these items in the Small Conference Room through Sunday, June 20, 2021. Please consider how you may be able to contribute to our summer collection, and look for more information on our annual food collection, Build-A-Bag, beginning in August.

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

BRIAN SALTER - SUMMER SABBATICAL

Please pray for rest for Pastor Brian Salter who will be taking a much-deserved sabbatical from June 1 to September 7. If you see him in the community, feel free to greet him, but we ask that you please refrain from talking to him about the work and business of the church during this season. If you have a specific need or request, please contact Brian's assistant, Diane Reichmann (diane@lmpc.org or 423-424-4096), and she will be able to direct you.

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2021 FOLLOW-UP

As we approach the summer months, here are some suggestions for follow-up to this year's World Missions Conference:

- Ensure you have a copy of our 2021 Missionary Directory, as well as our guide on How to Pray for Missionaries. These documents were mailed to all resident members and regular attenders, with extra copies available in the fellowship hall lobby. Each month, missionary prayer requests are available in the Small Conference Room (under the wooden map), or by email upon request.
- Make time to pray for missionaries regularly. You may choose to do this in your quiet time, within your small group, or with your family.
- Idea for families: Allow your children to select a missionary from the directory each evening before bed. Spend time discussing the missionary's work and the location in which they serve, and then spend time in prayer.
- Join one of our weekly prayer groups. A complete list is available at lmpc.org/prayer.
- Take time to greet missionaries when they visit, perhaps after a service or a Sunday School class.
- Prioritize attending missionary reports in services or Sunday School classes.
- Get to know our missionaries by offering to host them for coffee or a meal.
- Write a note of encouragement to one of our missionary partners.
- Want to learn more about Mission to the World, the sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America? Visit their website at mtw.org.
- Interested in serving overseas? Contact Stephanie Young, Missions Coordinator, at stephanie@lmpc.org.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 30

9:30 a.m. Worship service *sanctuary & fellowship hall*
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Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- Gain access to our online church directory
- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

You can find more details about how to join and use Realm at lmpc.org/realm. For additional help with Realm, please email Jennifer Welsh at jenniferwelsh@lmpc.org.

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.