



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 1, 2021 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

All: He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

All: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!

* 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.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, 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.
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text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

based on Philippians 2:6-11

Leader: What do the scriptures teach us about Jesus Christ?

All: That he, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* Scripture reading from Genesis 35

Tad Dacus

¹God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau." ²So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments." ³Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone." ⁴So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem. ⁵And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. ⁶And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, ⁷and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. ⁸And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth.

⁹God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." So he called his name Israel. ¹¹And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. ¹²The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you." ¹³Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him. ¹⁴And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. ¹⁵So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

¹⁶Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. ¹⁷And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for you have another son." ¹⁸And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), ²⁰and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. ²¹Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder. ²²While Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Israel heard of it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. ²³The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob's firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. ²⁴The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁵The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant: Dan and Naphtali. ²⁶The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram. ²⁷And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. ²⁸Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. ²⁹And Isaac breathed his last, and he died ²⁸Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. ²⁹And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "God's Gracious Repetition & Jacob's Growing Recognition"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

1. The call of God to worship is graciously repeated. (vv. 1-8)
2. The covenant of God with Jacob is graciously renewed. (vv. 9-15)

3. The blessing of God continues from one generation to the next. (vv. 16-29)

Pastoral prayer

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God's people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord's Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

William Darby – vocalist

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

David Kaufmann – bass

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

Melanie Ray – vocalist

Fred Verwoerd – vocalist

IN MEMORIAM

Rosemary Fordice

May 19, 1927 – July 25, 2021

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of David Keller Bosshardt, born to Maribeth and Robby Bosshardt on July 14.

NEW PUBLICATION: FALL 2021 ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This fall we will resume many of our pre-Covid adult discipleship activities and add some new ones. These activities include Sunday School classes, Bible studies, support groups, and special events. In order to help you be informed about what we are planning, we have published a handout listing all of our upcoming opportunities for the fall. Please pick one up this morning in the fellowship hall lobby or sanctuary narthex.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR FIRST CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING next Sunday, August 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Reception Room for Elementary Sunday School teachers. If you will be serving with minors at LMPC this fall, you are required to attend one of these trainings. If you are not currently serving, but are interested in the policies and procedures we have in place to keep the children and youth safe in our ministries here at LMPC, please feel free to attend. Additional training dates will be added in August and September for volunteers in all areas of ministry to minors.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS WILL BE HELD AUGUST 20-22, as well as a final session on August 29 (if needed). This class is for those who are interested in joining LMPC or learning more about what we believe. If you are interested in signing up for the class, please confirm by emailing julie@lmpc.org or calling 423-424-5973 by **next Sunday, August 8**.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL RESUME on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. beginning August 11. The choir sings at both sanctuary services and at seasonal services and community events throughout the school year. For more information, email joy@lmpc.org.

GRIEF SHARE IS A GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our fall group will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 12. You can register for this group via Realm. For more information, contact Ed Salter at 678-358-8782 or edwardsalter815@gmail.com; or Chad Middlebrooks at 423-424-4097 or chad@lmpc.org.

WE WILL BE RESUMING IN-PERSON Adult Sunday School this fall. Sunday School classes for all ages begin on August 15. You can find the schedule and locations for adult classes at lmpc.org/sunday-school. All are welcome to join!

ALL ARE INVITED TO A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION for Wil Nettleton, our new pastor of outreach, on Sunday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following this special service, we will celebrate with ice cream and cookies in the courtyard as we welcome Wil and Mary and their children, Cooper and Story, to the LMPC family. Nursery will be provided.

FAMILY CAMP IS BACK! Our beloved annual event at Camp Alpine in Mentone, Alabama, will take place September 10-12, and all are welcome to come. Mark your calendars for registration opening on Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 a.m. For more information visit lmpc.org/family-camp.

OUR WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FALL KICK-OFF will take place on Sunday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for an evening of food and fellowship as we celebrate being back together, and hear what is ahead for Women's Discipleship in the coming year. We will enjoy dinner from Bob's Brick Oven and worship led by Jennifer Daniels. The cost is \$10 per person, and no prior registration is required.

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, WE WILL RESUME EVENING PRAYER with a Communion Service at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. This service includes hymns and songs of praise accompanied by piano as well as intercessory prayer and a homily. All are welcome to join.

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