

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

"Ah, My Lord and God" Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome and announcements

Derek Halvorson, President of Covenant College

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 27 and Nehemiah 9

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD

is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

All: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: Stand up and praise the LORD our God, who is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Blessed be his glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. He alone is the LORD.

* **Hymn of praise 15,** vv. 1, 4, 5

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of his choice; stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours; then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed pow'rs.

Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God adore; stand up and bless his glorious name henceforth forevermore. *text by James Montgomery, 1824; music by Charles Lockhart, 1769, CARLISLE*

* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral meditation "And Can It Be" Men's Ensemble

And can it be? and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace; emptied himself, how great his love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

And can it be? and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love! How can it be? Amazing love! text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Dan Forrest, 2014

* Scripture reading from Genesis 35 pp. 34-35 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Mark Zbinden (9:30) Diane Marble (11:00)

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

* Gloria Patri 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"God's Gracious Repetition & Jacob's Growing Recognition" Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession 493, vv. 1, 2, 3

"We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought"

We have not known thee as we ought, nor learned thy wisdom, grace, and pow'r; the things of earth have filled our thought, and trifles of the passing hour. Lord, give us light thy truth to see, and make us wise in knowing thee.

We have not feared thee as we ought, nor bowed beneath thine awesome eye, nor guarded deed and word and thought, remembering that God was nigh. Lord, give us faith to know thee near, and grant the grace of holy fear.

We have not loved thee as we ought, nor cared that we are loved by thee; thy presence we have coldly sought, and feebly longed thy face to see. Lord, give a pure and loving heart to feel and own the love thou art. text by Thomas Benson Pollock, 1889; music by Joseph Barnby, 1872, st. Chrysostom

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2

Leader: 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 All: from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to

celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

All: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by

the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for

us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has

promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in

which we abide and bear fruit.

All: We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and

foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died.

Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

For the bread

"O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"

O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed, who through this weary pilgrimage hast all our fathers led.

Our vows, our prayers, we now present before thy throne of grace; God of our fathers, be the God of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps guide; give us each day our daily bread, and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings around till all our wanderings cease, and at our Father's loved abode our souls arrive in peace. text by Philip Doddridge, 1736; music by Hugh Wilson, ca. 1800, MARTYRDOM

For the cup

"Rock of Ages" arr. Al Roberts

Instrumental meditation

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response 369,** vv. 1, 4, 5

"Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread; and sinners, freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail, while angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all below, and all above! In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love. text by Benjamin Beddome, 1769; music from Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789, TRURO

- * Benediction
- * Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

"Toccata in Seven" *John Rutter*

* Congregation standing as you are able

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director Joshua Knight – organ, piano Men's Ensemble

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Maria Dassow and Ryan Rhodes on July 31. They are given in loving memory of their grandparents, Joseph Dougherty, Larry and Ann Dassow, and Phyllis Kloepfer.

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

IN MEMORIAM Rosemary Fordice May 19, 1927 – July 25, 2021

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.

Genesis 35

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 and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

SERMON NOTES

"God's Gracious Repetition & Jacob's Growing Recognition" Genesis 35

| 1. | The call of God to worship is graciously repeated. (vv. 1-8) |
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| 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) |

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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 1

| 9:30 a.m. | Worship service with communionsanctuary & fellowship hall |
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| 11:00 a.m. | Worship service with communionsanctuary & fellowship hall |
| 4:00 p.m. | Middle school Bible study |
| 7:30 p.m. | High school youth group |

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel

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 Sunday of every month in the morning services.

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.