



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 8, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude

“I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”
J.S. Bach

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

All: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

All: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

* Hymn of praise 170, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

text from Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; music from Silesian folk song, 1842, CRUSADER’S HYMN

* Prayer of adoration

Choral affirmation

“At the Name of Jesus”

Chancel Choir

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,
ev’ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
‘Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain in temptation’s hour:
let his will enfold you in its light and pow’r.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father’s glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

text by Caroline M. Noel, 1870; music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925, KING’S WESTON

Call to confession

taken from Hebrews 4:14-16

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Prayer of confession

taken from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash
away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

All: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your
sight.**

Leader: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the
inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast
spirit within me.

All: **Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from
me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing
spirit, to sustain me.**

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

Chancel Choir

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.

Latin hymn, translated by Theodore Baker, 1899; music by Théodore Dubois, 1867

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Romans 8:15-17

Leader: Hear the good news! You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship.

All: By him we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

Leader: Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

All: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

* Hymn of assurance 246

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

text and music by Philip P. Bliss, 1875, HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

* **Scripture reading from Luke 1:1-4**

Joe Novenson

¹Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ²just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

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

"That You May Know"
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

1. The confirming purpose of Luke's Gospel (vv. 1, 4)
2. The trustworthy basis of Luke's Gospel (vv. 2-3)
3. The divine focus of Luke's Gospel (vv. 1, 4)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 296, vv. 1, 3, 6**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

text by Edward Perronet, 1779, and John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793, CORONATION

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude** “Improvisation on ‘All Creatures of our God and King’”
David Oliver

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Chancel Choir
Joy Gibbons – director

David Oliver – guest organist

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Elizabeth McArthur Weeks, born to Lauren and Will Weeks on July 28.

RENEW CAMPAIGN VISION GATHERINGS

Please save the date and plan to attend one of our upcoming Vision Gatherings for the RENEW Campaign on September 7, 16, or 19 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and hear our lead pastor, Brian Salter, explain the vision for RENEW and for the future of LMPC. Please RSVP for your date of choice by September 2 by logging into your Realm account or by calling the church office at 423-821-4528.

NEW SERMON SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Luke begins his Gospel with an explicit purpose statement: he wants his friend Theophilus “to have certainty concerning the things you have been taught” (Luke 1:4) about Jesus and, “the things that have been accomplished among us” (Luke 1:1). To provide that certainty, Luke wrote an “orderly account” about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus based upon eyewitness testimony.

Like a good investigative reporter, Luke tracks down the full Gospel story of Jesus and his mission to seek and save the lost. Through these stories, we learn of God’s plan of salvation for all, Jew and Gentile alike, as accomplished in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We learn what a follower of Jesus is called to be, how we are called to proclaim the good news of Jesus, and how we are called to live in a world hostile to that proclamation. We learn, too, of God’s heart for the outcast, and the welcome all sinners can expect when they run home to God.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL RESUME on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. beginning this Wednesday, 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 this Thursday, 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 next Sunday, 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, next 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.

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, WE WILL LAUNCH BUILD-A-BAG, our annual food collection for the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army. Next Sunday you can pick up a bag with attached shopping list from the Small Conference Room. Please return your filled bags by Sunday, September 5. More information can be found on the missions bulletin board and at lmpc.org/build-a-bag. Our goal this year is 325 bags—please plan to participate!

ALL RISING 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED to Middle School Ice Cream Olympics next Sunday, August 15, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the JHYB to welcome our new 6th graders. Rising 6th graders will be our guests, but everyone else needs to bring a half gallon of either vanilla or chocolate ice cream. Please RSVP to margaret@lmpc.org.

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