



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 15, 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

*"Come, O Precious Ransom"
arr. Michael Burkhardt*

Come, thou precious Ransom, come, only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to thee all portals.
Come, thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for thee.

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

*** Call to worship**

based on 1 Peter 1 and 1 Corinthians 8

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

Leader: There is one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live.

All: And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

* **Hymn of praise 4**, vv. 1-4

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow’r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty pow’r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother’s tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

text by Johann J. Schütz, 1675; music from Bohemian Brethren’s Gesangbuch, 1566, MIT FREUDEN ZART

* **Prayer of adoration**

* **Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to confession

taken from Isaiah 30

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.” Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help!

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“God, Himself Is with Us”

Chancel Choir

God himself is with us: let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple—all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone God we own, him, our God and Savior; praise his name forever.

God is here among us: come with adoration, fervent praise and expectation.
God is here within us: known beyond believing, soul in silent awe receiving.
God will name and will claim those beheld as lowly, making all things holy.

O Thou fount of blessing, purify my spirit; trusting only in thy merit,
like the holy angels who behold thy glory, may I ceaselessly adore thee,
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly what thou lovest dearly.

text by Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729; music by Joachim Neander, 1680, WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* Hymn of assurance 693

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*
text by Fanny Crosby, 1873; music by Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873, ASSURANCE

Anthem of preparation “Benedictus” (Blessed is the Lord) Chancel Choir

Benedictus, benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, benedictus, welcome his incarnate Word.

Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls,
Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come to raise salvation’s horn.
God incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born.

Christ brings light to sin’s dark night: our Dayspring, Jesus, from on high,
saints and angels sing God’s praise. All the earth and heav’ns reply.
text by R.C. Sproul; arr. Dan Forrest

* **Scripture reading from Luke 1:5-25**
p. 1016 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Neil Groothuis (9:30)
Brian Kvale (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 “Waiting on God”
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

“God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True”

God’s holy ways are just and true,
his promises are ever new, O praise him, alleluia!
Let every heart with praises sing and make this house with voices ring:
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bring back to mind his grace and love,
our needs provided from above; O praise him, alleluia!
He kept his word and Jesus came to make a people for his name;
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tell once again his deeds of old,
the story of our mighty God, O praise him, alleluia!
For all his glorious works and ways we shall rejoice through endless days;
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
text from Psalm 111, para. by Barbara Woollett, 1984; music from Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Processional in A
Alexandre Guilmant

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL ARE INVITED TO A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION for Wil Nettleton, our new pastor of outreach, **tonight** 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.

TODAY WE WILL LAUNCH BUILD-A-BAG, our annual food collection for the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army. You can pick up a bag with attached shopping list from the fellowship hall lobby or 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 help us reach our goal!

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION WILL OPEN this Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 a.m. via Realm. Our beloved annual event at Camp Alpine in Mentone, Alabama, will take place September 10-12, and all are welcome to come. For more information visit lmpc.org/family-camp.

OUR WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FALL KICK-OFF will take place next 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.

NEXT 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.

OUR CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING on Tuesday, August 24, in the Reception Room as well as via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The purpose of this group is to provide inspiration, information, and intercession for those who are caring for a loved one or having to make decisions about care. The group is facilitated by Lee Ballenger and Ed Salter. For more information, email edwardsalter815@gmail.com.

ALL VIPS JOIN US FOR A CHATTANOOGA LOOKOUTS BASEBALL GAME on Tuesday, August 31 at 7:15 p.m. We'll enjoy a picnic in our private Lookouts Lounge with choice of indoor or outdoor seating as we watch the Lookouts challenge the Birmingham Barons. Register online or send your \$15 payment to the church office by Monday, August 23.

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

Luke 1:5-25

⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." ²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. ²⁴After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵"Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

Celebrating the baptism of Lolly Joiner Brooks at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Meredith and Jay Brooks, and her grandparents, Caroline and Hugh Morrow, and Abbie and Jay Brooks, Sr.

SERMON NOTES

“Waiting on God”

Luke 1:5-25

1. An astounding commendation in spite of great disappointment (vv. 5-7)
2. An ancient promise realized in spite of human impossibility (vv. 8-17)
3. An unbelieving response in spite of an angel’s declaration (vv. 18-25)

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, August 15

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
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11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school adults, children, & youth.....	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	High school 9th grade induction/rafting trip.....	<i>JHYB</i>
3:00 p.m.	Middle school Ice Cream Olympics.....	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	Wil Nettleton Installation Service & Reception	<i>fellowship hall & courtyard</i>

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 all 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.