



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 29, 2021 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Wingard, ruling elder

* 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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623

* Prayer of adoration

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.

Hymn of confession

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-10

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 from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* Hymn of assurance

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*
text by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; music from a Swedish folk tune

Prayer of intercession for a new school year

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for the beginning of this new school year. We ask that you would guide each student into deeper awareness of this world you have made and into deeper knowledge of you and love for you.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Be with those who teach, coach, administrate, provide transportation, clean, and volunteer, that they would be able to educate and facilitate growth with all wisdom, endurance, and humility. Strengthen and encourage those students for whom school is exceptionally challenging and difficult. Give them your grace and perseverance as they press on in faith.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: For those struggling with fear and anxiety, give them rest, peace, and trust in your sovereign care. For those navigating quarantines and adjusted classroom protocols, grant them flexibility and perseverance. Protect the health of all and renew their strength by your Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Hymn of preparation

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
text by Stuart Townend © 1995 Kingsway’s Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

* Scripture reading from Luke 3:21-38

Chad Middlebrooks

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

²³Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, ²⁴the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, ²⁵the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, ²⁶the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, ²⁷the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, ²⁸the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, ²⁹the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, ³⁰the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, ³¹the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, ³²the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, ³³the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, ³⁴the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, ³⁵the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, ³⁶the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, ³⁸the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Fully God, Fully Man"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

How does Jesus begin his ministry to make all things new?

1. He begins his ministry with a foundation of divine sonship. (vv. 21-22)
 - Identification with sinners as the Son (v. 21)
 - Consecration unto service by the Spirit (v. 22)
 - Attestation of being pleasing to God by the Father (v. 22)
2. He begins his ministry with a foundation of human sonship. (vv. 23-38)
 - He is Mary and Joseph's son. (vv. 23-36)
 - He is the "second Adam." (v. 37)
 - He is our substitute, the perfect God/man Savior. (v. 38)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

* **Benediction**

* **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.**

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Kellie Currin – vocalist

Xaris Emmett – violin

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Jonah Hitchcock – cello

Hallie Blair Quatro – vocalist

Bob Wharton – piano

Chapman Whitted – guitar

RENEW CAMPAIGN VISION GATHERINGS

Want to hear more about the future of our church? Please 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 this Thursday, September 2 by logging into your Realm account or by calling the church office at 423-821-4528.

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Lanning Elizabeth White, born to Breanne and Clif White on August 24.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILD-A-BAG, OUR ANNUAL FOOD COLLECTION for the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army, continues this week. 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 next Sunday, September 5.** More information can be found on the missions bulletin board and at lmpc.org/build-a-bag. Please help us reach our goal of 325 bags!

CROWN THE LORD'S DAY IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP every week at 6:00 p.m in the chapel. We pray for missions partners around the city and the world on the first Sunday of each month, and we celebrate Communion on the third Sunday of each month. Please join us!

AS WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AROUND COVID, WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RESUME WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP on September 1 as originally planned. This includes the fellowship dinner, children's clubs, and children's choirs. We hope to resume Wednesday night activities in early October. Please note that regular middle school and high school youth activities *are continuing* as planned.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM GREEN BEAN RECON GAME THING is this Friday, September 3, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Meet in the LMPC courtyard, and be sure to wear dark clothing and bring a flashlight. Please sign up by emailing margaret@lmpc.org.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES WILL BEGIN the week of September 5. You can find a full schedule of studies at lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

REGISTER NOW VIA REALM FOR FAMILY CAMP at Alpine Camp in Mentone, Alabama, which will take place September 10-12. All are welcome to come. Please take note of special health information on the registration form. For more information visit lmpc.org/family-camp.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: FALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Elementary Ministry needs you! As we work to resume Wednesday night activities in early October, we are in need of volunteers to be teachers and classroom helpers for children's clubs for pre-K through 5th graders. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Greta Erickson at greta@lmpc.org for more information.

If you're interested in getting involved, but Sunday morning is a better time for you, we are still looking for classroom helpers at both 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Please email greta@lmpc.org to inform Greta of your availability.