

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO LMPC! We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the tear-off card in the back of your bulletin 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

Welcome and greetings

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

* Call to worship

based on Daniel 2:20-23a

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

All: He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. We thank and praise you, O God of our fathers.

* Hymn of praise

"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.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, 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

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

Leader: People of God, what do you believe about God?

All: We believe that our God is all-sufficient. He has made and upholds all things by the power of his Word. He is unchangeable and incorruptible. For ever and ever he is God over all, infinitely great and glorious.

Leader: People of God, what do you believe about yourselves?

All: We believe that we are God's children and under his care. His hands have made and fashioned us. He holds our souls eternally, and will not allow us to be lost. His divine power has given us all things necessary for life and godliness. He has redeemed our lives from destruction and crowned us with lovingkindness and tender mercies. His Holy Scriptures govern every part of our lives so that we may adorn the glory of his name.

adapted from Christ-Centered Worship

Call to confession taken from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Hymn of confession

"Come, Ye Sinners"

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r: he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more; he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him; this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam; this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all: not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save; not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save. text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* Hymn of assurance

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed; I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,

it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God: salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save; for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain text by Lidie Edmunds*, 1891; *music by André Grétry*, 1741-1831

Sacrament of baptism

Bethany and Matthew Smisson bringing Ella Katherine Smisson (9:30) Amy and Robert Erle Barham bringing Alice Marie Barham (11:00) * Scripture reading from Luke 4:31-37 text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (9:30) Bronwyn McEwen (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Authoritative Word of Jesus" Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"Across the Lands"

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began. Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand. All creation holds together by the power of your voice. Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

Refrain: You're the Author of creation;

you're the Lord of ev'ry man;

and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea; yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave, and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.

Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own; from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! Refrain text and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2002 Thankyou Music, LLC, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

* 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:

Jeffery Compton – vocalist Calvin Garriott – piano David Henry – guitar, vocalist David Kaufmann – bass Hannah Lutz – viola Charlotte Reeder – vocalist Rebekah Risley – vocalist

IN MEMORIAM Gail H. Marshall

October 12, 1939 – September 11, 2021

IN MEMORIAM

Martha Jan Powell

January 22, 1940 – September 15, 2021

Celebrating the baptism of Ella Katherine Smisson at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Bethany and Matthew Smisson, her grandparents, Beverly and Wayne Pelts and Susan Smisson, and her great-grandparents, Dora and Bud Aylor.

Celebrating the baptism of Alice Marie Barham at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Amy and Robert Erle Barham, and her grandmother, Lindy Weiner.

The rosebuds in the fellowship hall today are for the birth of Rhodes Hitchings Plating, born to Catherine and Zach Plating on September 9 and the birth of Louisa Margaret Hildebrand, born to Ellie and Jay Hildebrand on September 11.

2021 FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 31

Annual Budget: \$5,179,800 **2021 Giving YTD:** \$3,001,488

Remaining gifts needed: \$2,178,312 Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,214,527 Unpledged Giving Needed: \$963,785

As we head into the final quarter of the year, we ask that you keep up the momentum in giving and continue to give as you are led. We are grateful to God for the generosity of his people at LMPC. For more information on giving, visit lmpc.org/give.

Luke 4:31-37

- ³¹And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.
- ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.
- ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

SERMON NOTES

"The Authoritative Word of Jesus" *Luke 4:31-37*

| 1. | Jesus' authoritative word astonishes people. (vv. 31-32) | | | | |
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| 2. | Jesus' authoritative word rebukes evil. (vv. 33-35) | | | | |
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| 3. | Jesus' authoritative word begs questions. (vv. 36-37) | | | | |
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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICER NOMINATIONS HAVE BEGUN! Postcards have been mailed to all members inviting their participation in the officer nomination process. Please visit lmpc.org/nomination-process to access the following:

- A video about officer nominations
- A step-by-step explanation of the nomination process
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- A list of those eligible to serve as officers

You may submit nominations online at lmpc.org/nominations OR call the church office at 423-821-4528 to request a paper ballot. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 1. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US next Sunday, September 26 for the RENEW Early Decision Night at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. At this event, we will hear from our lead pastor, Brian Salter, and we will respond to RENEW by making our commitments together. You don't want to miss this special evening of worship together as we launch the RENEW Campaign.

OUR FALL MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will take place on Thursday, September 30. Men will gather in groups of about 10 people at various homes to eat meat and enjoy great fellowship. You are welcome to invite your friends. Please send an email by Thursday, September 23 to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you. If you would like to be a host, please email us at mountainmen@lmpc.org.

WHETHER YOU ARE NEWLYWEDS OR HAVE BEEN MARRIED MANY YEARS, THE MARRIAGE COURSE can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. LMPC will be offering the Marriage Course on Tuesday evenings beginning October 5 and continuing for seven weeks. The course is a video series where each couple sits at their own table and interacts only with one another. It will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening in the Conference Room, and dessert will be provided. Interested? Just send an email to marriagecourse@lmpc.org. The registration deadline is Thursday, September 30 and the cost is \$45 per couple.

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

MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US

NAME

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| fill or | are a first-time or repeat visitor, please ut your information on the other side of ard so we can follow up with you. | | | |
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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, September 19

| 9:30 a.m. | Worship service | sanctuary | & fellowship hall | | | |
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| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday school for adults & children | | various locations | | | |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship service | sanctuary | & fellowship hall | | | |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sunday school for adults, youth, & child | dren | various locations | | | |
| 4:00 p.m. | Middle school small groups | | JHYB | | | |
| 6:00 p.m. | RENEW Campaign Event | | fellowship hall | | | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Evening worship service with communi | ion | chapel | | | |
| 7:30 p.m. | High school youth group | | JHYB | | | |
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For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- Gain access to our online church directory
- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

You can find more details about how to join and use Realm at lmpc.org/realm. For additional help with Realm, please email Katie Holstege at katie@lmpc.org.

OUR MISSION

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

CONTACT US

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Lookout Mountain, TN 37350

Web: lmpc.org
Email: info@lmpc.org

Phone: 423.821.4528

Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in all morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.

^{*}By supplying your email address(es), you consent to receive email from LMPC.