



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 26, 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

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**Prelude**

*"The God of Abraham Praise"  
arr. Richard Proulx*

**Welcome and announcements**

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 33 and Psalm 19

**Leader:** Sing joyfully to the LORD! Sing to him a new song. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

**All:** **The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

**Leader:** The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

**All:** **May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

\* **Hymn of praise 660**

“O God, beyond All Praising”

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*text by Michael Perry, 1982; music from Gustav Holst, The Planets, 1918, THAXTED*

\* **Prayer of adoration**

**Call to confession**

based on Micah 6:6-8

With what shall we come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted  
God? Shall we come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of  
oil? He has shown us, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require  
of us? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Choral prayer**

“Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness”

Chancel Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Teach me, Lord, teach me truly how to live, that I may come to know thee,  
and in thy presence serve thee with gladness, and sing songs of praise to thy glory.

*text by Samuel S. Wesley and George F. Strickling; music by Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876, LEAD ME, LORD*

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

taken from Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the  
ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good  
man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love  
for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

\* **Hymn of assurance 523**

“My Hope Is in the Lord”

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,  
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

*Refrain:* For me (for me) he died, (he died,)  
for me (for me) he lives, (he lives,)  
and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

No merit of my own his anger to suppress,  
my only hope is found in Jesus’ righteousness. *Refrain*

And now for me he stands before the Father’s throne.  
He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own. *Refrain*

His grace has planned it all, ‘tis mine but to believe,  
and recognize his work of love and Christ receive. *Refrain*  
*text and music by Norman J. Clayton, 1945, WAKEFIELD*

\* **Scripture reading from Isaiah 58:1-14**

*pp. 734-735 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Michal Parsley (9:30)  
Caroline West (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**

“Relinquishing Empty Religion”  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response**

“What Shall I Render to My God”

What shall I render to my God for all his kindness shown?  
My feet shall visit thine abode, my songs address thy throne.

How much is mercy thy delight, thou ever-blessed God!  
How dear thy servants in thy sight! How precious is their blood!

Now I am thine, forever thine, nor shall my purpose move;  
thy hand hath loosed my bonds of pain, and bound me with thy love.  
*text by Isaac Watts, 1719, from Psalm 116:12-19; music by Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836, ST. PETER*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**RENEW presentation**

\* **Postlude**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”  
*arr. Michael Helman*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Marilyn Cross Doster**

September 19, 1930 – September 16, 2021

**The rosebud in the fellowship hall** today is for the birth of Henry Galbraith Wiggins, born to Bronwen and Newton Wiggins on September .

## Isaiah 58:1-14

<sup>1</sup>“Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup>if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. <sup>12</sup>And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. <sup>13</sup>If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”



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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU ATTENDED ONE OF OUR EARLIER RENEW VISION EVENTS, PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US TONIGHT** for the RENEW Early Decision Night at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. At this service, 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.

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS HAVE BEGUN!** Please visit [lmpc.org/nomination-process](http://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](http://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](mailto:nominations@lmpc.org).

**JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT** beginning this Wednesday, September 29. Registration is now open via Realm. The cost is \$5 per meal and pick-up will be from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. under the portico. You may pay by cash, check, or Venmo (@LktMtnPC) when you pick up your meal. If you need assistance with registering, please contact the church office at 423-821-4528.

**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](mailto:marriagecourse@lmpc.org). The registration deadline is Thursday, September 30 and the cost is \$45 per couple.

**ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED FOR LUNCH** on Sunday, October 10, at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please join us!

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## **NEW PREACHING SERIES: RENEW**

We are in need of renewal. Thankfully, the prophet Isaiah provides a way for ongoing renewal in the latter part of his prophecy. He speaks hope to those who are in exile, facing much loss and threat while awaiting the fullness of God's coming Kingdom.

We, too, are in exile and far from home, feeling more and more like strangers in a foreign land. In many ways and on many fronts, it seems that the Kingdom lies in ruins around us in how people think, how they live, what they say, or what they cherish. How can we experience renewal in the ruins?

The road to Kingdom renewal is the same for us as it was for God's people then. The road to renewal is one of relinquishing, repenting, rejoicing, reflecting, and realigning. We will discover the truth of what Nancy Leigh DeMoss once said, "Revival is not just an emotional touch; it's a complete takeover."

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, September 26*

9:30 a.m.	Worship service .....	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults & children .....	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service .....	<i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	<i>various locations</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups .....	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	RENEW Campaign Early Decision Night .....	<i>fellowship hall</i>

*Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.*

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
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- 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](http://lmpc.org/realm). For additional help with Realm, please email Katie Holstege at [katie@lmpc.org](mailto: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.*

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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.

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.