



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 10, 2021 | **Fellowship Hall Service**

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

Psalm 98:1-4

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

All: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music!

* Hymn of praise

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
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*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

based on Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

*** Hymn of assurance**

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*
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Hymn of preparation

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

1.Christ the sure and steady an - chor in the fu - ry of the storm, when the
 2.Christ the sure and steady an - chor while the tem - pest ra - ges on, when temp-
 3.Christ the sure and steady an - chor through the floods of un - be - lief; blind and
 4.Christ the sure and steady an - chor as we face the wave of death, when these
 winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn. In the
 ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has won. Deep - er
 fear - ful, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry. This my
 trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath. Christ the
 suff - 'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
 still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
 bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his love for - ev - er
 sure of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er
 few, I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall ne - ver be re - moved.
 cused. I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall ne - ver be re - moved.
 proved. I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall ne - ver be re - moved.
 true. We will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall ne - ver be re - moved.

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* Scripture reading from Isaiah 59:14-21

Susie Courtney

¹⁴Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. ¹⁵Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. ¹⁶He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.

¹⁷He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. ¹⁸According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. ¹⁹So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives. ²⁰“And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.

²¹“And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD: “My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children’s offspring,” says the LORD, “from this time forth and forevermore.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Rejoicing in God’s Rescue”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. God’s rescuing response (vv. 14-16)

- We rejoice that God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves!

2. God’s transforming arrival (vv. 17-20)

- We recognize that God brings salvation to those who repent and retribution to those who refuse.

3. God’s sure promise (v. 21)

- We remember the covenant promise of our Triune God!

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
upheld, protected, gathered up.

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom. *Refrain*

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* **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.**

RENEW presentation

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Amy Barham – vocalist
Stephen Bearden – flugelhorn
Carson Culbertson – guitar
David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola
John Reeder – piano
Fred Verwoerd – vocalist

IN MEMORIAM
Konnie J. Erickson
August 7, 1942 – October 7, 2021

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Andrew Barrett Johnston, Jr., born to Becca and Barrett Johnston on October 2.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE CONTINUE OUR EMPHASIS ON RENEW. If you would like to find out more about RENEW, you may pick up a booklet from around the church, visit lmpc.org/renew, or send an email to renew@lmpc.org. We look forward to Commitment Sunday on October 31.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED FOR LUNCH TODAY at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please join us!

THE LMPC MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT AT CAMP VESPER POINT will take place Friday, October 22 to Sunday, October 24. The cost is \$170 and the deadline to register is this Friday, October 15. You can register and pay via Realm. All middle schoolers are welcome!

OUR NEXT MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST will take place on Tuesday, October 26 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m in the fellowship hall. Join us for fellowship, breakfast, and a word of encouragement from Chris Talley, pastor of Lakeway Presbyterian Church in Morristown, Tenn. Invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come along with you.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A NEW EVENT, "THE BRIDGE," on Thursday, October 28 at the JHYB. The Bridge is a gathering of women of all ages to come together for fellowship and to hear how God has been at work in the life of one of our LMPC women. Peggy Michaels will be sharing her story at this gathering. Dinner will be provided for \$5 and we will gather at 6:00 p.m. Please register via Realm by Monday, October 25.

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

SERVE THE CITY SATURDAY

As we plan for Serve the City Saturday on October 23, we will begin collecting the following items for the Widows Harvest Food Pantry:

- Laundry Soap (no extra-large jugs please)
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Hand Soap
- Cleaning Wipes
- Dove Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizer

Donations can be left in the Widows Harvest Collection Box in the fellowship hall lobby.

For anyone who would like to make and deliver food boxes through the Widows Harvest Pantry, please consider signing up for Serve the City Saturday on Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. One of the teams will be visiting Widows Harvest, and supervised children (age 7+) are welcome. To sign up to attend, please register via Realm or contact Stephanie Young in the missions office at stephanie@lmpc.org.