



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 14, 2021 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**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.

## **Order of Worship**

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**Welcome and greetings**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

**\* Call to worship**

Psalm 96:1-9

**Leader:** Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**All:** **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

**All:** **Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.**

\* Hymn of praise

“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*  
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\* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Call to confession**

based on Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him. Let him turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

**Silent prayers of confession**

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**

*"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"*

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.  
My only Savior before the holy Judge: the Lamb who is my righteousness;  
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace;  
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with loving-kindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;  
and when he calls me it will be paradise, his face forever to behold;  
his face forever to behold.

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**Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings**

**Offertory hymn**

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*  
*(see facing page for words and music)*

## "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone. What is our  
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is his  
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!" And what re-



on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be - long. Who holds our  
grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our  
ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him. There we will



days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com - mand? And what will  
faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the stor-my trial? Who sends the  
rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed, and we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. \_\_\_\_ O sing hal - le-  
waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ? \_\_\_\_  
feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. \_\_\_\_



lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and



e - ver we con - fess, Christ our hope in life and death.

## **New member vows**

### **\* Scripture reading from Psalm 35:1-10 and Colossians 4:12**

*text printed in the bulletin*

Emmie Thompson (9:30)

Brad Cobb (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 Sweet Torture of Grappling with God"  
Eric Youngblood, pastor of Rock Creek Fellowship

## **Pastoral prayer**

### **\* Hymn of response**

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

*text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 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*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Amy Barham** – vocalist

**Carson Culbertson** – guitar

**David Henry** – guitar, vocalist

**Katie Holstege** – clarinet

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Scott Quatro** – vocalist

**Rebekah Risley** – vocalist

**Bob Wharton** – piano

**NEW MEMBERS**

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, November 14, 2021. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Hannie and Fred Brown

Rachel Caine

Phinehas Doe

Laura and Doug Ehman

Xaris Emmett

Mark Fowler

Christy Gambrell

Jonah Hitchcock

Julie Irwin

Hannah Jarrard

KK and Austin Ledbetter

Sam Leo

Betty Meekins

Mary Nettleton

Hannah and Mark Perry

Anne and Josiah Pettit

Diana and John Reed

Jenna and Daniel Rooy

Bob Schmidt

Jill and James Sharrett

Dani and DJ Stewart

Hannah Thomas

Deneen and Mark Turner

### **Psalm 35:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me. <sup>2</sup>Take up shield and buckler; arise and come to my aid. <sup>3</sup>Brandish spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation." <sup>4</sup>May those who seek my life be disgraced and put to shame; may those who plot my ruin be turned back in dismay. <sup>5</sup>May they be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away; <sup>6</sup>may their path be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them. <sup>7</sup>Since they hid their net for me without cause and without cause dug a pit for me, <sup>8</sup>may ruin overtake them by surprise—may the net they hid entangle them, may they fall into the pit, to their ruin. <sup>9</sup>Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD and delight in his salvation. <sup>10</sup>My whole being will exclaim, "Who is like you, O LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them."

### **Colossians 4:12**

<sup>12</sup>Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

### **SERMON NOTES**

"The Sweet Torture of Grappling with God"



## GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES GUEST SPEAKER, ERIC YOUNGBLOOD

Eric Youngblood has served for 20 years as the founding pastor of Rock Creek Fellowship, a daughter church of LMPC. After earning a bachelor's degree in finance from UTC, he worked at a life insurance company and then a software company in Nashville before completing his Master of Divinity at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. He serves on the board of the Generosity Trust and is also on the Dora Maclellan Brown Scholarship Committee. Eric and his wife, Cathy, who began dating as students at McCallie and GPS, have been married for a little over 25 years and are delighted to be the parents of two sons, one a junior in college and the other a junior in high school. They happily reside in Hinkle in Lookout Mountain, Georgia.



## GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

The Dr. George W. Long Preaching Series was established by the LMPC Session in 2001 to honor long-time pastor George Long, who served at LMPC through a season of spiritual renewal in the 1970s and '80s. It serves as an annual reminder of "our Savior's faithful use of his holy Word in our midst" and celebrates that God used Dr. Long to call LMPC back to the primacy of God's Word. Dr. Long died in 2016.

Previous speakers have included:

Richard Pratt  
Steve Brown  
Dr. Irwyn Ince  
Dr. Michael Kruger  
Rev. Kennedy Smartt  
Rev. Harry Long  
Rev. Joe Novenson  
Rev. Jerram Barrs  
Rev. Paul Tripp  
Dr. Bryan Chapell  
Dr. Reggie Kidd  
Rev. Scotty Smith  
Jerry Bridges  
Rev. Roger Gulick  
Dr. R.C. Sproul

*[lmpc.org/george-long-preaching-series](http://lmpc.org/george-long-preaching-series)*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE TO 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](http://lmpc.org/renew), or send an email to [renew@lmpc.org](mailto:renew@lmpc.org). You can make your three-year financial commitment to RENEW by pledging online at [lmpc.org/renew](http://lmpc.org/renew) or via your giving tab on Realm.

**JOIN US TONIGHT FOR A MISSIONARY REPORT** from supported missionary partners Elsbeth and Lewis Codington in Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Read more about the Codingtons on the facing page.

**HOLIDAY COLLECTION 2021: TODAY WE BEGIN COLLECTING NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS** for the Hope for the Inner City Christmas Store. You can find suggestions for gifts at [lmpc.org/christmas-store](http://lmpc.org/christmas-store) and on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall lobby. Donation drop-off is in room E-204 in the children's education building. Additionally, please mark your calendar for Family Night on Wednesday, December 1, when we host the staff of Hope for the Inner City for a night of pizza, bingo, and loading the trucks with donated items.

**GATHER YOUR LEAF BLOWERS, RAKES, GLOVES, SHEARS, AND WHEELBARROWS** and come help clean up the church! The deacons invite everyone to the Annual Fall Church Work Day this Saturday, November 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until noon. Tasks will include leaf collection, weeding, and vine removal. We will have donuts and drinks available for volunteers. The whole church family is encouraged to come and participate!

**JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING** next Sunday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The theme is "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." Nursery will be provided.

**SAVE THE DATES** for our upcoming Christmas services. You can find the full schedule at [lmpc.org/christmas-2021](http://lmpc.org/christmas-2021). More information about each service will be coming soon.

- Christmas Hymn Sing: Sunday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
- Christmas Eve Services: Friday, December 24 at 3:00, 5:00, and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

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

## ELSBETH AND LEWIS CODINGTON, SUPPORTED MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Lewis and Elsbeth Codington and their family of nine children have been missionaries with MTW and CLC International (a Christian literature mission) since 1990. For the last few years, they have been living in Seoul and serving North Korean defectors by teaching them English and Bible, as well as serving on the CLC International leadership team. Many of these interactions are now over Zoom because of the pandemic. Lewis has also been asked to update the last 40 years of CLC's 80-year long history. Because of the international pandemic restrictions, and also the need to do research for this book project, the Codingtons have relocated to their Stonedge Village apartment where Elsbeth continues to teach their NK students over Zoom and where Lewis does research, writes, and meets with CLC International leaders weekly over Zoom.

## FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021

**Annual Budget:** \$5,179,800

**2021 Giving YTD:** \$3,646,383

**Remaining gifts needed:** \$1,533,417

**Outstanding Pledge Balance:** \$795,297

**Unpledged Giving Needed:** \$738,120

As we look toward the end of 2021, 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](http://lmpc.org/give).

## MEMBERS & VISITORS - PLEASE REACH OUT TO US

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive email from LMPC

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- Serving at LMPC
- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
  - men's
  - women's
- Prayer opportunities

*If you are a first-time or repeat visitor, please fill out your information on the other side of this card so we can follow up with you.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

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Include request in the Prayer List?

Yes  No

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  DAY  EVENING

*Please deposit this card in the offering plate.*

## 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!

I AM A:

- First time visitor
- Repeat visitor

NAME

SPOUSE (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

CHILDREN (IF ATTENDING TODAY)

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CELL

EMAIL\*

SPOUSE CELL

SPOUSE EMAIL\*

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, November 14*

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| 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.  | Evening prayer with missionary report       | <i>chapel</i>                          |
| 7:30 p.m.  | High school youth group                     | <i>JHYB</i>                            |

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

### STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

Have you unsubscribed from Realm email? You might be missing out on the weekly church newsletter. If you would like to ensure you're getting important communications, contact [onrealm@lmpc.org](mailto:onrealm@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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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.