



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 14, 2021 | **Sanctuary Service**

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

text by Charles Wesley, 1744; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806, LYONS

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

New member vows

Call to confession

taken from Romans 13 and Acts 3

Let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Repent, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2 and 3

Leader: 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.

All: **May we, being rooted and established in love, have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

* **Hymn of assurance 172**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame:
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!”
text by John Newton, 1774; music from Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698, ALL SAINTS OLD

Worship in the giving of God’s tithe and our offerings

Offertory

“What Shall I Render to My God?”

Chancel Choir

What shall I render to my God for all his mercy’s store?
I’ll take the gifts he hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
and all his promises embrace and to his glory live.

My vows I will to his great name before his people pay,
and all I have, and all I am, upon his altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to thee whate’er is mine,
born in thy family below and by redemption thine.

Thy hands created me; thy hands from sin have set me free.
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to thee.
Praise him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv’n,
till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heav’n.
text by Charles Wesley; music by Austin Lovelace

* **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 dedication and thanksgiving**

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

Brian Salter

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

¹²Epaphras, 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.

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 521**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863, SOLID ROCK

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude** Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 850
J.S. Bach

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Maddie Lee – piano

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

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

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, or send an email to renew@lmpc.org. You can make your three-year financial commitment to RENEW by pledging online at 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 below.

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 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. 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

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.