



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 14, 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.

Order of Worship

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth/Beautiful Savior"
arr. Marilyn Pamm

Welcome and announcements Brian Salter, lead pastor

* **Call to worship** based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: **You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins.**

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: **All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.**

* **Hymn of praise 165** "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

* **Prayer of adoration**

**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.**

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**
text printed in the bulletin

Brian Salter (9:30)
Carter Helm (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 521**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*** 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

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

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.

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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

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 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 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.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 14

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
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11:00 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	various locations
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer with missionary report.....	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

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

For more events this week, visit 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

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.