



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2, 2022 | **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.*

CHILDCARE: *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to the crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon that are provided for children each week.*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

John Wingard, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

* Hymn of praise

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623

*** Prayer of adoration**

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

Offertory hymn

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.
text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

*** Scripture reading from Luke 2:39-52**

text printed in the bulletin

Tay Tay Helm (9:30)
Rebekah Risley (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Twelve-year-old Jesus – in His Father's House”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Hymn of confession

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, this Holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

All: **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world to take on flesh. By his righteous life, atoning death, and powerful resurrection, he has accomplished for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves.**

Leader: We come to have communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. He is the bread of heaven that nourishes our souls and the true vine in which we abide and bear fruit.

All: We come in hope, believing that these signs are a pledge and foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb that we will enjoy when Christ's kingdom has fully come. We proclaim the Lord's death and profess his resurrection until he comes again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"In Feast or Fallow"

When the fields are dry and the winter is long,
blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor;
when my soul is downcast and my voice has no song,
for mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord.

Refrain: In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
my certain hope is in Jesus found;
my lot, my cup, my portion sure;
whatever comes, we shall endure.
Whatever comes, we shall endure.

On a cross of wood where his blood was outpoured,
he rose from the ground like a bird to the sky;
bringing peace to our violence and crushing death's door,
our Maker incarnate, our God who provides. *Refrain*

Come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,
not a sparrow falls nor a hair from my head
without his hand to guide me, my shield and my strength;
in joy or in sorrow, in life or in death. *Refrain*

text by Sandra McCracken ©2010 Drink Your Tea Music, ARR, ICS, UBP, CCLI Lic.#152036

“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.

* **Prayer of thanksgiving**

* **Hymn of praise**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, he sets the pris’ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list’ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829

* **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*

Musicians for this week:

Charley Crichton – bass

William Darby – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Ellie Henry – vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Perry – flute

Jeremy Taylor – piano

Luke 2:39-52

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.

⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished.

And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

SERMON NOTES

"Twelve-year-old Jesus – in His Father's House"

Luke 2:39-52

1. The clear devotion of Mary and Joseph (vv. 39-42)
2. The frantic search for Jesus (vv. 43-48a)
3. The "mysterious" revelation of Jesus' identity (vv. 48b-52)
 - When we really get to know Jesus, we will encounter mystery in what he says and does in our lives!
 - When we encounter Jesus and mystery, will we ponder, treasure, and trust him? Or will we reject him?

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTARY PARENTS: Please note that some elementary classroom locations at the 11:00 hour have changed **beginning today, January 2**. Signs are posted in the elementary area and volunteers will be available to direct you.

SALT & LIGHT, THE LMPC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IN-TOWN WINTER

RETREAT will be held this week, January 5-9, 2022. Find the event schedule at lmpc.org/high-school-salt-light.

ALL GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12 INTERESTED IN SINGING: Beginning January 10, our Girls Ensemble will rehearse on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Registration is via Realm.

"UNFINISHED CALLING," A WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY begins January 12, 2022, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Dr. Addison Soltau, a pastor, scholar, and missionary will teach this study of searching out the "unfinished calling" of older members of God's Kingdom.

REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 12, 2022!

Children's choirs for grades 1-5 will meet from 4:45 to 5:40 p.m. Please see the website for details and to register. The fellowship dinner will be at 5:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by elementary classes from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. for pre-K through 5th grade. Nursery will be available for younger children. The elementary classes will spend 8 weeks studying Exodus, and there are still needs for volunteers. If you would be willing to help, please email Greta Erickson at greta@lmpc.org. Adults are invited to linger for much-overdue fellowship and reconnection around the tables after dinner. On February 9 we will kick off a 4-week adult elective class using Rebecca McLaughlin's book, *Confronting Christianity*. Please make plans to attend!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS JOIN US FOR CREATE YOUR OWN QUEST

on January 14 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP by emailing margaret@lmpc.org by Monday, January 10.

WOMEN OF LMPC JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT WINTER SUPPERS on January 20. Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in individual homes at 6:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite your friends. Registration is open via Realm. If you would like to host one of these suppers in your home, email caroline@lmpc.org.

THE NEXT INTRO TO LMPC CLASS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD JANUARY 21-23. We will meet Friday evening from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. We will wrap up the class with one final session during Sunday School on January 30. If you are interested in signing up for the class, please confirm by emailing julie@lmpc.org or calling 423-424-5973 **by this Friday, January 7**.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED to join us for lunch Sunday, January 30, at 12:15 p.m. at the JHYB.

MEN OF LMPC: REGISTER VIA REALM FOR OUR MOUNTAIN MEN RETREAT which will take place February 4-6, 2022, at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge and Convention Center in Guntersville, Ala. This weekend will be an opportunity to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ, deepen fellowship with other men, and experience rest and refreshment. The cost of the weekend is \$220, which includes lodging and all meals (except lunch on Saturday). Richie Sessions, the RUF campus minister at Vanderbilt University, will speak on "The Head and the Heart: From Knowing about Jesus to Knowing Jesus." Please join us!

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

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

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, January 2

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| 9:30 a.m. | Worship service with communion | <i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i> |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday school for adults & children | <i>various locations</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Elders are available to pray for your needs | <i>Brian Salter's office</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship service with communion | <i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sunday school for adults, youth, & children | <i>various locations</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. | Evening prayer | <i>chapel</i> |

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

Did you know that Realm has an app for your mobile device? Available for both iPhone and Android, just search "Realm Connect" in your app store and download it for free. If you already have a Realm account, you can simply log in using your email and password. Don't have a Realm account? Email onrealm@lmpc.org to request an account.

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.