



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 16, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Hymn of praise

“Come, People of the Risen King”

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev’ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev’ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all.” *Refrain*

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* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

taken from Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Leader: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

All: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Call to confession

taken from 1 Peter 1 and 2

You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hymn of confession

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow’r:
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more;
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
this he gives you, this he gives you; ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam;
this he gives you, this he gives you; ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save;
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save.
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

* Hymn of assurance “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
 it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the living Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831

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

Offertory hymn “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

*** Scripture reading from Luke 5:17-26**

David Fowler

¹⁷On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus.

²⁰And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²²When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ²⁴But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

²⁵And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Brought to Christ / Changed by Christ”

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. A shared sacrificial goal: bringing someone we know as close to Jesus as possible (vv. 17-20a)
2. A life-changing gift: forgiveness of sins that God alone can give (vv. 20b-24)
3. A God-glorifying awe: beholding Christ’s Word and work, which calls for a response (vv. 25-26)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“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.

* **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:

Jeffery Compton – vocalist

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

David Kaufmann – bass

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

Jennifer Mixon – vocalist

John Reeder – piano

Rebekah Risley – vocalist

Celebrating the baptism of Madeline Suzanne Holstege and Jacob Corey Holstege at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are their parents, Katie and Corey Holstege, their grandparents, Carrie and Bruce Holstege, and their great-grandmother, Jane Cook.

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Moses Butler Thomas, born to Hannah and Bo Thomas on January 4.

2021 YEAR-END GIVING REPORT

Praise God for his abundant provision through his people at LMPC. While giving of \$5.1 million was under budget by approximately \$128,000, we had more than adequate funds to meet the operational and ministry needs of the church in 2021. Giving in 2021 was approximately 1.7% above 2020 and giving to LMPC-supported missionaries and ministries was approximately \$1.7 million. Thank you for your generous gifts toward the work of the Kingdom at LMPC.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR AN EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. This service includes hymns and songs of praise accompanied by piano, as well as intercessory prayer and a homily. We will begin a study in 1 Peter.

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS for adult study, children's choirs, fellowship dinner, and Wednesday elementary classes. A full schedule of activities can be found at lmpc.org/wednesday. **Please register via Realm for the fellowship dinner.**

"UNFINISHED CALLING," A WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY FOR ALL AGES meets before fellowship dinner from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Dr. Addison Soltau, a pastor, scholar, and missionary, teaches this study of searching out the "unfinished calling" of older members of God's Kingdom.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, "A HOPE WORTH SHARING," beginning Wednesday, March 9. We are thankful to be able to gather together to hear more from guests visiting from Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Be on the lookout for more information about events in the weeks to come.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS' SOCIETY meets each Wednesday morning from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church (downtown) in their fellowship hall. We will begin reading and discussing *Charity and Its Fruits* by Jonathan Edwards. Coffee is provided!

WOMEN OF LMPC JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT WINTER SUPPERS this Thursday, 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.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER RETREAT AT PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP in Mentone, Alabama, from Friday, January 21 to Sunday, January 23. Register via Realm by tomorrow, January 17. For more information, visit lmpc.org/ponderosa-retreat.

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

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP: Have you lost a loved one to death? GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. We will meet on Fridays beginning February 4 through April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Your registration fee of \$20 includes a workbook. To register, visit lmpc.org/care-support, call the church office, or simply register at our first meeting. Contact Ed Salter at edwardsalter815@gmail.com for further information.

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 \$225, which includes lodging and all meals. Richie Sessions, RUF campus minister at Vanderbilt University, will speak on "The Head and the Heart: From Knowing about Jesus to Knowing Jesus." Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE HEDGEHOG GROVE EVENT this Friday, January 21 from 5:15 to 9:00 p.m. Hedgehog Grove is a ministry that provides an evening of fun and care for children with special needs and their siblings. If you are interested in serving as a buddy to a child with special needs or their sibling, please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.

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

LAUNCH SUNDAY FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

In addition to the RENEW campaign, we still need to supply the ongoing operations of the church in 2022. In order to plan appropriately, it is beneficial to the church to have pledges for what you hope and plan to give.

Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2022 for the annual budget. Members will receive more specific information next week. You can already pledge for 2022 if you wish. This year, you can submit your giving plans in four different ways:

- online at lmpc.org/give
- email pledge@lmpc.org
- in your Realm profile under the GIVING tab
- place a giving plan card in the offering plate or deliver it to Woody Viveros in the church finance office