



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 16, 2022 | **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 in front of you 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

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**Prelude**

*"Be Thou My Vision"  
arr. Albert Travis*

**Welcome and announcements**

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

\* **Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 89

**Leader:** I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

**All:** **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

**Leader:** The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

**All:** **O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

\* **Hymn of praise 7**

*"From All That Dwell below the Skies"*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Katie and Corey Holstege bringing Madeline Suzanne Holstege and Jacob Corey Holstege

### Affirmation of faith (11:00)

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

James 1:23-26

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral meditation

“Merciful Father”

Chancel Choir

Merciful father, O Lord hear us,  
hear our prayer, hear our prayer. Amen.

*arr. Ludwig van Beethoven*

## 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

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;  
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful, let us take you at your word.  
And our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

*text by Frederick William Faber, 1862; music by John Zundel, 1870, BEECHSPRING*

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

### Offertory

“Give Me Jesus”

Chancel Choir

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when I feel afraid, and when I feel afraid,  
and when I feel afraid, give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when the trumpet sounds, and when the trumpet sounds,  
and when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.

*African American spiritual; arr. Mark Patterson, 2009*

\* **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 Luke 5:17-26**

*p. 1023 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

LJ Huffaker (9:30)

Julie Dean (11:00)

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"*

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 468**

*"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

*"Threefold Amen"*

\* **Postlude**

*"Tuba Tune"*

*C. S. Lang*

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

## Luke 5:17-26

<sup>17</sup>On 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. <sup>18</sup>And 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, <sup>19</sup>but 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.

<sup>20</sup>And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." <sup>21</sup>And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>22</sup>When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? <sup>24</sup>But 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."

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

**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.

## **SERMON NOTES**

“Brought to Christ / Changed by Christ”

*Luke 5:17-26*

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)

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## **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](https://lmpc.org/give)
- email [pledge@lmpc.org](mailto: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

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://lmpc.org/care-support), call the church office, or simply register at our first meeting. Contact Ed Salter at [edwardsalter815@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:emily@lmpc.org).

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, January 16*

9:30 a.m.	Worship service .....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults & children .....	various locations
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your needs.....	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service .....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	various locations
3:00 p.m.	Officer training class .....	Reception Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups .....	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with communion.....	chapel

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

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

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.