



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 30, 2022 | **Fellowship Hall Service**

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

* Call to worship

Psalm 111:1-3, 9-10

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

* Prayer of adoration

Missionary report

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Hymn of confession

"Depth of Mercy"

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?
God, the Just, his wrath forbears; me, the chief of sinners, spares.
So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways,
making clear my desp'rate need for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.
Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.
There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands,
scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997

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.

*** Hymn of assurance**

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge: the Lamb who is my righteousness;
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace;
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving-kindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;
and when he calls me it will be paradise, his face forever to behold;
his face forever to behold.

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

Offertory hymn

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

text by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150; Red Mountain Music, 2003

*** Scripture reading from Luke 5:33-39**

Emmie Thompson

³³And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."

³⁶He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. ³⁷And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. ³⁸But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. ³⁹And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Fasting and Feasting” Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

1. *The question:* Jesus, why do your disciples not fast like the others? (v. 33)
2. *The answer:* Fasting in the presence of the bridegroom is misguided and offensive. (vv. 34-35)
3. *The explanation:* The old has gone and the new has come. (vv. 36-39)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
upheld, protected, gathered up.

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom. *Refrain*

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* 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:

David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola
Hannah Perry – flute

Charlotte Reeder – vocalist
Chapman Whitted – guitar
John Wingard – vocalist

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED to join us for lunch **today** at 12:15 p.m. at the JHYB.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Are you caring for a loved one? Are you looking for resources and support in making care decisions? If so, you are invited to participate in our Care for the Caregiver group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Reception Room from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We also offer a Zoom option. Lee Ballenger and Ed Salter are our facilitators. For additional information contact Ed Salter at edwardsalter815@gmail.com.

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. To facilitate our planning, please register via Realm for the fellowship dinner. Please note that our Wednesday Evening study, "Unfinished Calling," is now meeting in the chapel from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ELECTIVE CLASS based on Rebecca McLaughlin's book *Confronting Christianity* begins on February 9 in the Upper Room from 6:05-7:00 p.m. John Plating, Caroline Scruggs, and John Wingard will lead us as we consider and discuss dominant competing secular narratives on Christianity in our culture today. Please plan to join us!

HEDGEHOG GROVE DATE CHANGE: Hedgehog Grove has been postponed until February 4. If you are available to volunteer, please email Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.

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.

EVEN A GREAT MARRIAGE CAN BE BETTER! Whether you are newlyweds or have been married many years, the Marriage Course can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. The course is open to members and friends of LMPC and will be held on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning February 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information send an email to marriagecourse@lmpc.org or contact Larry Goodman at ldgoodman@sbcglobal.net.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SEMINAR, "IS IT ABUSE?," FEBRUARY 25-27. In an effort to assist our congregation with on-going training, the LMPC Safeguarding Team is holding a seminar presented by Darby Strickland based on her book, *Is It Abuse? A Biblical Guide to Identifying Domestic Abuse and Helping Victims*. In three sessions, Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during both Sunday school hours, we will explore these topics and learn how to minister to those affected by abuse. For more information on the seminar, visit lmpc.org/domestic-abuse-seminar.

WE WILL OFFER OUR ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS for youth, grades 6 to 12, interested in joining LMPC on March 4-6. The class will meet Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday school hour. Email Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org for more information and to sign up. Please include the student's name, age, and grade in the email. The deadline to register is February 25.

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

STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

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Don't have a Realm account? Email onrealm@lmpc.org to request one.

STEWARDSHIP 2022

Last week we launched our annual stewardship campaign, asking you to pledge a portion of what God provides to you towards the ongoing ministries and operational needs of the church for 2022. In order to plan appropriately, it is beneficial to the church officers and staff to have pledges for what you hope and plan to give. We are pleased to announce that we have received pledges from 26% of the church membership and 34% of the monies needed for the budget.

Our regular annual ministry and operations needs for this year (separate from the special projects in the RENEW campaign) are \$5.3 million, which includes \$1.7 million for our missions partners and \$3.6 million for programs, maintenance, and staff compensation. This is an increase of 3% over the 2021 planned ministry and operations needs, primarily for a cost of living increase for the pastors and staff of the church, an increase in giving to our missions partners of \$42,000, and an increase in our capital reserve fund (for non-RENEW projects). An example of a non-RENEW capital project is the new heat and air system that was just installed in the nursery area for over \$200,000. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2022.

You can submit your giving plans in multiple ways:

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