



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 6, 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

David Caines, ruling elder

* Call to worship

1 Chronicles 29:10b-12

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

* Hymn of praise

"This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.
text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

* **Prayer of adoration**

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

Offertory hymn "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our souls.
From the waters of his mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of his presence all his saints are richly fed.
With the oil of his anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his Kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them; he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.
text by Marva J. Dawn, 1999; music by Caleb Fincher and Kara Young, 2019

* **Scripture reading from Luke 6:1-11**

text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (9:30)
Barbara Wingard (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Sabbath: Tragic Distortion and True Design"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

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

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.
text from The Psalter, 1912; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Prayer of confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we do not keep the Sabbath as you have intended or value it for the gift that it is.

All: Forgive us for elevating productivity and efficiency over your good gifts of rest and restoration. Forgive us for striving to do more, be more, and gain more rather than resting in the glorious reality that we are yours. Forgive us for attempting to control our lives rather than resting in your care and your finished work on our behalf.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Colossians 1:19-22

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, 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. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

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

“The King in All His Beauty”

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One, eternal.
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in his temple
as symphonies of angels praise, now strain to sound his glory.
Come worship; fall before his grace, the King in all his beauty.

Refrain: How worthy, how worthy, how worthy,
the King in all his beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters,
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As earth is stained with royal blood and quakes with love and fury,
he breathes his last and bows his head, the King in all his beauty. *Refrain*

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Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.
The hope of every tribe and tongue, his Kingdom is forever!
Bring praise and honor to his courts; bring wisdom, pow'r, and blessing.
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all his beauty. *Refrain*
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“There Is a Higher Throne”

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'erald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. *Refrain*
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* **Prayer of thanksgiving**

* **Hymn of praise**

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* **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:

Amy Barham – vocalist

Ismael Bartolome – violin

Carson Culbertson – guitar

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Perry – vocalist

Bob Wharton – piano

Luke 6:1-11

¹On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?"

³And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?"

⁵And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁶On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him.

⁸But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. ⁹And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored.

¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

SERMON NOTES

“Sabbath: Tragic Distortion and True Design”

Luke 6:1-11

1. The tragic distortion of the Sabbath (vv. 1-2, 6-7)

2. The true design of the Sabbath (vv. 3-5, 8-11)

BIG IDEA: Jesus’ design for his people to have regular and rhythmic rest (Sabbath) is tragically distorted by man-made regulations.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LMPC'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were mailed last week. Please review the information carefully this year to ensure that your gifts were properly applied between the annual ministry needs and the RENEW campaign. If you did not receive a statement, please contact the church office.

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.

A WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ELECTIVE CLASS based on Rebecca McLaughlin's book *Confronting Christianity* begins this Wednesday, 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!

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. In addition, there will be a Q & A Brown Bag Lunch Event for women only on Saturday from noon to 1:00 p.m. 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

STEWARDSHIP 2022

We are in the midst of 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 34% of the church membership and 41% of the monies needed for the expected ministry needs.

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

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) _____

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SPOUSE CELL _____

SPOUSE EMAIL* _____

**By supplying your email address(es), you consent to receive email from LMPC.*

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 6

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>
3:00 p.m.	Officer training class	<i>Reception Room</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<i>JHYB</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

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

STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Account, click on Giving, and click on the blue button that says "+Give", or "Make a gift" if you're on the app, to create a new gift. From there you can set up a one-time or recurring gift, select the fund, and the frequency. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm, for future gifts or event payments.

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

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.