



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 13, 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

Prelude

Prelude in G minor
John Stainer

Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

* Call to worship

Psalms 36:5-7 and Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

All: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love!

Leader: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

* Hymn of praise 529

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* Prayer of adoration

Missionary report

Call to confession

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“God So Loved the World”

Chancel Choir

God so loved the world; God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that who-so believeth, believeth in him
should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world.
God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

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that he gave his only begotten Son,
that who-so believeth, believeth in him
should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life,
everlasting, everlasting life.
God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
God so loved the world.

text from John 3:16-17; music by John Stainer

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Psalm 103

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

* Hymn of assurance 703, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Loved with Everlasting Love”

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 6:12-26**

pp. 1024-1025 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Bob Huffaker (9:30)

Meg Jacobs (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“An Upside-Down Calling”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 644

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

Variations on “Hyfrydol”
Healey Willan

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – piano
Joy Gibbons – director

Dan Rineer – guest organist



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR “A HOPE WORTH SHARING”
MARCH 9-13, 2022**

This year’s conference will focus on our renewed zeal for evangelism and mission, on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Join us as we welcome guests from around the world, with events available for children, youth, and adults. The full event schedule is available on printed materials around the church, and on our website at lmpc.org/wmc2022. Please plan to attend this special event.

Luke 6:12-26

¹²In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.

¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Norah James Phillips, born to Emily and Paul Phillips on February 2.

Celebrating the baptism of Elizabeth McArthur Weeks at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Lauren and Will Weeks, and her grandparents, Diane and Stacy Hunt, Michelle and Roy Hendrix, and Sharon and Hal Weeks.

SERMON NOTES
“An Upside-Down Calling”
Luke 6:12-26

1. Jesus’ prayer-filled calling of the apostles (vv. 12-16)

2. Jesus’ upside-down calling to discipleship (vv. 17-26)
 - He embodies their upside-down calling. (vv. 17-19)

 - He expresses their upside-down calling. (vv. 20-26)
 - ◇ The blessing of poverty vs. the warning of riches (vv. 20, 24)

 - ◇ The blessing of hunger now vs. the warning of fullness now (vv. 21a, 25a)

 - ◇ The blessing of sorrow now vs. the warning of laughter now (vv. 21b, 25b)

 - ◇ The blessing of rejection (for the sake of Christ) vs. the warning of acceptance (vv. 22-23, 26)

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 this Tuesday, 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE WOMEN'S THIRD THURSDAY DOWNTOWN LUNCH HAS CHANGED LOCATIONS. We will now meet at 11:30 a.m. at The Feed Co. Table & Tavern at 201 W. Main Street. Please join us for food and fellowship this Thursday, February 17.

LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR MEN'S DAY WEDNESDAY LUNCH the fourth Wednesday of each month. This month we will meet on Wednesday, February 23 at 11:45 a.m. at Feed Co. Table & Tavern on 201 W. Main Street. Come gather with us on your lunch hour for good food and fellowship!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH VISION OF MERCY: On Saturday, February 26, a small team of volunteers from LMPC will work alongside Vision of Mercy to serve meals to men and women experiencing homelessness in the Chattanooga area. If you are interested in helping, please contact Missions Coordinator, Stephanie Young, at stephanie@lmpc.org.

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.

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 37% of the church membership and 45% of the funds 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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 13

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.....	Reception Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	JHYB

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

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.

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.