

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**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; an online form is available by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin. 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.

\* Congregation standing as you are able

# Order of Worship

#### Prelude

"If With All Your Hearts" Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Calkin

If with all your heart ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me, thus saith our God.

O, that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence.

#### Welcome and announcements

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

Introit

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Chancel Choir

The God of Abraham praise, all praised be his name, who was and is, and is to be, and still the same! The one eternal God, ere aught that now appears; the First, the Last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

His spirit floweth free, high surging where it will, in prophets word he spoke of old, he speaketh still. Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land. text is paraphrase from the "Yigdal" (13 articles of Jewish Creed), translated by Thomas Olivers; Hebrew melody

\* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

"O Worship the King"

# \* 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.

<sup>\*</sup> **Hymn of praise 2,** vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

Call to confession based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

# Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Chancel Choir

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever; Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever; for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. text from Latin hymn; translated and adapted by Theodore Baker, 1899; music from The Seven Last Words of Christ, by Théodore Dubois, 1867, ADORE THEE

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 John 3:1 and Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9

Leader: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

All: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in 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 468

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

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

Offertory

"Thou My Everlasting Portion"

Chancel Choir

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me; all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be; gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea; then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee. Amen. *text by Fanny J. Crosby; tune by Opal S. Davis from* The Sacred Harp

\* 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 Deuteronomy 4:15-31 pp. 175-176 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Stephanie Wharton (9:30) Sarah Donaldson (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

**Sermon** "Guard Your Hearts from Idols" Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

\* **Hymn of response 644** "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

\* Benediction

\* Congregational response "Threefold Amen"

\* **Postlude** "O Worship the King" arr. Paul Laubengayer

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

#### Deuteronomy 4:15-31

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, <sup>16</sup>beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, <sup>17</sup>the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, <sup>18</sup>the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. <sup>19</sup>And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. <sup>20</sup>But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day. <sup>21</sup>Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance. <sup>22</sup>For I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land. <sup>23</sup>Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. <sup>24</sup>For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

<sup>25</sup>"When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, so as to provoke him to anger, <sup>26</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed. <sup>27</sup>And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you. <sup>28</sup>And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

<sup>29</sup>"But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>30</sup>When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice. <sup>31</sup>For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them."

### **SERMON NOTES**

"Guard Your Hearts from Idols" Deuteronomy 4:15-31

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1.	called to constant watchfulness because of our idolatrous tendencies. (vv. 15-24)
2.	given clear warnings about the consequences of our idolatry. (vv. 25-28)
3.	promised compassionate welcome upon our repentance of idolatry. (vv. 29-31)

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#### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU NEED TO REACH A PASTOR DURING AN EMERGENCY** outside of church office hours, you may now choose a new option on the church answering machine. Listen for the option to leave a message for a pastor. Your message will then be sent to the pastors so that one of them may get back with you as soon as possible.

**WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FALL KICKOFF DINNER**: Please join us in the fellowship hall today at 6:00 p.m. to begin the ministry year. Dinner will be provided by Bob's Brick Oven Pizza, and worship will be led by Jennifer Daniels. Come learn how you can get involved! No registration required; cost is \$10.

**REGISTER FOR FAMILY CAMP TODAY.** You won't want to miss this incredible weekend of fellowship and fun for all ages at Alpine Camp from September 9 to 11. Spots are filling up fast; register on Realm.

**JESUS AND SEXUALITY**: The Gospel speaks to all areas of our lives, including our sexuality. Please make plans to join us in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14 to hear pastor, author, and apologist Sam Allberry speak on this topic.

**BUILD-A-BAG**: Help feed our community by participating in this food drive benefitting the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army. Pick up a bag now in the fellowship hall lobby or Narthex to fill and bring back before Sunday, September 11.

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

#### ALL REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 7.

- Adult elective: "The Gospel Matters" (4:30 p.m.)
- Children's Choirs (4:45 p.m.)
- Wednesday Fellowship Dinner\* (5:45 p.m.)
- Nursery available (6:00 to 7:00 p.m.)
- Evening Prayer (6:00 p.m.)
- Adult elective: "Telling a Better Story" (6:10 p.m.)
- Chancel Choir (6:15 p.m.)
- Kids Clubs (6:15 p.m.)
- Middle School Youth Group (6:30 p.m.)

Find more information at lmpc.org/wednesday.

\*Prices for the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner are now \$6 for teens and adults, \$4 for 6-12-year-olds, and free for 5-year-olds and under. Family max is \$20.

#### TODAY AT LMPC

#### Sunday, August 28

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults	
9:30 a.m.	Small group leader training	Reception Room
10:30 a.m.	Elders 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
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small group prep	
6:00 p.m.	Evening worship with communion	
6:00 p.m.	Women's Discipleship Fall Kickoff	
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	

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

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

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We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



#### **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 are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.