

# 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

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" arr. Robert J. Powell

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call: to live according to your Word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

#### Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

\* Call to worship

1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

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: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

- \* **Hymn of praise 164,** vv. 1-4
- \* Prayer of adoration
- \* Affirmation of faith (9:30)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Sacrament of baptism (11:00)

Alex and Robert Huffaker III (Bobby) bringing Robert Faucette Huffaker IV

Call to confession Psalm 32:1-6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

Wondrous King, all-glorious, sov'reign Lord victorious, O, receive our praise with favor! From thee welled God's kindness tho' we in our blindness strayed from thee, our blessed Savior. Strengthen thou, help us now; let our tongues be singing, thee our praises bringing.

text and music by Joachim Neander, 1680, WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

## Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

Leader: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: Be glad and rejoice! The LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

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

Offertory "A Canon of Praise" Chancel Choir

Praise him, O praise him, O come ye people, praise the Lord forever. Sing praises to his holy name.

To the God of glory loudest praise now bring, source of our salvation, our eternal King.

Praise him, praise him, praise the Lord forever. Come and praise him, come and praise the Lord.

Praise him, O praise him,
O come ye people, praise the Lord forever.
Sing praises to his holy name.
O praise him, come and praise him,
come and praise the Lord.
text and music by Natalie Sleeth, 1969

<sup>\*</sup> Hymn of assurance 172, vv. 1, 2, 4

\* 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 10:1-16 pp. 1031-1032 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Brian Salter (9:30) Hilda Jemison (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

**Sermon** "Pursuing Faithfulness in Kingdom Mission" Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

\* **Hymn of response 263**, vv. 1, 4, 5

"Lift High the Cross"

- \* Benediction
- \* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

\* Postlude

"All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. John Longhurst

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight - organ, piano

Celebrating the baptism of Robert Faucette Huffaker IV at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Alex and Robert Huffaker III (Bobby), his grandparents, Sarah and Chad Hon and Natalie and Robert Huffaker Jr. (Rob), and his great-grandparents, Dina and Tom Bender, Ann Hon, Sandra and David Woodward, and LJ and Robert Huffaker Sr. (Bob).

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are from the wedding of Emma Gibson and Jamesen Rees on September 17. They are given in loving memory of Neal Gibson, the bride's father.

#### Luke 10:1-16

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

<sup>3</sup>"Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

<sup>5</sup>"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>12</sup>"I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. <sup>13</sup>Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. <sup>16</sup>The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects him who sent me."

IN MEMORIAM
Robert Carson Monroe

April 9, 1930 - September 3, 2022

# **SERMON NOTES**

"Pursuing Faithfulness in Kingdom Mission" *Luke 10:1-16* 

Jesus calls his followers to:

1.	fervently pray for the vast Gospel opportunities in the world. (vv. 1-2)
2.	fully trust in God to supply all our needs. (vv. 3-4)
3.	boldly proclaim the Kingdom while expecting mixed responses. (vv. 5-11)
4.	soberly recognize the eternal consequences of rejecting Jesus. (vv. 12-16)



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#### MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: FRIENDS OF THE GOOD SAMARITANS



In 1989, Dr. Ananthi Jebasingh, founder of the Good Samaritan School (GSS), answered a knock on her door and encountered a boy from the slums begging for food. God spoke to her and told her to feed, teach, and love him. This little child loved to learn and began inviting his friends. Ananthi taught from her home until it was

overflowing with children. She was granted permission to utilize a space located in the only public toilet facility serving a 25,000-person slum. Dubbed the "The Toilet School" by her students, this is where Ananthi and her team taught for over a decade. With the help of U.S. partners, a \$3.5 million debt-free school was built and opened in 2005. Today the ministry educates over 3,000 students in 4 locations. Friends of the Good Samaritans, a non-profit organization, was established in 2004 to help fund and grow these schools.

The Good Samaritan School serves children in Delhi's slums by providing a quality Christian education in a safe, first-class learning environment. Upon graduation, students are bilingual (English and Hindi) and pursue higher education, vocational training, or workforce employment. Education has been vital in helping these children break the generational cycle of poverty.

Our calling is to take initiatives for the needy and marginalized in India and restore them to confident living. Luke 18:16 is our guide, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

#### SUNDAY EVENING COMMUNION SERIES: STAND FIRM - 2 TIMOTHY

2 Timothy is the Apostle Paul's last letter—the last words of a spiritual father to his son in the faith, Timothy. Paul writes from a Roman prison cell and anticipates his imminent death. In this intimate letter to a close friend and co-worker, Paul emphasizes what he wants Timothy to heed for the rest of his life and ministry. His message can be summed up in two words: stand firm. Paul encourages Timothy to hold on to the Gospel in the midst of persecution, false teaching, and all the challenges of following Jesus in this broken world.

Join us on the third Sunday evening of each month as we work our way through this book and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

#### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED** in this year's Build-A-Bag collection. We collected 246 bags for donation to the local food pantry!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A HEDGEHOG GROVE** event on Friday, September 23 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.

**COLLEGE LUNCHEON**: All college students are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, September 25, at 12:15 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building.

MOUNTAIN MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will be on Thursday, September 29. Get to know other men by gathering at a home together with a small group to eat meat and fellowship around the table. Invite your friends to join us! Please send an email by Wednesday, September 21 to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and let us know who will be coming with you. Email the same address if you would like to host a group in your home.

**31 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR RENEW** will begin again in the month of October. Join together with the LMPC body in a focused time of daily prayer as we petition God for renewal. In March, we published a 31-Day prayer guide; please locate that in preparation for October. Or, find a digital version on the website at lmpc.org/renew. Plan to use this prayer guide in your personal and family prayer times, in your Bible studies and small groups, and corporately as we worship together each week. Extra print copies will be available September 25.



**THE MARRIAGE COURSE SERIES** will run on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for seven weeks beginning on October 4. Whether you are newlyweds or have been married many years, the Marriage Course will benefit you by helping you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. Enjoy a video series in the Conference Room, where dessert will be provided. Register by emailing marriagecourse@lmpc.org before October 2; cost is \$45 per couple.

**THE NEXT WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS** are on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Choose the book and dinner destination you would like to attend and register on Realm. Book options are *The Screwtape Letters, Everything Sad is Untrue*, and *Liturgy of the Ordinary*.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**: Women's Retreat, November 4-6.

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

#### TODAY AT LMPC

### Sunday, September 18

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults	Conference 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 groups	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Communion	
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 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. 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.

#### **CONTACT US**

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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.