



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 9, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

* 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, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

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

Call to confession

taken from Hebrews 10:19-22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 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. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* Hymn of assurance

“'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*
text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

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

Sacrament of baptism

Margaret and Grayson Lowery bringing Jane Palfrey Lowery

*** Scripture reading from Isaiah 62:8-12**

Annie Reynolds

⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "God's Gift to All People: A Certain and Glorious Vision of the Future!"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

God gives his people a certain and glorious vision of the future through:

1. his reassuring oath to his people. (vv. 8-9)
 - A day is coming when the curse will be no more!
2. his welcoming call to all people. (vv. 10-11)
 - Prepare clear paths for people to meet the Savior!

3. his amazing declaration of his people's identity. (v. 12)

- Sought out, redeemed, and set apart unto the Lord

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**

Musicians for this week:

Amy Barham – vocals

Anna Davis – flute

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Fred Verwoerd – vocals

Sophia Wiersema – cello

Celebrating the baptism of Jane Palfrey Lowery at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Margaret and Grayson Lowery, and her grandparents, Karen and Miller Welborn and Josie and Todd Lowery.

Celebrating the baptism of Lazarus Alyosha Lutz at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Hannah and Adam Lutz, his grandparents, Lisa and Eric Irwin and Beth and Steve Lutz, and his great-grandparents, Julie and Al Lutz.

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Thomas Desmond Marshall, born to Rochelle and Cal Marshall on October 2.

SERMON SERIES: RENEW

We are in need of renewal. Thankfully, the prophet Isaiah provides a way for ongoing renewal in the latter part of his prophecy. He speaks hope to those who are in exile, facing much loss and threat while awaiting the fullness of God's coming Kingdom.

We, too, are in exile and far from home, feeling more and more like strangers in a foreign land. In many ways and on many fronts, it seems that the Kingdom lies in ruins around us in how people think, how they live, what they say, or what they cherish. How can we experience renewal in the ruins?

The road to Kingdom renewal is the same for us as it was for God's people then. The road to renewal is one of relinquishing, repenting, rejoicing, reflecting, and realigning. We will discover the truth of what Nancy Leigh DeMoss once said, "Revival is not just an emotional touch; it's a complete takeover."

LMPC PRAYER LIST:

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office 423-821-4528 or email margaret@lmpc.org. Requests in the "Current Needs" sections will remain on the list for up to two weeks. If your need persists beyond that time, please call with an update or to request an extension. The prayer list is sent out by email each Friday to those who request to be on the PrayLMPC distribution list. Print copies of the prayer list are available each Sunday morning in the Narthex and fellowship hall lobby.

SERVE THE CITY: OCTOBER 29, 2022, 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Are you familiar with LMPC's annual day of service to our Strategic Partner Ministries? Serve the City is a unique time for our congregation to come together to serve ministries seeking to advance God's Kingdom within the city. We will visit, serve, and learn more about our partner ministries, then return back to LMPC for a picnic lunch (provided).

Opportunities to serve include packing and distributing food, assisting widows with yard work and house maintenance, and working in an outdoor community garden. Opportunities are available for individuals, families, and small groups.

If you need assistance securing childcare in order to participate, we encourage you to contact Amy Horne at amy@lmpc.org no later than October 20.

Those who register by **Sunday, October 9** are guaranteed a t-shirt, though we will do our best to provide t-shirts to as many participants as possible.

Registration is now open on Realm Connect. Please consider how you will join us in service on this special day.

Want to learn more about the ministries we're serving with prior to registration?

Amani ya Juu Chattanooga

The mission of Amani Chattanooga is to live out God's peace and reconciliation on a daily basis, bringing holistic development through community and sustainable business in Chattanooga while sustaining the mission of our sister centers in Africa through product distribution.

Church of the First Born

Church of the First Born seeks to impact the urban community with the Gospel: to raise up spiritual leaders, to bring about spiritual, economic, and social change in the community.

Hope for the Inner City

Hope for the Inner City seeks the transformation of East Chattanooga residents through loving service, meaningful work, and reconciliation with Christ.

Vision of Mercy

Vision of Mercy provides services to the homeless community in the greater Chattanooga area. They serve individuals who are displaced from their families, homes, and society while assisting them with everyday essential needs such as food, tents, blankets, raincoats, shelter, and medication.

Widows Harvest

Widows Harvest Ministries seeks to plead the case of, provide assistance to, and promote the spiritual growth and ministries of widows in Chattanooga.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUE TO FALL BREAK, there will be no Evening Prayer tonight or Wednesday Night activities on October 12.

JOIN THE KNITWITS in the Jane Harris Youth Building on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., September until May. This group knits packets of newborn caps, security blankets, and washcloths to donate for local organizations. Email Dottie Brock at dottiebrock65@gmail.com for more information.

THE DEADLINE FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS IS Friday, October 14. Visit lmpc.org/nominations to make your selections, or call the church office for a paper ballot.

A NEW ADULT ELECTIVE will run from October 19 to November 16 on Wednesday nights after fall break in the Upper Room at 6:00 p.m. Taught by Robert Row, "Discovering Jesus as a Person" is a seminar focused on the person of Jesus that will renew your love for the center of our faith.

THE BRIDGE is a gathering of women of all ages coming together to fellowship and hear how God has been at work in the lives of our LMPC women. Our pastors' wives, Mary Vassar Hitchings, Jessica Middlebrooks, Mary Nettleton, Kendra Salter, and Lisa Tolson will be sharing parts of their stories. Join us in the fellowship hall on October 20 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided for \$10. Please register via Realm Connect by Monday, October 17.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Tuesday, October 25 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall to eat together and hear a word of encouragement. More than ever, in our very isolated and fragmented world, men must be intentional in forming meaningful friendships that can provide support, encouragement, and accountability. Fellowship opportunities with other men provide avenues for these friendships and connections to begin. Feel free to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come along with you.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH invite you to the Tennessee Valley Presbytery Reformation Hymn Festival on Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. Join us at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga for hymns and readings of the faith, congregational singing, and music lead by the festival choir and orchestra. Nursery will be provided.

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