



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 9, 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; 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

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**Prelude**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
arr. David Lowe*

**Welcome and announcements**

Steve Kaufmann, 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 100**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

\* **Prayer of adoration**

\* **Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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**

**Choral prayer**

“The Meditations of My Heart”

Chancel Choir

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD.

O LORD my Rock, O LORD my strength,

O LORD my God and Redeemer.

*text based on Psalm 19:14, music by Elaine Hagenberg, 2017*

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

taken from Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

\* **Hymn of assurance 498, vv. 1, 2, 5**

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

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

**Offertory**

“Prepare Thyself, Zion”

Chancel Choir

Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection,  
the purest, the fairest, this day to receive.  
*text by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750; arr. Hal Hopson, 1999*

\* **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 Isaiah 62:8-12**

*p. 739 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Amos Oster (9:30)

Julie Dean (11:00)

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!”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 198**, vv. 1, 4, 6

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

March on a Theme of Handel, “Lift Up Your Heads”

*Alexandre Guilmant*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

## **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."

**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.

## Isaiah 62:8-12

<sup>8</sup>The 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; <sup>9</sup>but 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."

<sup>10</sup>Go 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. <sup>11</sup>Behold, 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."

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

## SERMON NOTES

“God’s Gift to All People: A Certain and Glorious Vision of the Future!”

*Isaiah 62:8-12*

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

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



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## **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](mailto:dottiebrock65@gmail.com) for more information.

**THE DEADLINE FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS IS** Friday, October 14. Visit [lmpc.org/nominations](http://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](http://lmpc.org/news).*

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, October 9*

- 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*  
Note: Evening prayer **will not meet**

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

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.