

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 30, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. 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

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* Call to worship

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

- Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.
- All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. In love, you predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring all things in heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.
- All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

* Hymn of praise "Across the Lands"

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began. Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand. All creation holds together by the power of your voice. Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice! *Refrain*: You're the Author of creation; you're the Lord of ev'ry man; and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea; yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave, and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way. Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own; from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain text and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend* © 2002 *Thankyou Music, LLC, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.* #152036

* 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

based on Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let us turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on us. Let us turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Hymn of confession

"To Thee I Come"

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door; indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me. To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak; from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

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To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile; mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me. To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state; yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust; but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me. To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past, with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me! O, God was merciful to me! *text by Samuel Medley*, *1738-1799; music by Clint Wells*, *2006*

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2:9-10, 24-25

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

* Hymn of assurance "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863*

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

Offertory hymn "

"Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm, when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn; in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief; blind and fearful, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary. This, my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved; I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death, when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath. Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true; we will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed. *text and music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa* © 2014 *Messenger Hymns ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.* #152036

* Scripture reading from Philippians 1:3-11; 4:14-20; 2:19-30 *text printed in the bulletin*

Josh Lukens (9:30) David Paschall (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

"Gospel Partnership" Ralph Cunnington, pastor City Church Manchester

Pastoral prayer

Sermon

* Hymn of response

"There Is a Higher Throne"

There is a higher throne than all this world has known, where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come. Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings. Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

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And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne. We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. *Refrain text and music by Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty* © 2002 *Thankyou Music ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.* #152036

* 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:

Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone **Mark Gregory** – banjo **David Henry** – guitar, vocals **Hannah Lutz** – viola **Olivia Ranier** – vocals **Bob Wharton** – piano **Donna Wharton** – vocals

UNITED KINGDOM PARTNERSHIP GUESTS

LMPC welcomes two of our United Kingdom Partners, Pete Evans and Ralph Cunnington, to the pulpit today.



Ralph Cunnington will speak in the fellowship hall services. Ralph led the team that planted City Church Manchester in September 2014, and now serves as one of the pastors. Manchester is the UK's second largest city and center of cultural influence in England, with a population of 2.7 million, including 95,000 university students. City Church Manchester has grown from a church of 40 to more than 300 adults over the past four years. City Church Manchester is committed to being a large hub church that trains and resources Gospel workers for Manchester, the North West, and beyond.

Ralph is married to Anna and has three children, Sophie, Zach, and Jacob. Ralph is a catalyst for the Northern Gospel Project, an initiative to see 30 churches planted in Greater Manchester by 2030. He is on the board of Crosslands and UCCF and author of *Preaching with Spiritual Power* (Christian Focus, 2015), and *One: Distinct but Inseparable* (P&R, forthcoming).



Pete Evans will preach in the sanctuary services. Pete is the lead pastor at Trinity Church, Manchester, where approximately 98% of the three million people who live in the city do not know Jesus. Trinity Church was planted in the midst of the COVID-19 lockdown from City Church Manchester. Trinity Church has enjoyed growth and fruit as people have discovered (or rediscovered!) the grace of God by the power of the Spirit. Trinity is working closely with other churches in the city to plant more churches and spark a Gospel movement that sees many more people come to know Jesus for themselves.

Pete is married to Hannah and has two boys, Jack and Owen. Together, Pete and Hannah have been involved in launching and leading three church plants. Pete has served in pastoral ministry for over a decade in both the UK and the US.

Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 4:14-20

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 2:19-30

¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. ²⁵I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

SERMON NOTES

"Gospel Partnership" Philippians 1:3-11; 4:14-20; 2:19-30

1. Prayers (vv. 1:3-11)

2. Pounds (vv. 4:14-20)

3. People (vv. 2:19-30)

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH invite you to the Tennessee Valley Presbytery Reformation Hymn Festival today at 6:00 p.m. Join us at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga for hymns and readings of the faith, congregational singing, and the combined choirs of LMPC and First Presbyterian, co-directed by Joy Gibbons and Darrin Hassevoort.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING will take place on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Please attend if you volunteer in a ministry with minors or are simply interested in learning our policies and procedures.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS AN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT TIME for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Find support and encouragement at the GriefShare seminar, "Surviving the Holidays," on November 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Please register on Realm.

GATHER YOUR LEAF BLOWERS, RAKES, GLOVES, SHEARS, AND WHEELBARROWS to come help clean up the church! The deacons invite everyone to the Annual Fall Church Work Day on Saturday, November 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tasks include leaf collection, weeding, and vine removal. Donuts and drinks will be available for volunteers. The whole church family is encouraged to come and participate!

ADULTS AGES 23-40 ARE INVITED TO A SOCIAL at Canopy, Lookout Mountain, TN, for an evening of food and fellowship on Tuesday, November 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Appetizers are provided and drinks are available for purchase. Register on Realm Connect.

PILLAR & GROUND, LMPC'S PODCAST has reached 10,000 downloads! With two episodes posted each week for a total of nearly 60 episodes, there is something for everyone. "Our Connections" episodes feature interviews with people with whom we stand in community and mission. "Our Questions" episodes provide biblical perspective for today's concerns. "Our Confession" episodes help us understand and apply the truths in our Westminster Confession of Faith. Find Pillar & Ground on most podcast player apps, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, and Stitcher. Subscribe and get notifications when new episodes are loaded. Have ideas for future episodes? Let us know at podcast@lmpc.org.

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, October 30

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	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Reformation Hymn Festival	First Presbyterian, Chattanooga
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	

For more events this week, visit 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. 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.

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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.