



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 6, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* **Call to worship**

taken from Jeremiah 32 and Revelation 4

Leader: Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

All: **You show love to thousands—O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds.**

Leader: You performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt and have continued them to this day, both in Israel and among all mankind, and have gained the renown that is still yours.

All: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!**

* **Hymn of praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861

* **Prayer of adoration**

Responsive prayer for the church

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

All: As we give thanks for all the saints, we are mindful of those members of the church whose lives and ministries are oppressed. We ask of you, great Father, to bless today our brothers and sisters of the persecuted church.

Leader: Thank you for the humbling example of their bold witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May they be strengthened in their faith and assured of your active presence in their lives and our world.

All: Help us all to see and celebrate the great unity in Christ to which we are called, and may opportunities abound to share with others your great love found at the cross and in the empty tomb. May the church here and around the world be refreshed through your Word and strengthened through these prayers as we all grow in the knowledge of Christ. Amen.

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

Offertory hymn "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our souls.
From the waters of his mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of his presence all his saints are richly fed.
With the oil of his anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his Kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them; he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

text by Marva J. Dawn, 1999; music by Caleb Fincher and Kara Young, 2019

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Distracted from Devotion"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. **The context:** welcoming Jesus and Jesus' welcome (vv. 38-39)
2. **The complaint:** revealing the presence of activity for Jesus without attention to Jesus (v. 40)
3. **The call:** inviting us away from distraction for Jesus to devotion to Jesus (vv. 41-42)

Pastoral prayer

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This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God's people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord's Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

Ismael Bartolome – violin
Joel Christie – vocals
Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Hannah Perry – vocals

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Centuries ago, believers developed what is now known as the “Calendar of the Church Year.” It was designed to assist both unlearned and illiterate believers in mastering the truths of the Kingdom of God by causing them to “walk through” the events of redemptive history. All Saints’ Day, November 1, was chosen to call all believers to remember the faithful saints who had already finished their race and gone home to heaven. On All Saints’ Sunday we join the historic practice and recall the lives of our members who have gone on to glory in the past year.

Dianne Adams — April 6, 2022
Mattie Barron — December 18, 2021
Betsy Bookout — June, 16 2022
Greg Brown — June 25, 2022
Mary Chisholm — November 17, 2021
Dorothy Dameron — February 18, 2022

Ann Elizabeth DeVaney — March 26, 2022
Bill Gauntt — February 24, 2022
Bob Monroe — September 3, 2022
Dick O’Ferrall — May 5, 2022
Anne Platt — January 19, 2022
Gregg Terry — January 20, 2022

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT FOR EVENING PRAYER, we will gather in the sanctuary for a service of healing prayer for Ellen Thompson, who has recently been given a very difficult cancer diagnosis. Please come to worship in song, receive God’s Word, and participate in anointing prayer for healing.

NEW RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION AND PRAYER: Have you ever wondered which elders and deacons are currently in active service? Would you like to connect the faces of the men in leadership with their wives? Pick up a new directory from the brochure racks in the fellowship hall lobby or Narthex containing information on those who lead at LMPC (also available online at lmpc.org/officers). You will also find a Church Profile brochure, containing LMPC’s vision and goals. Both these resources are fantastic guides for prayer for our leadership and our church.

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 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until noon. Tasks will include leaf collection, weeding, and vine removal. We will have donuts and drinks available for volunteers. The whole church family is encouraged to come and participate.

LOVE LOOKOUT PRESENTS the Love Lookout Mountain Opry on Saturday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fairyland Mountain Hall. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the food trucks, fire pits, and bluegrass music!

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

INTERESTED IN SERVING WITH METANOIA PRISON MINISTRIES? Attend a new mentor orientation on Saturday, November 19 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at North Shore Fellowship, 109 Frazier Ave., Chattanooga. This is a perfect opportunity to get plugged into one of LMPC's Strategic Partner Ministries. Contact Barry Smith at bsmith@pcanet.org for more details.

LMPC HAS SEVERAL JOB OPENINGS CURRENTLY LISTED: director of children's ministries, administrative assistant, part-time graphic designer, hostess/kitchen assistant (seasonal), and paid nursery worker. Find out more at lmpc.org/job-openings-at-lmpc.

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

SPECIAL PODCAST EPISODE FEATURING RENEW

Watch for a new episode from LMPC's podcast, Pillar & Ground, to be released on Monday, November 7 featuring a discussion between John Stroud, co-chair of the RENEW campaign, and Pastor Brian Salter. Brian and John share the history and vision of this campaign for spiritual, relational, material, and technological renewal. They also give an update on where we are one year into this plan and how God is directing and blessing.