

# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**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

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

\* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

\* Hymn of praise "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia! And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623

#### \* Prayer of adoration

#### Litany of thanksgiving (11:00)

based on Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods. Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Leader: To him who alone does great wonders, who by his understanding

made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights—the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars

to govern the night.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Leader: To the One who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from

our enemies, who gives food to every creature.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Call to confession Isaiah 30:15, 18, 19b

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

#### Hymn of confession (11:00)

"Jesus, I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee; out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth, out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee; out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above, upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee; out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold, ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

#### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

# \* Hymn of assurance

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me; to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace! One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God; with Christ, my Savior and my God. text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

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

#### Offertory hymn

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. text and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2005 Thankyou Music, ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic. #152036

#### Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Rochelle and Cal Marshall bringing Thomas Desmond Marshall

# \* Scripture reading from Luke 11:14-28

text printed in the bulletin

Margot Kapic (9:30) Ed Salter (11:00)

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

# Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Signs that Demand a Response" Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

# Pastoral prayer

# \* **Hymn of response** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825

- \* 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.

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#### Musicians for this week:

Eleanor Caines – vocals Charley Crichton – bass David Henry – guitar, vocals Hannah Lutz – viola Hannah Perry – flute John Reeder – piano Charlotte Reeder – vocals

**Celebrating the baptism** of Thomas Desmond Marshall at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Rochelle and Cal Marshall, and his grandparents, Carmen and Jeff Taylor and Susan and Calvin Marshall.

#### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US TODAY FOR THE EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE** at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, as we continue in our 2 Timothy series and observe Thanksgiving.

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS OF LMPC** invite you to a short presentation of "Welcome to Advent!" on Wednesday, November 30 at 5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Start your Advent season off right with the beautiful sound of children's voices. Following the program, join us for Family Night, including pizza and bingo in the fellowship hall; no reservations required but regular dinner fees apply.

**ALL WOMEN OF LMPC ARE INVITED** to celebrate the Christmas season together, enjoying an evening of fun and fellowship at Canopy on Tuesday, December 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

**THE VIP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 13**. Join us at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a delicious menu of chicken and dressing, roasted asparagus, cranberry-orange relish, and dessert. Make your reservation before December 9 on Realm Connect, or by calling the church office. The cost for this event is \$5. The VIPs are a group of mostly retired adults who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.

**LMPC HAS SEVERAL JOB OPENINGS CURRENTLY LISTED**: director of children's ministries, 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

#### VISION OF MERCY COLLECTION

Today begins our collection of essential kits and blankets to be distributed to men and women experiencing homelessness in Chattanooga, by our partners at Vision of Mercy.

If you donate an essential kit, please include each of these items in a sealed gallon-size Ziploc bag: winter hat, gloves, soap, deodorant, washcloth, socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable wipes, disposable razor. If you donate a blanket, please ensure it is at least 50x60 inches; new and gently used/clean blankets will be accepted. Leave donations in the Small Conference Room before Wednesday, December 7.

Please see the back of your bulletin for more information.

#### Luke 11:14-28

<sup>14</sup>Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup>When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

<sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" <sup>28</sup>But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

#### **SERMON NOTES**

"Signs that Demand a Response" *Luke* 11:14-28

Jesus' matchless power signals the arrival of God's Kingdom which:

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2. requires more than "cleaning up" our lives. (vv. 24-26)

3. brings true blessing to those who hear and obey him. (vv. 27-28)

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#### TODAY AT I MPC

#### Sunday, November 20

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

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

#### **VISION OF MERCY COLLECTION (CONT.)**

If you would like to volunteer with Vision of Mercy to distribute the collected items on Saturday, December 10, please email Stephanie Young at stephanie@lmpc.org to receive more information.

Though we are not collecting toys for Hope for the Inner City's Christmas Store onsite this year, the Christmas Store will be open from December 12-21. To learn more about their store, view the store's wish list, or to volunteer at the Christmas Store, please visit www.wearehfic.org/christmas. Please note, we are not accepting toy donations at LMPC.

# 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.