



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 20, 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

Prelude

*"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"
Aaron Miller*

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 67:3-7

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Leader: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

*** Hymn of praise 97**

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

*** Prayer of adoration**

Litany of thanksgiving

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

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer”

Chancel Choir

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
and humbly, with united cry, to you for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;
but hear us from your lofty throne, and help us when we pray. Amen.

text by John H. Gurney, 1838; music attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727, ST. ANNE

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

* Hymn of assurance 460

“Amazing Grace!”

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

Offertory

"Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord!"

Chancel Choir

Thanks be to thee, O Lord!
Thou hast thy flock safely led,
Israel, through the sea.
Thanks be to thee, O Lord!
Thou hast thy flock safely led,
Israel, through the sea.

Safely led and protected by thy strong hand:
glory, glory be to thee, O Lord!
Safely led and protected by thy strong hand:
glory, glory be to thee, O Lord!

Thanks be to thee, O Lord!
Thou hast thy flock safely led,
Israel, through the sea:
thanks and glory be to thee, O Lord!
Georg Friedrich Händel, arr. Louis Victor Saar, 1936

* 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 Luke 11:14-28

pp. 1033-1034 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Olivia Oster (9:30)
Pamela Wilson (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"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 125

"Let All Things Now Living"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Now Thank We All Our God”
arr. James Pethel

Musicians for this week:

Alayna Bowers – trumpet
Joy Gibbons – director

Angelica Kajiwara – soloist
Cheryl McAfee – guest organist

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.

Luke 11:14-28

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

²⁴When 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.' ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then 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."

²⁷As 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!" ²⁸But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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.

SERMON NOTES

“Signs that Demand a Response”

Luke 11:14-28

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

1. leaves no room for neutrality. (vv. 14-23)
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)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, November 20

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults & children	various locations
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

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

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.wearehfc.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.*

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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.