



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2023 | **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 (available for 11 a.m. service only today), 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**

taken from Psalm 9

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

All: **We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: **Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

*** Hymn of praise**

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all." *Refrain*
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*** Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

Offertory hymn "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.
text by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150; Red Mountain Music, 2003

*** Scripture reading from Hebrews 12:1-2**
text printed in the bulletin

David Fowler (9:30)
Rachel Adams (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Jesus, Our Fixation”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord’s Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Hymn of confession “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music from traditional English melody, O WALEY WALEY

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: O the unspeakable mysteries and treasures of mercy that are presented to us in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper! Here we have communion with God our Father who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: **Here we have communion with our blessed Redeemer, as crucified and glorified, and offered to us, as our quickening, preserving, strengthening Head.**

Leader: Here we have communion with the Holy Spirit, applying to our souls the benefits of redemption, drawing us to the Son, communicating light, life, and strength from him unto us, and increasing his graces in us.

All: Here we have communion with the body of Christ, his sanctified people. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember the finished work of Christ, receive nourishment, and anticipate the glory to come. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

adapted from The Practical Works of Richard Baxter, *vol. 10 and* The New City Catechism Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"Come, All Ye Pining"

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown, of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, in thy beloved Son.

Refrain: Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Savior's bounty taste; behold a never-failing store for every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine, dear source of every good; Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood! *Refrain*

Here shall your numerous wants receive a free, a full supply; he has unmeasured bliss to give, and joys that never die. *Refrain*
text by Anne Steele, 1716-1778; music by Brian T. Murphy, 2010

"The King in All His Beauty"

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One, eternal.
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in his temple
as symphonies of angels praise, now strain to sound his glory.
Come worship; fall before his grace, the King in all his beauty.

Refrain: How worthy, how worthy, how worthy,
the King in all his beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters,
the sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.
As earth is stained with royal blood and quakes with love and fury,
he breathes his last and bows his head, the King in all his beauty. *Refrain*

continued

Musicians for this week:

Ismael Bartolome – violin

William Darby – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Ellie Henry – vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON NOTES

“Jesus, Our Fixation”

As we face a new year and continue our race of faith, let us:

1. remember the cloud of witnesses. (v. 1a)
2. throw off all hindrances and entangling sin. (v. 1b)
3. run with persevering endurance. (v. 1c)
4. fix our eyes on Jesus. (v. 2)

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 1

- 9:30 a.m. Worship service with communion.....*sanctuary & fellowship hall*
10:30 a.m. Elders available to pray for your needs*Brian Salter's office*
11:00 a.m. Worship service with communion.....*sanctuary & fellowship hall*

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

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN OUR WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS on January 26, 6:00 p.m. These fellowship dinners will be hosted in individual homes and are an opportunity to connect with women across various ages and stages of life. Invite your friends and neighbors; please register on Realm Connect. If you are interested in hosting one of our Winter Suppers, please email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

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

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.