

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 15, 2023 | **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

*"Lasst Uns Erfreuen"
arr. Eric L. Carlson*

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Introit

"If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments"

Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
e'en the Spirit of truth, that he may abide with you forever.
text from John 14:15-17; music by Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

* Call to worship

based on Revelation 4 and 5 and Isaiah 6

Leader: O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are worthy of praise from every mouth, confession from every tongue, and worship from every creature.

All: **To your majesty, O God, ten thousand times ten thousand bow down and adore you, singing and praising without ceasing. Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your praises!**

* Hymn of praise 100

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of the law: the first commandment

Leader: What is the first commandment?

All: The first commandment is: You shall have no other gods before me.

Leader: What does the first commandment require?

All: The first commandment requires us to know and recognize God as the only true God and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Leader: What does the first commandment forbid?

All: The first commandment forbids denying God or not worshipping and glorifying him as the true God and our God. It also forbids giving worship and glory, which he alone deserves, to anyone or anything else.

Leader: What are we specifically taught in the first commandment by the words “before me?”

All: The words “before me” in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees everything, notices and is very offended by the sin of having any other god.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 45-48

Call to confession

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Hymn of confession 59, vv. 1, 2, 3

“Forever Settled in the Heavens”

Prayer of confession

Leader: O great God, you alone are worthy of our worship. Yet so often we exchange the truth for a lie and place created things above you in our hearts and lives.

All: Forgive us for the ways in which we take the good things you have made and make them ultimate. Give us fresh repentance and enliven us to see that our greatest idol is ourselves.

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Leader: In you alone we are satisfied, yet we often pursue our own interests and desires rather than finding our satisfaction in you. We languish in the promotion and love of ourselves rather than rejoicing in the truth that you alone are our Creator and Redeemer.

All: We ask that you, Lord, would help us this day to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, for this is the first and greatest commandment. Guard us from idols and triumph over all that competes for our ultimate affection.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* Hymn of assurance 460, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

"Amazing Grace!"

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

Offertory

"Ancient Words"

Chancel Choir

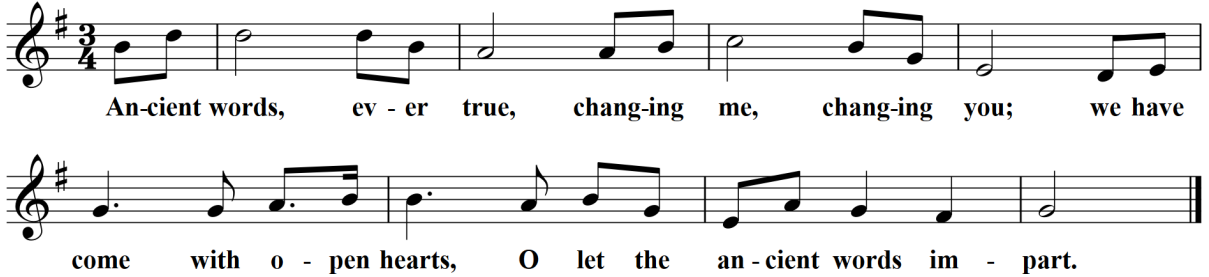
Choir: Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
we have come with open hearts; O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
in this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
we have come with open hearts; O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
we have come with open hearts; O let the ancient words impart.

Martyrs' blood stains each page, they have died for the faith;
hear them cry through the years; heed these words and hold them dear.

All:



An-cient words, ev - er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing you; we have
come with o - pen hearts, O let the an - cient words im - part.

text and tune by Lynn Shazo; arr. S. Whitacre

* **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 Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-7**
p. 177 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Amos Oster (9:30)
Jennifer Thompson (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "No Other Gods"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response** "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"
(turn page for words and music)

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

"Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth"

1. Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, and from it
2. In your com - mand - ments make me walk, for in your
3. Turn heart and eye from va - ni - ties, pre - serve my
4. Lord, turn a - way dis - grace and dread. Your right - eous

I will not de - part. That I may stead - fast - ly o -
law my joy shall be. Give me a heart that loves your
life with - in your way. Con - firm to me your ho - ly
judg - ments I con - fess. To know your word is my de -

bey, give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.
will, from dis - con - tent and en - vy free.
word pro - mised to those who fear your name.
sire. Re - vive me in your right - eous - ness.

text based on Psalm 119:33-40; music by Henry Baker, 1854, QUEBEC

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director, organ

Maddie Lee – piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VIP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON on Sunday, January 22 after morning worship services, at 12:30 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. We will enjoy a time of fellowship and a selection of soups and salads before hearing from two very special VIPs who have already begun leaving valuable wisdom for future generations. There is no cost for this event, but seating is limited, so please RSVP by January 19 by registering on Realm Connect or calling the church office. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

MAKING DECISIONS AT THE END OF LIFE for ourselves and loved ones can often be challenging. Our Care for the Caregiver Group will have a special guest presentation by Bill Davis on this topic. Bill is an elder at LMPC, a professor at Covenant College, and author of the book, *Departing in Peace: Biblical Decision-Making at the End of Life*. No prior registration is required; please join us from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Reception Room on Tuesday, January 24.

JOIN OUR WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS on Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m., taking place in individual homes, for the purpose of connecting with other women. 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.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, January 29 at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building.

THE GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP will meet this spring on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Reception Room from February 2 through May 4. Find comfort and support alongside others. Register on Realm Connect for \$25, which includes the workbook. Contact Ed Salter with questions at edwardsalter815@gmail.com.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE will be held on Tuesday evenings from February 14 until March 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Whether you are newlyweds or have been married many years, the Marriage Course can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. Each couple will sit at their own table and interact only with each other during this video course. The cost is \$50 and dessert will be provided. Register on Realm Connect by Sunday, February 12.

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Beebe Stroud and Ender Doe on January 14, and are given in memory of Mr. Charles Phillips ("Pockey"), Rev. and Mrs. Charles Boyd Stroud, Atticus Bartholomew Centurion Doe, and Dr. Frederick David Doe.

Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-7

¹And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them."

God said: ⁶"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

⁷"You shall have no other gods before me."

"There are two ways in which a practical moralist may attempt to displace from the human heart its love of the world—either by a demonstration of the world's vanity, so that the heart shall be prevailed upon simply to withdraw its regards from an object that is not worthy of it, or by setting forth another object, even God, as more worthy of its attachment, so that the heart shall be prevailed upon not to resign an old affection, which shall have nothing to succeed it, but to exchange an old affection for a new one. My purpose is to show that from the constitution of our nature, the former method is altogether incompetent and ineffectual, and that the latter method will alone suffice for the rescue and recovery of the heart from the wrong affections that domineer over it." From Thomas Chalmer's sermon entitled *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection*

SERMON NOTES

“No Other Gods”

Deuteronomy 5:7

MISSIONARY GUEST: JONATHAN, MTW

Jonathan will be joining us this morning in both the Fireside/Redeemer (9:30 a.m.) and Kingdom (11:00 a.m.) Sunday School classes.

Jonathan and Maggie serve with Mission to the World (MTW) in Asia. They moved to South Asia in 2010 to plant a church in a global city. Having pastored that church for several years, Jonathan is now the International Director for MTW, overseeing and establishing new ministries in the Asia-Pacific region. MTW desires to plant reformed and Presbyterian churches around Asia-Pacific among the unreached and least-reached peoples. Maggie helps to lead ministries of Parakaleo in Asia, a ministry that equips ministry wives to face the complex world of church-planting and pastoral ministry. Maggie and Jonathan have six daughters, ranging in age from three to fifteen.

LMPC 2023 BUDGET

We give thanks that God used you to generously provide all the ministry and operational needs of LMPC in 2022. If you would like to pledge for 2023 you may do so by either emailing pledge@lmpc.org or going to your account in Realm Connect.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 15

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
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	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.

SET UP YOUR SERVING PROFILE ON REALM CONNECT

Click on "Serving" on the left-hand menu if you are on a web browser, or click "More" if you are on your app. From there, click on "Select Skills and Interests" to make your selections. Please note that filling in your skills and interests does not commit you to anything.

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities!

If you don't have a Realm Connect account, please contact onrealm@lmpc.org to request one.

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.