



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22, 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, 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

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*** Hymn of praise**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of the law: the second commandment

Leader: What is the second commandment?

All: The second commandment is: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Leader: What does the second commandment require?

All: The second commandment requires us to receive, respectfully perform, and preserve completely and purely all the regulations for religion and worship that God has established in his Word.

Leader: What does the second commandment forbid?

All: The second commandment forbids our worshiping God with images or in any other way not established in his Word.

Leader: What are the reasons for the second commandment?

All: The reasons for the second commandment are that God totally rules over us, that we belong to him, and that he is eager to be worshiped correctly.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 49-52

Call to confession

taken from Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, your law is perfect, making wise the simple. In your law, you have provided for us clear guidance concerning how we are to worship you.

All: Forgive us for the ways we have added to or subtracted from your commands. Forgive us for being indifferent, or even hostile, to your rule and reign in our hearts. Cultivate in us a deep desire for your Word that we might follow it in loving obedience.

Leader: Keep our actions and thoughts pure and true so that we rightly and reverently worship you alone.

All: Prevent us from attempting to re-shape you into the image of our own insecurities, imaginations, fears, and ideas. Enable us to know you as you have revealed yourself to us in your Word.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* 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;
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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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield;
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When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
songs of praises I will ever give to thee.
text by William Williams, 1745; music by Jeremy Casella, 2002

*** Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-10**

text printed in the bulletin

Marianne Stern (9:30)

David Paschall (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 Idols”

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

* **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.**

* **Postlude**

Musicians for this week:

Xaris Emmett – violin

Mary Boyde Funches – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Jonah Hitchcock – cello

Hannah Lutz – viola

Amy Verwoerd – vocals

Fred Verwoerd – vocals

Bob Wharton – piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAKING DECISIONS AT THE END OF LIFE for ourselves and loved ones can be challenging. Our Care for the Caregiver Group will have a special guest presentation by Bill Davis on this topic on Tuesday, January 24 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Reception Room. No prior registration is required.

WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS will be 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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 23 AND UP are invited to Canopy, Lookout Mountain, for an evening of food and fellowship on Friday, February 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Appetizers provided and drinks available for purchase.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE will be held on Tuesday evenings from February 14 until March 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 and dessert will be provided. Please register on Realm Connect by Sunday, February 12.

A DOMESTIC ABUSE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THREE SESSIONS on February 24-26. In an effort to assist our congregation with ongoing training, the LMPC Safeguarding Team invites you to a seminar presented by Darby Strickland based on her book, *Is It Abuse? A Biblical Guide to Identifying Domestic Abuse and Helping Victims*. For more information about each session, visit lmpc.org/domestic-abuse-seminar.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS will be held for youth in grades 6-12 interested in joining LMPC. The class will be March 3-5 and meet on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Email Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org for more information and to sign up; please include the student's name, grade, and age. The deadline to register is February 24. If you have a child younger than grade 6 asking about church membership, please contact Chad Middlebrooks; the process for elementary students is different.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR 2023 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, "By All Means: Reaching the Lost in the 21st Century," will be held March 15-19. Plan to join us as we explore missional themes such as Church Planting in the Post-Christian West, Scripture Engagement, Creative Access, and Empowering Nationals.

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

Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-10

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.

⁸"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁹You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ¹⁰but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 22

9:30 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults.....	<i>Conference Room</i>
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs	<i>Brian Salter's office</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	<i>various locations</i>
11:00 a.m.	Intro to LMPC	<i>JHYB</i>
12:30 p.m.	VIP Appreciation Luncheon	<i>JHYB</i>
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer	<i>chapel</i>
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group	<i>JHYB</i>

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" in your mobile 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.