



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 19, 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

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

Psalm 95:1-7a

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

All: **For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

All: **For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

*** Hymn of praise**

"Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
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* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of the law: the sixth commandment

Leader: What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

All: I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

Leader: Does this commandment refer only to murder?

All: By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

Leader: Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

All: No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

The Heidelberg Catechism, questions 105-107

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, as we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Hymn of confession (11:00) “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984

Prayer of confession

Leader: Father God, giver of all life, you spoke life into us. You rescued our lives through your precious son, Jesus, and you breathed life into us with your mighty Spirit. And yet, through our sinful hearts and actions, we bring death.

All: Forgive us for too often viewing the people around us as obstacles or vehicles, instead of human beings to be loved. Forgive us for breathing hate and discord from our lips.

Leader: Grant us a fervent longing to bring life to our world and relationships. Empower us to cherish life and to seek it with all of our hearts.

All: We repent of how deeply we value ourselves and our own comfort at the cost of others. Enable us to live lives shaped by your Son, Jesus, who died so that we could live.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Therefore, be glad and rejoice! For the LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.

* Hymn of assurance

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

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

Offertory hymn

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

continued

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Sarah and Mark Ellis bringing Andrew Miller Ellis and Elizabeth Marie Ellis

*** Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-17**

text printed in the bulletin

Emmie Thompson (9:30)

Brad Cobb (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Sixth Commandment: Don't Murder"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
'til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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* **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:

Amy Barham – vocals

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

David Kaufmann – bass

Hannah Lutz – viola

Mike McCracken – clarinet

Rebecca McCracken – vocals

Celebrating the baptisms of Andrew Miller Ellis and Elizabeth Marie Ellis at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are their parents, Sarah and Mark Ellis, and their grandparents, Nancy and Chris Stowell and Melinda and Eric Ellis.

The flowers in the fellowship hall today are for the glory of God and on the occasion of the baptism of Andrew and Elizabeth Ellis by their grandparents, Nancy and Chris Stowell and Melinda and Eric Ellis.

Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-17

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.

¹¹"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

¹²"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

¹⁶"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹⁷"You shall not murder."

SERMON NOTES

“The Sixth Commandment: Don’t Murder”

Deuteronomy 5:17

1. The rationale behind the commandment
 - Since we are uniquely created in God’s image, we are accountable to him for how we treat human life! (Genesis 1:26, 9:5-6)

2. The meaning of the commandment
 - Negatively: We are not to unlawfully or immorally take human life.

 - Positively: We are to protect and cherish all human life.

3. Jesus’ corrective of our shallow understanding
 - Murder flows from murderous hearts. (Matthew 5:21-22)

4. The hope of the Gospel for all who break this commandment

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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Deuteronomy 5:17

TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COLLECTION

In response to the recent earthquake’s devastation, the LMPC World Missions Committee has sent a gift of \$10,000 toward immediate relief efforts in the region. Our funds are being distributed through partner agencies and nationals with whom we have longstanding relationships.

In addition, LMPC will begin a church-wide collection on Sunday, February 19 for further relief efforts, with the World Missions Committee prepared to match congregational donations up to \$10,000.

To give, please drop your monetary donation into the designated container in the fellowship hall lobby. If you prefer to give by check, indicate “Turkey/Syria Relief” on the memo line.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE today in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Nursery will be provided.

VBS ON HOLD THIS SUMMER AT LMPC. This is the time of year when we typically publish VBS dates and themes for the upcoming summer. But this year our church spaces look very different. Due to the limited access and safety concerns during the restoration and renewal of our building, LMPC will not offer a VBS program in 2023. We look forward to the rest of the ministry year, as we welcome our new children's ministry director, Brennan Griffin, in June.

A DOMESTIC ABUSE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THREE SESSIONS, February 24-26, presented by Darby Strickland. For more information on each session, visit lmpc.org/domestic-abuse-seminar.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS will be held March 3-5 for youth in grades 6-12 interested in joining LMPC. 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.

WOMEN'S WINTER BOOK CLUBS will be held at various locations on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Choose your book and register on Realm Connect. Books include: *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller, *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan, and *Are My Kids on Track?* by Sissy Goff, David Thomas, and Melissa Trevathan.

MEN, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for "Shoulder to Shoulder: A Mountain Men Retreat." This in-town retreat will take place March 10 and 11. You will not want to miss this opportunity to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ, deepen connection and friendship with other men, and experience refreshment. Enjoy sessions Friday night and Saturday morning, with optional fellowship activities Saturday afternoon. Please register on Realm Connect by March 3 for \$45, which includes Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast. Speaker: Jim Coffield, Director of Adult Ministries and Counseling at Christ Covenant Church, Knoxville.

BY ALL MEANS: REACHING THE LOST IN THE 21ST CENTURY Join us for the 2023 World Missions Conference as we explore missional themes such as Church Planting in the Post-Christian West, Scripture Engagement, Creative Access, and Empowering Nationals. Events available for all ages; please mark your calendars for March 15-19 and plan to attend this year's conference!

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



Conference schedule

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 19

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>
6:00 p.m.	Evening Communion Service	<i>sanctuary</i>

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

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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!



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*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.