



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 5, 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

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### Prelude

*"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"*

*arr. Evelyn R. Larter*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #535)*

### Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalm 145

Leader: We will exalt our God the King; we will praise his name for ever and ever.

**All: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures through all generations. The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

**All: Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

\* Hymn of praise 34, vv. 1, 2, 3

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Affirmation of the law: the eighth commandment**

Leader: What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

**All: God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, but also such wicked schemes and devices as false weights and measures, deceptive merchandising, counterfeit money, and usury; we must not defraud our neighbor in any way, whether by force or by show of right. In addition, God forbids all greed and all abuse or squandering of his gifts.**

Leader: What does God require of you in this commandment?

**All: I must promote my neighbor's good wherever I can and may, deal with him as I would like others to deal with me, and work faithfully so that I may be able to give to those in need.**  
*The Heidelberg Catechism, questions 110 and 111*

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

**Offertory**

*"Prayer to Jehovah"*

Chancel Choir

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, Bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me, feed me 'til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream o'er flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be my strength and shield.

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, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;  
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.  
*text by William Williams, translated by Peter Williams; music by Molly Ijames, 2017*

**\* Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

**\* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

**\* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-19**  
*p. 177 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Brian Salter (9:30)  
Barby Gifford (11:00)

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

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon**

*"Stealing vs. Stewarding"*  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*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.*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Hymn of confession 254**, vv. 1, 2, 5

*"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"*

**Prayer of confession**

Leader: Glorious God, you alone are worthy of all our worship, yet we seek to rob you of your glory. We delude ourselves into thinking that we are owners rather than stewards.

**All: Lord, forgive us for striving to steal the glory that is yours alone, and help us to clearly see the depth of our greed. Forgive us for the subtle ways we cheat our neighbors when it suits us, or ignore opportunities to be generous. Forgive us for our fearful self-protection and insatiable desire for more.**

Leader: We hoard the resources that you have given us for our own pleasures and preferences and mistakenly seek security in gifts rather than in the Giver.

**All: Guard our hearts from prizing and protecting our own comfort and security above all else, and grant us grace to grow in generosity and contentment.**

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 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

For the bread

“Glory Be to Jesus”

1. Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2. Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
3. Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
4. Lift we, then, our voic - es, swell the might - y flood;

The musical score is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains; 2. Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find; 3. Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream; 4. Lift we, then, our voic - es, swell the might - y flood;.

poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind!  
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem!  
loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood!

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*text is Italian, 18th century, trans. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878; music by Friedrich Filitz, 1804-1876*

For the cup

“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

Instrumental meditation

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #429)*

Prayer of thanksgiving

\* Hymn of response 699

“Like a River Glorious”

\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

*Paul Manz*

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**Musicians for this week:**

David Fray – cello  
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano  
Patricia Nagle – violin

**2023 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE**  
**BY ALL MEANS: REACHING THE LOST IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

*Please note that registration by March 13 is required for all events, excluding those on Sunday. Follow the registration links at [Impc.org/wmc2023](http://Impc.org/wmc2023) or use Realm Connect. All events are free.*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

World Missions Conference Kick-Off Dinner

*5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall*

Join us for dinner and fellowship, followed by children's programming concurrent with the adult Q&A session. Nursery is available beginning at 6:00 p.m. Take-out will not be offered on this evening.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

"By All Means" VIP Missions Luncheon

*12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall*

VIPs will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with our guests during this special lunch. *VIP refers to mostly retired adults (ages 65+) in our community.*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

Fellowship Dinners with Missionary Guests

*6:00 p.m. in various homes*

Join us for an evening of conversation and food in the homes of individuals in the area.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

Morning Worship & Sunday School Presentations

*9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

Sunday Evening Communion Service

*6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary*

**The rosebud in the fellowship hall today** is for the birth of Catherine Joy Risley, born to Rebekah and Luke Risley on February 27.

## Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-19

<sup>1</sup>And 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: <sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>8</sup>"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.

<sup>11</sup>"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.

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

<sup>16</sup>"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.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not murder.

<sup>18</sup>"And you shall not commit adultery.

<sup>19</sup>"And you shall not steal."



**SERMON NOTES**  
"Stealing vs. Stewarding"  
*Deuteronomy 5:19*

1. The rationale behind the commandment
  - The gift of ownership and the responsibility of stewardship
  
2. The meaning of the commandment
  - Negatively: Do not take what belongs to others.
  
  - Positively: Delight in sharing what God has entrusted to us.
  
3. The hope for those who break this commandment
  - The Innocent One who hung between two thieves



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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE** toward the 2023 budget. When you pledge, it helps us plan and to know that our spending on ministry will be in line with the amount given by God's people at LMPC. You may pledge by emailing [pledge@lmpc.org](mailto:pledge@lmpc.org), going through your Realm account, or completing a pledge card which may be found in the fellowship hall lobby, Narthex, or sanctuary pew racks.

**JOIN US TONIGHT IN THE CHAPEL FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** at 6:00 p.m. Come together in concerted prayer for our upcoming World Missions Conference.

**VIEW OUR SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY NIGHTS.** Now you may look ahead two months and see the plan for upcoming Sunday Evening Gatherings, including prayer, communion services, and missions reports. Find the March/April schedule at [lmpc.org/sundaynight](http://lmpc.org/sundaynight).

**CONTINUE TO GIVE TOWARD OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION** for relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. Drop your monetary donation in the container in the fellowship hall lobby. Our World Missions Committee will match up to \$10,000 of what you give! Funds will be distributed through partner agencies and nationals with whom we have longstanding relationships.

**OUR MARCH VIP EVENT WILL INCLUDE DINNER AND A CONCERT.** On Thursday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m., join us at Honey Seed for "breakfast for dinner" before enjoying CSO Masterworks Mozart's *Requiem* at Memorial Auditorium. Attend the dinner or concert ONLY for \$20, or attend both for \$35. Please register on Realm Connect or by sending payment to the church office by March 22. *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.*

**2023 MARKS THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Our denomination has called for 50 weeks of prayer in celebration of this milestone of God's faithfulness. Visit [pca50.org](http://pca50.org) to find relevant resources including monthly prayer guides, historical information, past sermons from early sessions of the General Assembly, and weekly reflections written by church leaders across the PCA. (The February 20 devotional was written by Pastor Brian Salter.) Explore this website, pray for the PCA, and celebrate this anniversary!

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news).*

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, March 5*

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults.....	Conference Room
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
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	various locations
11:00 a.m.	Communicants class for youth.....	JHYB
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer .....	chapel
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group .....	JHYB

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

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://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](mailto: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.