



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 12, 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**

*"Adoration"  
Florence B. Price*

**Welcome and announcements**

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

**\* Call to worship**

based on Psalm 138

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with all our hearts.

**All: We will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

Leader: O LORD, may all the kings of the earth praise you when they hear the words of your mouth.

**All: May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. The LORD will fulfill his purposes for us; your love, O LORD, endures forever!**

**\* Hymn of praise 296, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6**

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

## Affirmation of the law: the ninth commandment

Leader: What is required in the ninth commandment?

**All: I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard. Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil's own works, under penalty of God's heavy wrath. In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth, speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbor's honor and reputation.**

*The Heidelberg Catechism, question 112*

## Call to confession

taken from Ephesians 4 and 5

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## Prayer of confession

Leader: Our Creator and Redeemer, your spoken Word brings order, beauty, and light where there is chaos, emptiness, and darkness. We thank you for the power of your Word in creating the world and in making us a new creation in Christ.

**All: We confess that our words are often riddled with falsehood, misrepresentation, and manipulation. Forgive us for speaking in ways that produce death rather than life, rivalry rather than friendship, and blame rather than repentance.**

Leader: We twist, distort, and dodge the truth in order to justify ourselves, protect our interests, and tear down others.

**All: Forgive us for our words that spread harm and that dishonor you. May the Word of Christ dwell in us richly so that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts please you, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

## Silent prayers of confession

**Choral prayer**

"O God, My Faithful God"

Chancel Choir

O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing,  
without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing:  
give me a healthy frame, and may I have within  
a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.

Keep me from saying words that later need recalling;  
guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips be falling;  
but when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,  
then to my words give grace, lest I offend the weak.

*text by Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; music by Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1679, DARMSTADT*

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

taken from 2 Corinthians 5 and Ephesians 2

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.

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with  
Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. For it is by grace you have  
been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
not by works, so that no one can boast.

**\* Hymn of assurance**

"Eternal Spirit, God of Truth"

Eternal spirit, God of truth, our contrite hearts inspire;  
ignite a flame of heavenly love, and feed the pure desire.  
O come to soothe the sorrowing mind with guilt and fear oppressed;  
O come to bid the dying live and give the weary rest.

Subdue the power of every sin and make our hearts your throne;  
that we in singleness of heart may worship God alone.  
Then with our spirits witness bear, O Spirit of our God;  
that we are children of the Lord, redeemed through Christ's own blood.

*text by Thomas Cotterill, 1810; music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, FOREST GREEN*

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

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Chancel Choir

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till pilgrim days are done.  
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come."

*text by Horatius Bonar, 1846; music is English folk melody, arr. Marty Wheeler Burnett, 2022*

**\* 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, 6-8, 11-12, 16-20**  
*p. 177 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

Dan Wykoff (9:30)  
Jim Richter (11:00)

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

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

**Sermon** "You Shall Not Bear False Witness"  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response 585, vv. 1, 3, 5**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

**\* Postlude**

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578  
*J. S. Bach*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Randall Crenshaw** – handbells  
**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ  
**Evelyn Sizemore** – handbells

**Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-20**

<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.

<sup>20</sup>“And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

## SERMON NOTES

“You Shall Not Bear False Witness”

*Deuteronomy 5:20*

1. The intention of the commandment
  - Our God, who does not lie, intends to form a truth-telling community.
  
2. The meaning of the commandment
  - Negatively: The command rejects all forms of lying, deceit, slander, gossip, and destructive words.
  
  - Positively: The command promotes integrity, transparency, and honesty as essential ingredients of biblical community.
  
  - Broadly: All sin breaks the ninth commandment since all sin rejects truth, behaves according to lies, and often seeks to hide and cover up sinful behavior.
  
3. The hope for forgiveness and formation
  - Convicted on false charges, the Truth died on the cross to set liars and hidiers free.
  
  - Empowered by the Spirit, believers are to prize and promote all that is true.

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



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**WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKING SCHEDULE**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

**MORNING SERVICES**

**Sanctuary Services\***

*Jonathan de Groot, Christ Church Glasgow: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

**Fellowship Hall Services\***

*Malc Clark, Trinity Church Manchester: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:30 a.m. class\***

Fireside/Redeemer Class, Conference Room: *Doug Barclay, Mission India*

**11:00 a.m. classes\***

Fellowship Class, Conference Room: *Melanie & Bill, Marketplace Ministries*

Kingdom Class, Upper Room: *Christine, SIL International*

Sojourners Class, Reception Room: *Bethany & Jamie, Evergreen*

Combined Youth Class, JHYB: *Doug Barclay, Mission India*

**AFTERNOON/EVENING**

**Middle School Large Group with *Bethany & Jamie, Evergreen***

4:00 p.m. in the JHYB

**High School Youth Group with *Jonathan de Groot, Christ Church Glasgow***

7:30 p.m. in the JHYB

*Sunday Evening Gathering Communion Service\* with prayer for our WMC Guests*

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

*\*nursery available*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. for a Missions Report from Patsy and Craig Kent.

**OUR CHURCH-WIDE COLLECTION FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF** in Turkey and Syria has raised over \$15,000. Including the matched funds from our World Missions Committee, LMPC is sending more than \$35,000 in relief funds to partners in the region! There is still time to give; we are collecting funds through March 20.

**THE MARCH VIP EVENT WILL INCLUDE DINNER AND A CONCERT.** On Thursday, March 30, join us at Honey Seed at 5:30 p.m. for “breakfast for dinner” before enjoying a CSO Masterworks concert featuring 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.*

**REGISTER NOW FOR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE EVENTS** on March 15-19. Find the full schedule at [lmpc.org/wmc2023](http://lmpc.org/wmc2023) and register on Realm Connect by tomorrow, March 13, for the events you would like to attend.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, March 12*

9:30 a.m.	Worship service .....	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 .....	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 gathering with missions report .....	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 the evening 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.