



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 26, 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

Chorale Improvisation on "O God, My Faithful God"
Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #602)

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

Introit

"How Firm a Foundation"

Chancel Choir

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
who unto the Savior, who unto the Savior,
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health,
in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth,
at home or abroad, on the land or the sea,
as thy days may demand, as thy days may demand,
as thy days may demand, so thy succor shall be.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, upheld by my righteous,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, I'll never, no never,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!
I'll never, no never, no never forsake! Amen!
text attr. to Robert Keen, 1787; music is anon., arr. Mack Wilberg, 2011

*** Call to worship**

based on 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

*** Hymn of praise 38**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of the law: the tenth commandment

Leader: What does the tenth commandment require of us?

All: That not even the slightest thought or desire contrary to any of God's commandments should ever arise in our heart. Rather, with all our heart we should always hate all sin and delight in all righteousness.

Leader: But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly?

All: No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God's commandments.

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Leader: No one in this life can obey the ten commandments perfectly: why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

All: First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

The Heidelberg Catechism, questions 113-115

Call to confession

taken from Isaiah 55

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let us turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on us. Let us turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Father God, every good and perfect gift comes from you, and you have graciously poured out more than we could possibly imagine.

All: Yet, despite your lavish generosity, we long for more. Forgive us for filling our minds with the things that we don't have instead of gratefully and contentedly living in the grace of what we have been given.

Leader: We delude ourselves into believing that one more item, one more experience, or one more person will bring peace and contentment.

All: Forgive us for seeking ultimate satisfaction in circumstances, possessions, and relationships. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and enable us, by your Spirit, to rest in what you have done for us in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Romans 5:1-2, 6-8

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

You see, 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 478, vv. 1, 3, 4

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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

Offertory

"Ancient Words"

Chancel Choir and congregation

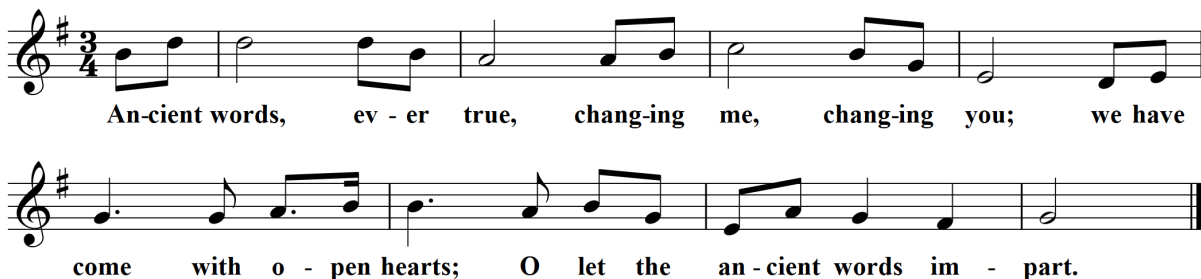
Choir: Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ. *Refrain*

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

Refrain:



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, 6-8, 11-12, 16-21**
p. 177 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Amos Oster (9:30)
Deborah Thomas (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Do Not Covet"

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 644**

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"
J. Bert Carlson

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

Celebrating the baptism of Catherine Joy Risley at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Rebekah and Luke Risley, her grandparents, BettyAnn and Craig DeVries and Sarah and Jon Risley, and her great-grandparents, Cathy and John Risley.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING in the chapel at 6:00 p.m. for a Hymn Sing.

ANOTHER WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE IS COMPLETE! Thank you to all who participated this year. And, thank you to everyone who participated in our collection for earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey. The total of our collection, including the initial and matching gifts from the World Missions Committee was \$48,868! \$610 of those funds were collected by the elementary children. Finally, if you have not already done so, please pick up a pack of prayer cards in the fellowship hall lobby or Narthex and continue to pray for our missionary guests.

LMPC HAS APPOINTED STUART BICKLEY as Construction Manager for RENEW, providing oversight and contributing extensive experience in the area of renovation. Stuart and his wife Leslie are long-time members of LMPC, where he has served as a deacon and a ruling elder. For the last 25 years, Stuart has owned and operated a construction business and currently does 100% of his work on Lookout Mountain. He is thrilled to work with The Tradesmen Group and others to renovate and restore a building that has meant so much to him over the years.

THANK YOU to those of you who have completed your Serve profile on Realm Connect. Currently, less than 25% of our adult members have entered their skills and interests; we would love to see 100% participation. Help our deacons more effectively organize and communicate service opportunities by taking five minutes to complete your profile. We have already seen fruit from this effort, as we match profiles to current needs in areas like ushering and the meal ministry. Simply click on "Serving" on the menu if you are on a web browser, or click "More" if you are on the Realm Connect app. From there, click on "Select Skills and Interests." Not on Realm Connect yet? Email onrealm@lmpc.org.

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in memory or in honor of a loved one, please register on Realm Connect to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office. The deadline to register is tomorrow, March 27.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16-21

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.

¹⁸"And you shall not commit adultery.

¹⁹"And you shall not steal.

²⁰"And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

²¹"And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

IN MEMORIAM

Betty McGee

March 16, 1926 – March 20, 2023

SERMON NOTES

“Do Not Covet”

Deuteronomy 5:21

1. The intention of the commandment
 - God is building a community of people who delight in him and trust in his provision.

2. The meaning of the commandment
 - Negatively: We are to depart from discontentment, envying, and begrudging what God has given to our neighbors.

 - Positively: We are to direct our hearts toward God with gratitude and desire what is best for our neighbor.

3. The hope for forgiveness and formation
 - Forgiveness is found in the One who had everything and gave it up for us. (Philippians 2)

 - Formation comes as we pursue contentment, knowing that we can lose anything because in Jesus we already have everything. (Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 26

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.	Sunday Evening Gathering with hymn sing.....	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.

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
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- Access our online church directory
- Update your contact and personal information, including photo
- Manage your church giving and pledging

Find more details on how to join and use Realm Connect at lmpc.org/realm. For additional help with Realm Connect, or to request an account, email Katie Holstege at katie@lmpc.org.

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.