



PALM SUNDAY

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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

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

*** Call to worship**

Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 24:7, 10

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

All: See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory?

All: The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o’ershadde thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore’er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

* **Prayer of adoration**

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

Offertory hymn “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me in his light,
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose ev’ry promise is enough for ev’ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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* **Scripture reading from 1 Corinthians 1:17-25**

text printed in the bulletin

David Fowler (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 “Christ Crucified: The Power and Wisdom of God”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Hymn of confession "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music from traditional English melody, O WALLY WALLY

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on John 3:16-17 and Ephesians 5:1-2

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**All: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.**

Leader: Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.

**All: Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for
us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Hosanna! Amen!**

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

Songs for meditation

"Eternal Weight of Glory"

Now the days and hours and moments of our suff'ring seem so long;
and the toilsome wait and wond'ring threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing where our faith is thin and weak;
but our hope is set on Jesus, and we cling to him, our strength.

O eternal weight of glory! O inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured, like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory, and our broken years restored.

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We will see our wounded Savior. We'll behold him face to face;
and we'll hear our anguished stories sung as vict'ry songs of grace.
For behold! I tell a myst'ry: at the trumpet sound we'll wake.
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!" when we meet our King of Grace.
Every year we thought was wasted; every night we cried, "How long?"
All will be a passing moment in our Savior's vict'ry song.
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"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away;
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die;
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.
text by William Cowper, 1771; music by Lowell Mason, 1830

* **Prayer of thanksgiving**

* **Hymn of praise**

"The Power of the Cross"

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain: This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. *Refrain*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the victory cry. *Refrain*

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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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:

William Darby – vocals
Anna Davis – flute
David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola

Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Jeremy Taylor – piano
Sophia Wiersema – cello

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR MOTHER'S DAY OUT will be held Thursday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. at lmpc.org/mdo. Space is limited.

LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will share breakfast together and be challenged and encouraged by our special guest, Jonathan Ingraham. Jonathan is the director of the Chattanooga Fellows Program, which is part of Chattanooga Faith + Work + Culture. He has a passion for helping people see how the Gospel impacts all aspects of life. No registration required.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 30, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2026. A brochure about the candidates will be available electronically and in print closer to the date of the meeting.

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

HOLY WEEK SERIES: DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY

In 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul makes clear that the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ are the heart of the Christian faith. "Foolish" though it seems to the world (1:18, 21, 23), the message of the cross and the empty tomb is the power of God for salvation (1:18, 24). It shows us what love is (Chapter 13), and it gives Christians a picture of our glorious future, when death will not have the final word (15:55). Join us for Holy Week at LMPC as we explore 1 Corinthians and consider again the victory we have through our crucified and risen savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (15:57).

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

.....6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall*

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

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

Easter Sunrise Service

.....7:15 a.m. at Point Park (meet in the sanctuary in case of rain

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Easter Morning Coffee and Donuts

.....8:00 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building

Easter Sunday Services

.....9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary*

.....9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall*

No Sunday School for adults, youth, or children

No Evening Gathering or youth activities

**indicates nursery available*

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, April 2

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults.....	<i>Conference Room</i>
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your needs.....	<i>Brian Salter's office</i>
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	<i>sanctuary & fellowship hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	<i>various locations</i>
6:00 p.m.	Evening Gathering with missionary prayer.....	<i>chapel</i>

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

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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.