



PALM SUNDAY

04.02.23

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.*

Order of Worship

Prelude

*"Rigaudon"
André Campra*

Welcome and announcements

Derek Halvorson, President of Covenant College

*** Call to worship**

based on Psalm 24 and Psalm 118

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

All: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory!

Leader: Open for us the gates of righteousness. We will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

All: You have answered us and have become our salvation. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

*** Hymn of praise 235**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*** Prayer of adoration**

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

Offertory

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Chancel Choir

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to walk and gave the blind their sight.
What injuries, yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days will gladly spend.
text by Samuel Crossman, ca. 1624-1683; music by J. Baptiste Calkin, 1827-1905; arr. Molly Ijames, 2012

* 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 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

p. 1131 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Derek Halvorson (9:30)

Julie Dean (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”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

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 242

"Not All the Blood of Beasts"

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

For the bread 246

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

For the cup

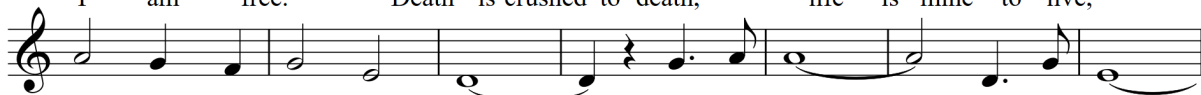
“The Power of the Cross”



1.O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the road to
2.Now the day-light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its Ma - ker
3.O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through your suff - 'ring



Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood._____ This the pow'r_____ of the cross;____
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry._____ won through your self - less love!_____



1,2.Christ be - came_____ sin for us,_____ took the
3.Son of God_____ slain for us._____ What a



blame,_____ bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
love,_____ what a cost!

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Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of response

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



"Ho - san - na_ in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing, for Christ is__ our Re -



dee - mer, the Lord of heav'n, our King. O__ may we ev - er prai - se him with



heart and life and voice, and in his_bless-ful pre - sence e - ter - nal - ly re - joi - ce.

text by Jeanette Threlfall, 1873; music from Gesangbuch der Herzogl, 1784, ELLACOMBE

* Benediction

* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

* Postlude

"St. Matthew Passion" – Final Chorus
J.S. Bach, arr. C.M. Widor

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

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

Online bulletin available via QR code

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*

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.

SERMON NOTES

“Christ Crucified: The Power and Wisdom of God”

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

1. What the world pursues: eloquent wisdom and miraculous signs (vv. 17-22)
 - Those who are perishing live according to the standards of human wisdom and therefore wrongly view the cross as foolishness.

2. What the church has to proclaim: God sovereignly calls sinners to faith in Christ crucified. (vv. 21-25)
 - Those who are being saved live according to the standard of God’s wisdom and therefore rightly view the cross as the power and wisdom of God.

Further Up, Further In,
Resources for
Continued Study



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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

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>

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

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

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- Register easily for popular events
- 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.