



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 16, 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

"This Joyful Eastertide"

*arr. Michael Burkhardt*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #284)*

### Welcome and announcements

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

**All: He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

**All: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

### \* Hymn of praise 286, vv. 1, 2, 5

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

\* **Prayer of adoration**

\* **Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Apostles' Creed was so named because it summarized what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of "living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.*

**New member vows**

**Call to confession**

Romans 12:1-2a and Proverbs 28:13

I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

\* Hymn of assurance 468

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

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

**Offertory**

“Grace”

Chancel Choir

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come;  
this grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than since the day we first begun.  
*text adapted from John Newton, 1779; traditional Celtic melody, arr. Mark Hayes, 1993*

\* **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 5:22-6:3**  
*pp. 177-178 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin*

LJ Huffaker (9:30)  
Nathan Thompson (11:00)

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

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

**Sermon**

“A Mediator Between God and Man”  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

**Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 642, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5**

“Be Thou My Vision”

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

Toccata on “Thine Is the Glory”  
*Gordon Young*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**NEW MEMBERS**

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, April 16. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Kennedy Barber

Loni & Robert Barber

R. J. Bascom

Seth Bergeron

Platt Boyd

Caroline Carr

Nya Christie

Emmy Cole

Andrew Ewin

Jim Faulk

Mary Catherine & Tim Hewitt

Elaine Mae Ireland

Thomas Ireland

Gabby Jackson

Katie Kent

Knox Kidwell

Deborah Kvale

Joy & Trey Lannae

Jake Lindquist

Katherine & Roy MacGregor

Lori & Greg May

Rebecca & Michael McCracken

Adair & Justin Morse

Spencer Paschall

Gali Phillips

Jill Pulver

Jonathan Reinink

Emily Sherrod

Wylie Shumate

Anna Strelchenko

Mary Strelchenko

Vanya Strelchenko

Anna Stroud

Sammy Tolson

Christley Vaughn

Allie Wakefield

Zeke Wharton

Hank Wingfield

Tru Wingfield

Atalia Wojick

**Celebrating the baptism** of Alexander Platt Boyd at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Mendy and Platt Boyd.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Trudeau Holbox Wingfield at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Lesley and Jackson Wingfield IV, and his grandparents, June and Jackson Wingfield III.

### Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3

<sup>22</sup>“These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. <sup>23</sup>And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders. <sup>24</sup>And you said, ‘Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live. <sup>25</sup>Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die. <sup>26</sup>For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? <sup>27</sup>Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.’

<sup>28</sup>“And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, ‘I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. <sup>29</sup>Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever! <sup>30</sup>Go and say to them, “Return to your tents.” <sup>31</sup>But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.’

<sup>32</sup>“You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. <sup>33</sup>You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

<sup>1</sup>“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, <sup>2</sup>that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.”

## SERMON NOTES

“A Mediator Between God and Man”

*Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3*

1. The awe of God’s presence leads to the desire for a mediator. (vv. 5:22-27)
2. God treasures his people’s reverence and graciously grants a mediator. (vv. 5:28-31)
3. The mediator calls God’s people to an obedience that leans into the promises of God. (vv. 5:32-6:3)

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



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## **WELCOME JOHN MARK SCRUGGS**

We are thrilled to announce that John Mark Scruggs will join the LMPC pastoral team this summer! John Mark was born and raised in Tupelo, MS. He graduated in 2008 from the University of Mississippi, where he was greatly impacted by the ministry of RUF. After graduation, he served as an intern at Lawndale Presbyterian Church, where he felt both encouraged and called to pursue full-time ministry. John Mark earned his MDiv from Covenant Seminary in 2013. It was in St. Louis that he met and married Caroline, who was also attending Covenant. In May of 2014, they moved to Chattanooga, where John Mark has served as the RUF Campus Minister at UTC for the past nine years. He is also currently pursuing his MA in Counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. John Mark and Caroline, and their three fun and busy kids—Mary Margaret, Jack, and Sam—joined us at LMPC in January of 2020, and are excited and thankful to continue to be a part of and to serve this church. John Mark will be our pastor of congregational care.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2023 GIVING UPDATE.** The Lord has been faithful to provide over the years, using his people to fund our annual ministry needs. Through March 31, ministry expenses have exceeded giving by \$250,000. Please pledge and give toward our 2023 budget and be a part of what God is doing here at LMPC.

**AS YOU EXIT THE SERVICE** each week, please intentionally care for your bulletin in one of two ways: (1) take it home and continue to use the liturgy for prayer and reflection, or (2) hand your bulletin to an usher or place it into the provided wooden box. In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, we will reuse bulletins from the 9:30 services in the 11:00 services when possible, and we will recycle those returned at the end of the morning.

**MANY IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY** are mourning the tragedy that touched our sister congregation, Covenant Presbyterian Church (Nashville), on March 27. If you would like to donate toward the care of those affected at the church and school, you may give via the "March 27 fund" or through the PCA Foundation by visiting [covenantpres.com](http://covenantpres.com).

**WE WILL HOLD A WEDNESDAY EVENING CLOSING PICNIC** on April 19 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Commons. Bring the whole family and enjoy hot dogs, slaw, chips, drinks, and cookies. In case of inclement weather, the meal will be held in the fellowship hall.

**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. Please make plans to join us; no registration required.

**YOUNG ADULTS AGE 23 AND ABOVE,** meet at Canopy, Lookout Mountain for a spring social. We will enjoy an evening of food and fellowship on Thursday, April 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Appetizers will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

**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](http://lmpc.org/news).*

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, April 16*

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 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).*

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For additional help with Realm Connect, or to request an account, email Katie Holstege at [katie@lmpc.org](mailto: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.