



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 14, 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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Diane Bish

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #457)

Welcome and announcements

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

* Hymn of praise 347, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

"The Church's One Foundation"

*** Prayer of adoration**

Sacrament of baptism (9:30)

Katie and Corey Holstege bringing Martha Joy Holstege

Call to confession

taken from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

*** Hymn of assurance 703, vv. 1, 3, 4**

"Loved with Everlasting Love"

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

Offertory

"All Things New"

Chancel Choir

Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross, sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wand'ring, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new. Springs of living water shall wash away each tear; he is making all things new. He is making all things new.

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Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain,
near after distant, gleam after gloom, love after loneliness, life after tomb.

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text by Frances Havergal (1836-1879), adapted from Rev. 21:5-6; music by Elaine Hagenberg, 2021

*** 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 7:7-11**

p. 179 in the pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Amos Oster (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

"Chosen, but Not Choice"

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 355**

"We Are God's People"

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

RENEW update (11:00)

*** Postlude**

Prelude in F

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME Margaret Lowery to the LMPC staff as our new director of operations & finance. Margaret was raised on Lookout Mountain and moved back in 2018. She and her husband, Grayson, are members of LMPC and have two daughters, Poppy and Jane. Margaret graduated from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business with a degree in marketing and has experience in investment management, financial reporting, and human resources. She considers it a huge privilege to raise her family here and now serve as part of the LMPC team, and we are thankful to God for answering our prayers in providing such a great fit. Margaret will join us full-time in mid-July.

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES ARE IN SEARCH OF a six-person vehicle to borrow from June 16 to July 11. Can you help? Contact Stephanie Young in the Missions Office, stephanie@lmpc.org.

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER KICKOFF SOCIAL for young adults, ages 23-40, on Saturday, May 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Oddstory, 1604 Central Ave, Chattanooga. We'll enjoy games, food, and fellowship. Bring your kids! Food and drinks available for purchase.

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: Consider joining one of our sanctuary ensembles this summer! A Men's Ensemble will sing on June 4, 11, and 18 (rehearsal: June 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.); a Women's Ensemble will sing on June 25, July 2, and July 9 (rehearsal: June 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). No Wednesday rehearsals. Please register on Realm Connect. Questions? Email joy@lmpc.org.

SAVE THESE DATES for women's summer events:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Study: June 7, 14, 21, 28 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Topic: fear & anxiety. Nursery provided; lessons and activities for PreK - 5th grade.
- Summer Suppers: June 15 & July 13, 6:00 p.m.
- Summer Book Clubs: June 27, 6:30 p.m.
- Popsicles on the Playground: June 2 & July 7, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barb Vermeer.

Deuteronomy 7:7-11

⁷“It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.

¹¹“You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.”

Celebrating the baptism of Martha Joy Holstege at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Katie and Corey Holstege, and her grandparents, Carrie and Bruce Holstege, and her great-grandmother, Jane Cook.

Celebrating the baptism of Parker Dean Ledbetter at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, KK and Austin Ledbetter, and his grandparents, Brenda and Paul Payne and Kirsten and Phil Ledbetter.

The rosebud today is for the birth of Tilly James Cheek, born to Nellie and AJ Cheek on May 3.

SERMON NOTES
“Chosen, but Not Choice”
Deuteronomy 7:7-11

1. The rationale behind God’s choice (vv. 7-8)
 - It has nothing to do with Israel’s qualifications. (v. 7)

 - He loves because he loves. (v. 8)

2. The character behind God’s choice (vv. 9-10)
 - He is faithful to a thousand generations of those who love him. (v. 9)

 - He repays those who hate him. (v. 10)

3. The right response to God’s choice (v. 11)
 - God’s gracious choice and loving character motivate us toward obedience.



TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, May 14

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