



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 28, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* **Call to worship**

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

All: For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

* **Hymn of praise**

“Let the Nations Be Glad”

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.
May redemption be the theme of our song.
For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall proclaim
to the corners of the earth that Christ has come.

Refrain: Let the nations be glad, let the peoples rejoice,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,
for salvation belongs to our God.
Let the nations be glad.

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,
many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.
Still we're holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,
shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *Refrain*

As your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,
with the glories of the Gospel to explain,
now we pray your Kingdom come, and we pray your will be done
for the honor and the glory of your name. *Refrain*

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* **Prayer of adoration**

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, as we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Hymn of confession

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Silent prayers of confession

Responsive prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, hear us as we pray together:

All: O Lord Jesus, who came down from heaven to redeem us from all iniquity, we beseech you to write your Word in our hearts that we may know you, and the power of your resurrection, and to express it by turning from our sins. Rule in our hearts by faith, that being dead to sin and alive to righteousness, we may bear the fruit of holiness and grow in grace and in knowledge of you.

adapted from a prayer by Henry Hammond (English churchman, 1605-1660)

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 2

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

* Hymn of assurance "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825

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

Offertory hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely giv'n,
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

text by Folliot Pierpoint, 1864; music by Conrad Kocher, 1838

*** Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

Emmie Thompson

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.

⁶“So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Man Does Not Live by Bread Alone”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Walking with God in careful obedience requires that we look both backward and forward.

1. Looking backward: We will learn of God’s purposes in hard times. (vv. 1-5)
2. Looking forward: We must not forget God’s provision in good times. (vv. 6-10)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response “Come, People of the Risen King”

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev’ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev’ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all.” *Refrain*

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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:

Kaitlyn Allison – violin

Greta Erickson – vocals

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Sam Miller – violin

Emmie Thompson – vocals

Celebrating the baptism of Calvin Benjamin Wingard at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Kaddy and Ben Wingard, and his grandparents, Barbara and John Wingard.

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Rosalyn Freya VanderHart, born to Mary Kate and Ben VanderHart on May 19.

JOHN MARK SCRUGGS: OUR NEW PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE



We welcome John Mark Scruggs as our pastor of congregational care beginning June 1. This is a new position. John Mark joins our pastoral team and shares in those same responsibilities that all our pastors have. He will be preaching, teaching, counseling, leading worship, and performing other regular pastoral duties such as visitation, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Specific to his role, John Mark will primarily oversee the congregational care ministry and LMPC support groups.

We will hold an installation service for John Mark on Sunday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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 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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR HIGH SCHOOL UGANDA TEAM departs this Tuesday, May 30 and will return on Thursday, June 8. It is a joy and a privilege to be given the opportunity to support them as they serve alongside Champions United and Amahoro Ministries. Please pick up a prayer card at the missions bulletin board, small narthex outside the sanctuary, or fellowship hall lobby and keep it in your Bible or display it at home as a reminder to pray for the team.

DUE TO AN ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT in the tower and the floors below, the Narthex, chapel, and stairwell are inaccessible until further notice. Please access the sanctuary from the outside through the small narthex door or from the inside through the pulpit door only.

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: Consider joining one of our sanctuary ensembles this summer! Please see details and register on Realm Connect. Questions? Email joy@lmpc.org.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND: If you are a mom of young kids or simply desire casual fellowship with other LMPC women, join us on the LMPC playground on June 2 and July 7 for fun and conversation from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. We'll have popsicles for the kids and coffee/cold drinks for the adults! No registration required.

HOW DOES THE GOSPEL SPEAK INTO OUR FEAR AND WORRY? This is the topic of our Women's Summer Bible Study, Wednesday mornings in June from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery provided; lessons and activities for Pre-K through 5th grade. Attend as you are able.

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPERS, hosted in individual homes in our community on June 15 and July 13. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please register for the June date on Realm Connect. Interested in hosting? Email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

CHOOSE YOUR NEXT READ FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS. Pick a book and attend the corresponding dinner and discussion on Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. See the list of books and register on Realm Connect by June 25.

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

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