



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 4, 2023 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**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

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**Welcome and greetings**

John Plating, ruling elder

**\* Call to worship**

taken from 1 Chronicles 16

**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.

**All:** **Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth!**

**Leader:** Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!

**All:** **Then the trees of the forest will sing, they will sing for joy before the LORD. Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

"Across the Lands"

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

*Refrain:* You're the Author of creation;  
you're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*  
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### \* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

#### Offertory hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.  
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.  
*text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016*

### \* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 8:11-20

*text printed in the bulletin*

Brad Cobb (9:30)  
Dustin Hayes (11:00)

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

## Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

### Sermon

"Guard Against Pride in Prosperity"  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

### 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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

*text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984*

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2 and 3

**Leader:** Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved.

**All:** **May we, being rooted and established in love, have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

### 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

#### "My Savior Left His Throne Above"

My Savior left his throne above, exchanged his wealth for poverty.  
He took my hate and gave his love; all this and more he did for me.  
Because he chose the lowly way and bowed before his Father's will,  
I can with all assurance say my God is near and loves me still,  
my God is near and loves me still.

He felt the storms of human pain, he felt temptation's whelming seas.  
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain; all this and more he felt for me.  
Because he knows my ev'ry strife and is acquainted with my grief,  
I can't be shaken in this life; the Friend of Sinners walks with me,  
the Friend of Sinners walks with me.

*continued*

He kept his Father's ev'ry word; the law he followed perfectly.  
So all God's pleasure he secured; all this and more he earned for me.  
Because his righteous life is mine and all his merits now I own,  
I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known,  
I am adopted, loved, and known.

When Jesus left his heav'nly home, his face was set on Calvary.  
The steepest hill he climbed alone; all this and more he did for me.  
Because he died once for all time and bore the curse of death and hell,  
final forgiveness here is mine; so it is finished, all is well,  
yes, it is finished, all is well.

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### "Ancient of Days"

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,  
there is still one King reigning over all.  
So I will not fear, for this truth remains:  
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

*Refrain:* None above him, none before him, all of time in his hands;  
for his throne, it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name;  
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,  
he is here with me; I am not alone.  
O his love is sure, and he knows my name,  
for my God is the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings,  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face,  
in the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

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### \* Prayer of thanksgiving

### \* Hymn of praise "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*  
*text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863*

\* **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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Ismael Bartolome** – violin  
**Joel Christie** – vocals  
**Charley Crichton** – bass  
**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Hallie Blair Quatro** – vocals  
**Jeremy Taylor** – piano

## Deuteronomy 8:11-20

<sup>11</sup>“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup>lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup>who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup>Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’

<sup>18</sup>“You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup>And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup>Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.”



## **SERMON NOTES**

### **“Guard Against Pride in Prosperity”**

*Deuteronomy 8:11-20*

As God’s people experience abundance, we must beware:

1. the perils of prosperity—it is too easy to steal credit for God’s work. (vv. 11-17)
  
2. the power of remembrance—it protects against the arrogance and idolatry that lead to judgment. (vv. 18-20)

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### **WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE: JUBA**

Join your World Missions Committee in praying for the people of Juba, South Sudan. South Sudan has struggled for years with conflicts that have weakened its institutions, causing many other problems such as economic crises, corruption, and nepotism. Fighting, which broke out in April 2023, is a great threat, as it will worsen the economy and security of the country. Thousands of Sudanese and South Sudanese are fleeing the war, entering Juba. The population is increasing rapidly, causing demand to exceed supply. The threat of a famine is looming. The World Missions Committee recently approved a gift of \$10,000 to assist with relief efforts. Not only will these funds assist with the purchase and distribution of food supplies, but through our partnering agency, Bibles will be provided so more than 300 households will see the goodness of God and hear the Gospel, to strengthen their faith and remain hopeful. Thank you to the members of LMPC: your tithes and offerings make gifts such as these possible.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**TONIGHT, JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING**, a hymn sing in the sanctuary, at 6:00 p.m.

**THIS PAST WEEK, WE WELCOMED JOHN MARK SCRUGGS** as our new pastor of congregational care. Read more at [lmpc.org/john-mark-scruggs](http://lmpc.org/john-mark-scruggs).

**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.

**ALL VIPS ARE INVITED** to join us for a Chattanooga Lookouts baseball game on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$20, which includes your game ticket and dinner. Register on Realm Connect by Sunday, June 11. See all the details at [lmpc.org/vip](http://lmpc.org/vip). *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

**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](mailto: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.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT INTRO TO LMPC** class on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday morning, August 20. More information will follow.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news).*

## TODAY AT LMPC

*Sunday, June 4*

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| 9:30 a.m.  | Worship service with communion.....           | <i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Elders available to pray for your needs ..... | <i>Brian Salter's office</i>           |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship service with communion.....           | <i>sanctuary &amp; fellowship hall</i> |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Sunday Evening Gathering with hymn sing.....  | <i>sanctuary</i>                       |
| 7:30 p.m.  | High school summer youth group .....          | <i>JHYB</i>                            |

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/calendar](http://lmpc.org/calendar).*

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
- 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](http://lmpc.org/realm).

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.