



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 25, 2016 | **Sanctuary Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith** Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXIII: I and IVa

Leader: God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under him, over all the people, for his own glory, and the public good:

All: and, to this end, hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evildoers.

Leader: It is the duty of people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute or other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience sake.

All: Infidelity, or difference in religion, doth not make void the magistrates' just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to them.

Call to confession

Psalm 32:1-6a

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD — and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

Hymn of confession 727

"Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness"

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Psalm 37:7, 23-24

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

* Hymn of assurance

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears" DIADEMATA

Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed;
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
Through waves and clouds and storms he gently clears the way;
wait for his time, so shall the night soon end in joyous day.

Still heavy is your heart? Still sink your spirits down?
Cast off the weight, let fear depart, and every care be gone.
He everywhere has sway and all things serve his mind;
his every act pure blessing is, his path unsullied light.

Far, far above your thought his counsel shall appear,
when fully he the work has wrought that caused your needless fear.
Leave to his sovereign sway to choose and to command,
with wonder filled, you then shall own how wise, how strong his hand!

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

Offertory

"Not unto Us, O Lord"

Chancel Choir

Donald Busarow

The congregation will sing the refrain with the choir.

Not un - to us, O Lord, not un - to

us, O Lord, but to your name give

glo - ry, to your name give glo - ry!

The LORD our God is in our midst, a helper who gives victory.
He will rejoice over us with gladness, he will renew us in his love. *Refrain*

For the sake of your steadfast love, O LORD, and for your faithfulness.
He will exult over us with loud singing as in the day of a festival,
and at that time he will bring us home when he gathers us together. *Refrain*

* **Doxology 731**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Romans 13:1-7**

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Tony Tucker (9:30)

Laura Stephens (11:00)

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Citizens of the City of God Living in the City of Man"
Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 108**

"Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude** "Suite on *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*" mvmt. 3
Emma Lou Diemer

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Celebrating the baptism of Walter Lawrence Tencza at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Heather and Jonathan Tencza and his grandparents, Loretta Jones, Ron Satterfield, and Arlene and Ted Tencza.

Elders meet to pray in Pastor Novenson's office at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. If you would like them to pray for you and your specific needs, they welcome you to join them.

Sermon Notes

“Citizens of the City of God Living in the City of Man”

Romans 13:1-7

Big Idea: Because of his mercies, God established governing authorities as his servants to restrain evil and reward good.

1. God has established all earthly governing authorities (vv. 1-2)

- the source (v. 1)
- the warning (v. 2)

2. God has designed the governing authorities with...

- purpose (v. 4)
- limits (vv. 6-7 and Mt. 22:20-21)

3. God has directed his people to be citizens who wisely...

- submit (vv. 1-2, 5)
- support (vv. 6-7)
- respect (v. 7)
- honor (v. 7)



Romans 13:1-7

¹Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. ⁴For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. ⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give everyone what you owe him: If revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Today at LMPC—Sunday, September 25

Nursery 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Morning worship (sanctuary) 8:10, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Morning worship (fellowship hall) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages (various locations) 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Middle school small groups (JHYB) 4:15 p.m.

Evening prayer (chapel) 6:00 p.m.

High school youth group (JHYB) 7:30 p.m.

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar or check the calendar in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Our mission: glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

Weekly Announcements

If you would still like to participate in the men's steak night this Thursday, September 29, but have not yet signed up, please email mountainmen@lmpc.org by tomorrow morning, September 26. Don't miss this opportunity to hang out with 10 or so guys around a grill, as you sear your steak to medium rare perfection.

Registration for the women's retreat is currently open via accessLMPC, and will close this Thursday, September 29. Spots are limited, so please plan to register early. You can also call Shannon at the church office for help with registration if using accessLMPC is a problem. The retreat will be November 4-6 at Guntersville State Park and Lodge in Guntersville, Alabama. Sharon Hersh, a professional counselor and adjunct professor at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, will be speaking on "Radically Redemptive Relationships." The cost is \$175, and all adult women at LMPC are invited. Sign-ups with friends are welcomed. If you are in need of financial assistance, please email susie@lmpc.org. More information is available at lmpc.org/women.

With your help, we have collected 242 bags of food for the Chattanooga Salvation Army, exceeding our goal by 17 bags! That's a total of over **5,210 lbs of food**. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Thanks to all who participated in our Day of Prayer. Over 130 people committed to pray, including 34 individuals, 19 couples, 11 families, and three small groups. You can find individual resources for prayer, as well as a schedule of regular prayer gatherings at LMPC, at lmpc.org/prayer.

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

FINANCE UPDATE - 2016 GIVING

Annual budget: \$4.33 million

Giving as of August 31: \$2.59 million

Remaining gifts needed: \$1.74 million

As we approach the final third of the year, we encourage you to continue to give regularly through the end of 2016. If you have not yet given this year, it's not too late to begin. We are grateful to God for the generosity present at LMPC.