

The Lord's Day

Please turn off all communication devices. Thank you.

As you enter the sanctuary, you may want to converse with God in prayer and read the Scripture texts and hymn texts in the order of service to prepare your hearts and minds to worship the living God.

+ Pre-service song

“Come to Me”
Donna Wharton, soloist

Greene

Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble at heart, and you will find rest for your soul.
For my yoke is easy and my load is light.

+ Welcome, announcements and congregational greetings

Len Teague, associate pastor
from Psalm 138

Call to worship

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart: ...
I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

+*Hymn 660

“O God Beyond All Praising”

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* Prayer of adoration

Song of preparation

“How Deep the Father's Love”
Donna Wharton, soloist

Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders,
ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished,
his dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Prayers of confession and assurance of God's pardoning grace

+ Song of assurance

(soloist & congregation)

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but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.**

**Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.
Presentation of God's tithe and our offerings**

Offertory

"Kingdom Hymn"
Donna Wharton, soloist

Miller/Greene

Righteousness shall flow like water, peace shall blossom, joy remain.
Swords and spears be turned to plowshares at thy coming Lord to reign.
Age of justice, rod of iron, Satan bound, thy people free.
Lions, lambs, and nations lying side by side in harmony.

Earth shall yield a fruitful harvest, Bible doctrine all men know.
Into Zion, holy city, shall all nations freely flow.
Take thy trumpet now creation, sound aloud the jubilee!
End of groaning, full redemption earth shall sing her major key!

(congregation and soloist)

**Faith shall claim a present foretaste, now enjoy what soon shall be.
Come and rule my heart, King Jesus, take thy throne and reign in me !**

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+* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*** Prayers of dedication and thanksgiving**

Commissioning prayer for Eshtan Anderson 9:30

Old Testament Lesson Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:7 (p. 1045 in pew Bible)

Sermon

"Chasing Justice"
Joseph V. Novenson, senior teaching pastor

*** Hymn 242**

"Not All the Blood of Beasts"

FESTAL SONG

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Distribution of the bread

Hymn 465 vv. 1,3

"Marvelous Grace"
(congregation singing)

MOODY

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today.

Distribution of the cup

organ meditation

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn 55** v. 1, 3

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done.*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

DANISH

* **Postlude**

David Friberg, organist

+ Later arrivals may enter the sanctuary

* Congregation standing

Children are welcomed as part of the family of God in every service. Parents with children are encouraged to bring their entire family to worship no matter what the age of the children. God has put us in “his family,” so clearly we should invite children to worship with us.

Worship in the chapel – 6:00 p.m.

Jared Huffman preaching from Philippians 2:1-11

(nursery provided for ages 4 and under)

Sermon Outline

Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:7

- Wisdom is not simply an ability or skill to be developed; it is *a person* to be known and treasured.
- Knowledge is the *acquisition* and *retention* of information
- Understanding is a thorough *integration* of that information as the informational parts become seen as a united whole
- Wisdom is the *application* of knowledge and understanding to life in such a way that God is glorified and humans are helped profoundly
- One can well excel in knowledge and understanding and fail at wisdom ... and visa versa

I. Wisdom works in a world that doesn't: its impact

- A. It impresses the wise (v. 13)
- B. It is helpful against all odds (vv. 14-15)
- C. It is forgotten by many (v. 16)
- D. It is found in unexpected persons (vv. 15-16)

II. Wisdom is distinct from foolishness: its character

- A. It is subtle, not noisy (v. 17)
- B. It is constructive, not destructive (v. 18)
- C. Its fragrance is easily overwhelmed by death (v. 1)
- D. Its heart direction is the opposite of folly (v. 2)
- E. It is enduringly calm, not obviously impressive to all (vv. 3-7)

III. Wisdom is found when sought from "above the sun": its discovery

- A. It is in the "poor man but wise" (v. 15): Jesus
- B. It is in "his wisdom" (v. 15) "despised and no longer needed" (v. 16):
the Word
- C. It is to be sought, "remembered" (v. 15): prayer
- D. It is to be applied in "the city" (v. 15): community

Nursery is available for children three years old and younger, except as noted in the bulletin for some special services.

Invitation fellowship. Following the first two worship services, join us in the fellowship hall or courtyard for coffee and drinks of various kinds. is a good time to meet and greet friends and to welcome visitors.

Adult Sunday school classes are held at the following times and locations:
9:30 Brock Class (Conference Room) 11:00 Community Class (Conference Room)
Fireside Class (Reception Room) Forum Class (Reception Room)
Redeemer Class (Upper Room) Kingdom Class (Upper Room)

To find a children's Sunday school class, see the posters around the church building or ask an usher.

Recordings of all services are available from the LMPC media ministry.
E-mail: tapes@lmpc.org or phone 821-4410, ext. 3009. Sermons are also available for download from the LMPC website, www.lmpc.org.

Prayer Focus for Missions and Ministry

Vocational Emphasis of the Week: Men and women who work in counseling and ministry

Home Missions Ministry of the Week: Mercy's Chosen Children — Christian foster and adoption ministry in north Georgia

World Missions Ministry of the Week: Kathy and John Lesondak — church planting in Trnava, Slovakia

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today

Morning worship 8:10, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday school 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Junior high scavenger hunt 4:00 p.m.
Missions prayer meeting 5:00 p.m.
Evening worship 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 4

Ladies' prayer band 8:45 a.m.
Monday morning Bible class 10:00 a.m.
Teacher training 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 5

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Wednesday, August 6

Dead Theologians' Society 6:30 a.m.
Senior high Bible and breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Prayer meeting 6:00 p.m.
Junior high Bible study 6:30 p.m.
Ladies scrapbooking night 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 7

Community voting 6:30 a.m.
Men's Bible study and breakfast 6:30 a.m.
VIP stretchercize 9:30 a.m.
Prayer and Bible hour 10:15 a.m.
College Bible study 7:00 p.m.