



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24, 2023 | Sanctuary Service

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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**Prelude**

*“E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”  
Paul Manz, arr. Philip Brunelle*

**Welcome and announcements**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

\* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 145

Leader: We will exalt our God the King; we will praise his name for ever and ever.

**All: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures through all generations. The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

**All: Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

\* **Hymn of praise 447, vv. 1, 3, 4**

*“Christ for the World We Sing”*

Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;  
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sinsick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring with one accord;  
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring with joyful song;  
the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error’s ways,  
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

*text by Samuel Wolcott, 1869; music by Felice de Giardini, 1769, ITALIAN HYMN*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Sacrament of baptism

Katherine and Roy MacGregor bringing Lewis Andrew MacGregor

### Call to confession

Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

### Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Colossians 2

In Christ all the fullness of the Deity dwells bodily, and 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. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

## \* Hymn of assurance 468, vv. 1, 3, 4

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

*Refrain:* I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:  
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;  
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*

*text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831, arr. William J Kirkpatrick, 1891, LANDAS*

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

Be filled with the Spirit.  
Speak to one another with psalms,  
speak to one another with hymns;  
speak to one another with songs.  
Speak to one another with spiritual songs.  
Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord.

Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks to God,  
giving thanks in all things,  
giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.  
*text from Ephesians 5:18-20; arr. Craig Courtney*

\* **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 Luke 13:10-17**

Wil Nettleton

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability."  
<sup>13</sup>And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

<sup>14</sup>But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

<sup>15</sup>Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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

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

**Sermon** "Responding to the Freedom Christ Brings"  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. An instantaneous healing revealing the King's power (vv. 10-13)
2. An indignant response revealing a hardened heart (v. 14)
3. An irrefutable indictment revealing blatant hypocrisy (vv. 15-17)

## Pastoral prayer

### \* Hymn of response

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:  
alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! heav'nly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;  
alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, you the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.  
You within the veil have entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
by your Spirit, lift us heavenward in the Eucharistic feast!

*text by William Chatterton Dix, 1866; music by Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855, HYFRYDOL*

### \* Benediction

### \* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

### \* Postlude

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## Musicians for this week:

**Joy Gibbons** – director  
**Nick Hartline** – clarinet

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Celebrating the baptism** of Lewis Andrew MacGregor at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Katherine and Roy MacGregor, and his grandparents, Katie and Jan Frederic Dudt and Pat and Paul MacGregor.

**Celebrating the baptism** of Rosalyn Freya VanderHart at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Mary Kate and Ben VanderHart, and her grandparents, Diana and John Reed.

### GIVING UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023

**Annual Budget:** \$5,641,820

**Giving YTD:** \$2,812,469

**Remaining Gifts Needed:** \$2,829,351 (50% of budget)

**Outstanding Pledge Balance:** \$822,938

**Unpledged Giving Need:** \$2,006,413

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. As we are currently about 8% (or \$256,000) behind last year's giving, please consider contributing toward the 2023 budget if you haven't yet this year. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at [lmpc.org/give](http://lmpc.org/give).

### SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING MISSIONARY GUESTS: RUTH & PETE MITCHELL

The Mitchells have been with Mission to the World (MTW) in France since 1992. They currently lead the church-planting team serving in Toulouse, in southwest France. Toulouse, a city of nearly one million inhabitants, is the fourth-largest and one of the fastest-growing cities in France, and an aerospace technology hub. The team is seeing growth through personal evangelism, community service, and newcomers arriving in the region looking for an evangelical church. Pete's primary responsibilities are leading, preaching, and developing the church plant and new leadership. Ruth mentors young French believers, trains teachers of children, and counsels. She is also a part of the Member Care council for MTW Europe and enjoys caring for new missionary families on the field.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US FOR A MISSIONS REPORT** at tonight's Sunday Evening Gathering at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, where we will hear from Ruth and Pete Mitchell, serving in France.

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS CLOSE TODAY.** Please visit [lmpc.org/officers](http://lmpc.org/officers) to submit your nominations.

**WOMEN'S FALL BOOK CLUBS** will be held this Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. Choose a book and register for the corresponding location to eat and discuss together. See all options and register on Realm Connect TODAY.

**STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNICATION AND GROW YOUR RELATIONSHIP!** Couples, come to The Marriage Course, held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for seven weeks, beginning September 26. The cost is \$50 and dessert is provided. You and your spouse will be seated at a table to discuss the video course only with each other. TODAY is the deadline to register on Realm Connect.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS,** join us for lunch on Sunday, October 1 at 12:15 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building and find out how to get connected at LMPC.

**THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL** will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga; save the date.

**SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITY:** Two of our World Missions Committee members will be traveling to Juba, South Sudan, November 1-10 with Reconciliation Ministries (RMNI.org). If you are interested in joining the team, utilizing your gifts to reach the men and women in South Sudan, please contact Jim Sutherland at [jim@RMNI.org](mailto:jim@RMNI.org).

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