



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of prayer:
Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind,
that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections
we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

OCTOBER 15, 2023 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able.

Order of Worship

* **Welcome and greetings**

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* **Call to worship**

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* **Hymn of praise**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Prayer of confession

based on Daniel 9

Leader: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

All: Now, our God, hear our prayers. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive!

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

* Hymn of assurance

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.
text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

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

Offertory hymn

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.
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*** Scripture reading from Luke 13:31-35**

Christy Gambrell

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.
³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’”

³⁴“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Jesus’ Response to Constant Opposition”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The united opposition to Jesus (v. 31)
2. The fixed mission of Jesus (vv. 32-33)
3. The deep anguish of Jesus (vv. 34-35)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:
heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow’r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

* 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.**

Musicians for this week:

Joel Christie – vocals

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Charlotte Reeder – vocals

Josué Roncal – violin

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Shepherd Wilson Nettleton, born to Mary and Wil Nettleton on October 8.



MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: BIBLE MISSION GLOBAL

Bible Mission Global's vision is, through serving, to win people for Christ. They serve with churches, for churches, and through churches. By training and equipping the local Bible-believing churches, they encourage outreach and more church planting. Their mission field stretches over 11 time zones and 16 countries, including countries of the former Soviet Union, Asia, and Central Asia, though God is also leading them to more than 25 unreached nations and ethnic groups. Our partners at Bible Mission Global are excited about uniting in ministry for mutual support through prayer and service together to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Annual Budget: \$5,641,820

Giving YTD: \$3,182,386

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,459,434 (44% of budget)

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$530,290

Unpledged Giving Need: \$1,929,144

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. As we are currently about 5% (or \$185,000) 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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, we will hear a missions report from Paul Hagelgans and Gerhard Friesen with Bible Mission Global. They will update us on the use of earthquake relief funds collected and sent earlier this year.

AS WE CONSIDER YEAR-END GIVING to the annual budget, as well as to the RENEW campaign, our pastors have made available a five-day devotional resource, “Gifts for a King,” examining generosity to Jesus. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you steward your resources. We have a limited number of print copies of this booklet from the PCA Foundation available in the Narthex and fellowship hall lobby; it is also available electronically using this QR code.



Gifts for a King

“THE BRIDGE” IS A GATHERING OF WOMEN of all ages coming together to fellowship and hear how God has been at work in the lives of our LMPC women. On Thursday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m., Lee Ballenger and Charlotte Lindeman will share how God has met them in the midst of grief, disappointment, and broken dreams. Dinner will be provided for \$10. Please register via Realm Connect by Tuesday, October 17.

LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall, where we will enjoy a time of prayer together. No registration required.

THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL is Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. Join us at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga as we observe Reformation Day. Combined choirs and orchestra from multiple churches will lead the congregation in great hymns of the faith and foundational readings. If you need nursery, please register at 1stpresbyterian.com/events.

GRIEF IS HARDER AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. Find support with the GriefShare seminar “Surviving the Holidays,” and get practical tips for navigating the season after loss. Register on Realm Connect for this event on Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CRITICAL NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS. Our Wednesday Night Kids’ Club must grow their team of volunteers in order to continue offering this valuable program each week. Could you be an extra set of helping hands in a classroom, be a one-on-one buddy for an individual child, or substitute on occasion when a regular volunteer can’t make it? Please email Director of Children’s Ministry Brennan Griffin at brennan@lmpc.org if you are interested in supporting this ministry. Screening/training required.

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

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