



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### **IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*You, our great God, are King of the Universe, dwelling beyond all worlds and stars and yet intimately present to human hearts. You were the one willing to suffer so that we might be healed, willing to stoop to us in our misery, so that we might stand tall as loved sons and daughters. You have served us even when we were unwilling to serve you, and longed for us even when we had ignored you. Surely you are a God of amazing grace who, out of your triune bounty, gives us all things.*

**OCTOBER 22, 2023 • SANCTUARY SERVICE**

\* Congregation standing as you are able

# Order of Worship

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## Prelude

Dolcezza from “Reflections: Three Quiet Pieces”  
*Percy Whitlock*

## Welcome and announcements

Robert Clark, ruling elder

## Introit

“Canon of Praise”

Chancel Choir

Praise him, O praise him,  
O come ye people, praise the Lord forever.  
Sing praises to his holy name.

To the God of glory loudest praise now bring,  
source of our salvation, our eternal King.

Praise him, praise him, praise the Lord forever.  
Come and praise him, come and praise the Lord.

Praise him, O praise him,  
O come ye people, praise the Lord forever.  
Sing praises to his holy name.  
O praise him, come and praise him,  
come and praise the Lord.

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## \* Call to worship

from Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

Leader: When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

All: **You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\* **Hymn of praise 115**, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
*text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623*

\* **Prayer of adoration**

**Affirmation of faith**

from Philippians 2:6-11

**Leader:** What do the Scriptures teach us about Jesus Christ?

**All:** That he, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**New member vows**

## Call to confession

from Isaiah 5 and Proverbs 28

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

## Silent prayers of confession

### Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Psalms 103:8-13

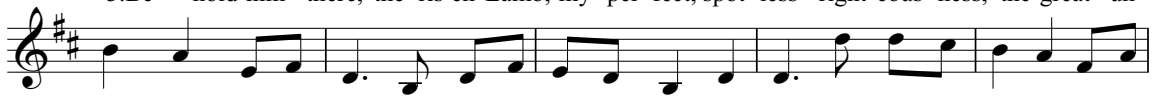
The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

### \* Hymn of assurance

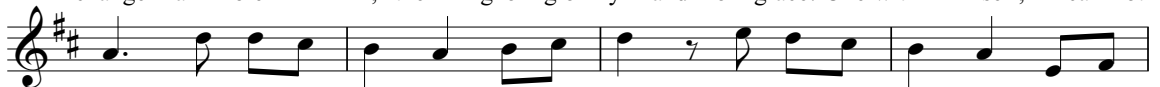
“Before the Throne of God Above”



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I  
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is gra - ven on his  
look and see him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sa - vior  
change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him - self, I can - not



hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart; I know that while in heav'n he  
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God, the Just, is sat - is -  
die; my soul is pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
fied to look on him and par - don me; to look on him and par - don me.  
high, with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God; with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God.

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

### Offertory

"For the Sake of His Name"

Chancel Choir

Go to the world for the sake of his name;  
to ev'ry nation his glory proclaim.  
Pray that the Spirit wise will open darkened eyes,  
granting new life to display Jesus' fame.

*Refrain:* In Jesus' power, preach Christ to the lost;  
for Jesus' glory, count all else but loss.  
Gather from ev'ry place trophies of sov'reign grace.  
Lest life be wasted, exalt Jesus' cross.

Love the unloved for the sake of his name;  
like Christ, befriend those whose heads hang in shame.  
Jesus did not condemn, but was condemned for them.  
Trust gospel pow'r, for we once were the same. *Refrain*

Rescue the lost for the sake of his name;  
as Christ commands, snatch them out of the flame.  
Tell that, when Jesus died, God's wrath was satisfied;  
urge them to flee to the Lamb who was slain. *Refrain*

Look to the throne for the sake of his name;  
think of the throng who will share in his reign.  
Some for whose souls we pray will share our joy that day,  
joining our song for the sake of his name! *Refrain*

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### \* 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

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word**

#### **Sermon**

“Jesus’ Aim for Genuine Humility”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

Jesus aims at genuine humility for the sake of real people by uncovering our:

1. prideful additions to the law. (vv. 1-6)
2. prideful posturing for self-promotion. (vv. 7-14)

#### **Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response 527**, vv. 1, 2, 4

“The Beatitudes”

Blest are the humble souls that see their emptiness and poverty;  
treasures of grace to them are giv’n, and crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

Blest are the men of broken heart, who mourn for sin with inward smart;  
the blood of Christ divinely flows, a healing balm for all their woes.

Blest are the souls that thirst for grace, hunger and long for righteousness;  
they shall be well supplied and fed, with living streams and living bread.

*text by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; music by Henry Baker, 1854, QUEBEC*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

Fugue in B-flat, BWV 560

*J. S. Bach*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Ellen Francisco** – violin

**David Fray** – cello

**Joy Gibbons** – director

**David Henry** – trumpet, guitar

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Isaiah Wykoff** – bells

**NEW MEMBERS**

The following individuals were recently received by the Session into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Kennedy Barber  
Loni and Robert Barber  
Mary and Jon Cordes  
Emily and Logan Dahms  
Ian DeGraaf  
Dakota Hardin

Eva Knight  
Gaelin Knight  
Sophie and Travis Knight  
Caroline Maclellan  
Malory and Jordan Payne  
Laura and William Probasco

Rae and Kevin Regan  
Diane Shuck  
Sylvie and Noah Thomas  
Bethany and Chapman Whitted

*Text on cover: adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TONIGHT FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING**, join us for a communion service in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

**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*

**MISSIONARY GUESTS** often visit Lookout Mountain during their time in the states. If you are interested in hosting a visitor, please contact Missions Coordinator Stephanie Young at [stephanie@lmpc.org](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org).

**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](http://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.

**YOUNG ADULT (AGES 23-40) FRIENDSGIVING** will be held at Mary and Wil Nettleton’s home on Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. The Nettletons will provide the turkey and ham; bring a side or dessert to share. This is an adults-only event. Please register on Realm Connect by Monday, November 13.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SERVE THE CITY:** Boxes of Blessings on Saturday, December 2. All ages are welcome to serve together for this large-scale ministry project assembling food boxes for the greater Chattanooga community. More information to follow.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR A PARENTING CONFERENCE** on March 1 and 2, 2024. We will welcome Dr. John L. Cox, author of *Setting Parents Free*.

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

## **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](https://lmpc.org/give).

## **RENEW UPDATE: FALL 2023**

Scan this QR code to see the Fall 2023 RENEW update, including where we are financially and what we are looking forward to in the spring.



## **SET UP GIVING IN REALM CONNECT**

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Connect account, tap "Giving," and tap the blue button that says "+Give" (or "Make a gift" if you're on the app) to create a new gift. From there, set up a one-time or recurring gift. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm for future gifts or event payments. Don't have a Realm Connect account? Request one today by visiting [lmpc.org/realm](https://lmpc.org/realm).