



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.
- Charles Wesley, "Arise, My Soul, Arise"*

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 . FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

* **Call to worship**

from Psalm 86

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

All: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts; we will glorify your name forever.

All: For great is your love toward us; you have delivered us from the depths of the grave. You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, abounding in love and faithfulness.

* **Hymn of praise**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

text by Edward Perronet, 1779, and John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793

* **Prayer of adoration**

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2

Jesus Christ 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

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross;
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross.

text by Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

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

Offertory

“Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains:
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

Refrain: None above him, none before him, all of time in his hands;
for his throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name;
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
he is here with me; I am not alone.
O his love is sure, and he knows my name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.
Then my joy complete, standing face to face,
in the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

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New member vows

* Scripture reading from Luke 15:1-10

James Stevens

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Heart of the Savior”

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

1. The heart of man that responds to Jesus (vv. 1-2)
2. The heart of God that pursues the lost (vv. 3-4, 8)
3. The call of God to rejoice as the lost are found (vv. 5-7, 9-10)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow’st all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

*** 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.**

*** Postlude**

Musicians for this week:

Amy Barham – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Hannah Perry – flute

Olivia Rainer – vocals

Charlotte Reeder – vocals

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023

Annual Budget: \$5,641,820

Giving YTD: \$3,541,023

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,100,797 (37% of budget)

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$405,775

Unpledged Giving Need: \$1,695,022

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. As we are currently 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

TODAY, JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY MISSIONS REPORT. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, where we will hear from Dr. Ananthi Jebasingh with Friends of the Good Samaritans School in India. Children's activities and light refreshments available. Nursery provided.

THE ANNUAL AMANI YA JUU HOLIDAY SALE will be held Thursday, November 16 from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, November 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Shop for handmade products and make your Christmas gift giving more meaningful!

ANTICIPATE ADVENT at a women's evening gathering on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will have dessert and decaf, assemble fresh Advent wreaths, and hear from a panel of LMPC women about preparing our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus. Register on Realm Connect by November 14. Cost is \$10.

COME HEAR OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SING on Wednesday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as they share "Songs of the Season." Following the program, join us for Family Night, including pizza and bingo in the fellowship hall; no reservations required but regular dinner fees apply.

SERVE THE CITY: BOXES OF BLESSING is a large-scale ministry project that partners with volunteers, ministries, and churches to provide food for families in need. LMPC is taking on the challenge this year on Saturday, December 2! We need many hands to assemble boxes at Chattanooga Bakery; all ages are welcome. Once assembled, boxes will be distributed through local ministry partners. Register on Realm Connect for either a 9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. time slot.

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at Canopy on Tuesday, December 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

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

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: FRIENDS OF THE GOOD SAMARITANS



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Samaritans

In 1989, Dr. Ananthi Jebasingh, founder of the Good Samaritan School (GSS), answered a knock on her door and encountered a boy from the slums begging for food. God spoke to her and told her to feed, teach, and love him. This little child loved to learn and began inviting his friends. Ananthi taught from her home until it was

overflowing with children. She was granted permission to utilize a space located in the only public toilet facility serving a 25,000-person slum. Dubbed the “The Toilet School” by her students, this is where Ananthi and her team taught for over a decade. With the help of U.S. partners, a \$3.5 million debt-free school was built and opened in 2005. Today the ministry educates over 3,000 students in 4 locations. Friends of the Good Samaritans, a non-profit organization, was established in 2004 to help fund and grow these schools.

The Good Samaritan School serves children in Delhi’s slums by providing a quality Christian bilingual education in a safe, first-class learning environment. Upon graduation, students pursue higher education, vocational training, or workforce employment. Education has been vital in helping these children break the generational cycle of poverty.

Our calling is to take initiatives for the needy and marginalized in India and restore them to confident living. Luke 18:16 is our guide, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”

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