



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*You move us to delight in praising you;  
for you have formed us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.*

*— St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions*

JANUARY 21, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able.

## Order of Worship

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**Welcome and greetings**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

\* **Call to worship**

based on Daniel 2:20-23

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

**All: He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them.  
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.  
He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with him. We thank and praise you, O God of our  
fathers.**

\* **Hymn of praise**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; music traditional Welsh hymn melody*

\* **Prayer of adoration**

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

**Silent prayers of confession****Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

Psalm 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**

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.  
My only Savior before the holy Judge: the Lamb who is my righteousness,  
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another; I’m satisfied in him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace,  
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle’s wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness; his triumph song I’ll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;  
and when he calls me it will be paradise, his face forever to behold,  
his face forever to behold.

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

## Offertory hymn

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee, thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.

*text by Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150; Red Mountain Music, 2003*

## \* Scripture reading from Luke 17:1-10

Sarah Huffines

<sup>1</sup>And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.

<sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## Sermon

“Temptations, Faith, and Duty”  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. A weighty warning from Jesus (vv. 1-4)
2. A misguided request from the disciples (vv. 5-6)
3. A humble response of servants (vv. 7-10)

## Pastoral prayer

### \* Hymn of response

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody*

### \* 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.**

## Stewardship presentation

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Carson Culbertson** – guitar

**Xaris Emmett** – violin

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Jenna McClure** – vocals

**Kara Riley** – piano

**Sophia Riley** – vocals

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AT OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** tonight, we will celebrate communion together at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery is provided.

**MOUNTAIN MEN, MEET FOR LUNCH** at 11:45 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Feed Table & Tavern. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker along for good food and conversation. Upcoming dates: January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**, join us for lunch on Sunday, January 28 at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building.

**A WOMEN'S WINTER MINI RETREAT** will be held at the Young Life Building downtown from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 3. Liz Edrington will speak on Gospel-shaped community, and we will also enjoy worship and breakfast together. Please register on Realm Connect; cost is \$25.

**YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 23-40)** are invited to the home of Mary and Wil Nettleton for a potluck dinner on February 11 at 6:00 p.m. Register on Realm Connect by Friday, February 9. Please bring a side dish for sharing (i.e. salad, dip/appetizer, or dessert) and the Nettletons will provide the main entrée. Adults only, please.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR A PARENTING SEMINAR** on March 1 and 2, Friday evening and Saturday morning, featuring 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).*

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## **HOME MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: CHOICES**

Choices (formerly known as AAA Women's Services) provides free pregnancy services for women and men facing unexpected pregnancies. Every day, the staff and volunteers at Choices have the privilege of sharing the love and message of Christ in both word and deed. Their services, which include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, adoption referrals, and prenatal, birth, and parenting classes, are provided at no cost.

## **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](http://lmpc.org/realm).