



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our minds and bodies are full of many things this morning: exhaustion, anticipation, pain, confusion, joy, sorrow, disordered desires, and missed opportunities. But one thing is needful, to sit at your feet and give you praise. Meet us this morning, in your mercy.

JANUARY 28, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

Call to confession

1 John 1:8–2:1

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“My Prayer”

Chancel Choir

Hear my prayer O LORD; I am poor and full of need.
Guard well my life; I submit to you;
I am your servant; you are my God!
Have mercy on me O Lord; I call unto you all the day long!

Dona nobis pacem. Alleluia. Amen.
You abound in love, so I call to you;
listen to my cry; give me your peace. Amen.
text based on Psalm 86, Isaiah 6, and Mass Ordinary; music by Scott M. Finch

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 1 John 4:10 and 1 Peter 2:9

Leader: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

All: **For 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.**

* Hymn of assurance

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

There’s a welcome for the sinner and his grace flows like a flood;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.

text by Frederick William Faber, 1862; music by John Zundel, 1870, ALL FOR JESUS

Prayer of praise and thanksgiving

Leader: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, as your unworthy servants, we give you most humble and heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people.

All: **We praise you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all, for your precious love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We praise you for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

All: **We pray that you would give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be sincerely thankful and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our very lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. To him, to you our Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory. Amen.**

adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

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

Offertory

“Seek Ye the Lord”

Chancel Choir

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy, and abundantly pardon. Amen.

text from Isaiah 55:6, 7; music by J. V. Roberts

* 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 17:11-19

LJ Huffaker

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.

¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“One Grateful Leper”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. A merciful healing in response to distant cries (vv. 11-14)
2. A grateful response from a surprising source (vv. 15-16)
3. A piercing question for recipients of mercy (vv. 17-19)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of commitment 642**

“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.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tow’r:
raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

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, SLANE

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

arr. Robert Hobby

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #343)

Musicians for this week:

William Darby – soloist
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Debora Barnes and Teresa Miller.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS, join us for lunch today at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. No registration is required.

WE WILL ALL BE AFFECTED by the upcoming work to renew our indoor space, so you will not want to miss tomorrow's Pillar & Ground podcast episode in which Pastor Brian Salter has a conversation with John Stroud (RENEW coordinator) and Stuart Bickley (construction manager) about what to expect. Look for a publication in March with more details, but for now, our Session recommends everyone listen to this episode.

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.

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