



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Father, give me your renewing Spirit to be in me a principle of holy life,  
and light, and love, and your seal and witness that I am yours.  
Quicken my dead and hardened heart. Enlighten my dark, unbelieving mind.  
Turn my will to the ready obedience of your holy will. Reveal to my soul  
the wonders of your love in Christ, and fill it with love to you and my Redeemer. Amen.*  
—Richard Baxter

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE • 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God. We encourage you to read the text on the front of the bulletin as we prepare to worship together.*

**CHILDCARE:** *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to crayons and children's bulletins.*

*\* Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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**Welcome and greetings**

Brian Salter, lead pastor

**\* Call to worship**

from Psalm 89

Leader: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

**All: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you. You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them. The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.**

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

**All: Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

*Refrain:* You're the Author of creation;  
you're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*  
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### \* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

#### Offertory hymn

“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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\* **Scripture reading from Luke 17:20–37**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

James Stevens (9:30)  
David Paschall (11:00)

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

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

**Sermon** “The Coming of the Kingdom”  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

### **Pastoral prayer**

### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

*Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord’s Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.*

**Hymn of confession** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

*text by Augustus Toplady, 1776; music by James Ward, 1984*

### **Silent prayers of confession**

### **Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

from Titus 3:4–7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

### **Words of institution**

## Communion affirmation

Leader: We come to this feast in obedience and with thanksgiving.

**All: By dying, Christ destroyed our death. By rising, he restored our life. It is in his great love and sacrifice that we have been set free and given hope for an eternal future that can never perish, spoil, or fade.**

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, when we share this bread, we share in the body of Christ. When we share this cup, we share in the blood of Christ. When we share this meal, we are united with each other in faith and mission as we yearn for Christ's return and the restoration of all things.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
*adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

## Prayer of consecration

### Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
and with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

*text by Horatius Bonar, 1861; music by DH, 2019*

“I Have a Shelter”

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me.  
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.  
O Jesus, I will hide in you, my place of peace and solace.  
No trial is deeper than your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me.  
Though justice charges me with guilt, your grace will not refuse me.  
O Jesus, I will hide in you, who bore my condemnation.  
I find my refuge in your wounds, for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me.  
For in my weakness, I have learned your strength will not forsake me.  
O Jesus, I will hide in you, the one who bears my burdens.

With faithful hands that cannot fail you'll bring me home to heaven.  
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**\* Prayer of thanksgiving**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*  
*text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863*

**\* 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**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joel Christie – vocals**

**Xaris Emmett – violin**

**Mary Boyde Funches – vocals**

**Calvin Garriott – piano**

**David Henry – guitar, vocals**

**Hannah Lutz – viola**

## Luke 17:20-37

<sup>20</sup>Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, <sup>21</sup>nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

<sup>22</sup>And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. <sup>23</sup>And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. <sup>24</sup>For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. <sup>25</sup>But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

<sup>26</sup>“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup>They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

<sup>28</sup>“Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup>but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—

<sup>30</sup>“so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup>On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. <sup>32</sup>Remember Lot’s wife. <sup>33</sup>Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

<sup>34</sup>“I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left.

<sup>35</sup>There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

## SERMON NOTES

### “The Coming of the Kingdom”

*Luke 17:20-37*

1. The “already” nature of the Kingdom of God: The Pharisees question *when* the Kingdom of God will arrive. (vv. 20-21)
  - Do not expect the Kingdom to fit your assumptions.
  
  
  - Do not miss the King who is in your midst.
  
2. The “not yet” nature of the Kingdom of God: The disciples question *how* the Kingdom of God will come. (vv. 22-37)
  - The Kingdom’s arrival will be unmistakable, so do not be distracted. (vv. 22-24)
  
  
  - Suffering comes before the Kingdom will be fully ushered in. (vv. 22, 25)
  
  
  - Preoccupation with life’s activities causes Kingdom indifference. (vv. 26-33)
  
  
  - Proximity to those who are saved is insufficient. (vv. 34-37)

*Further Up, Further In,*  
Resources for  
Continued Study



**SERMON NOTES**  
“The Coming of the Kingdom”  
*Luke 17:20-37*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TONIGHT'S SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING** will be a time of missionary prayer in the chapel at 6:00 p.m.

**CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER** gives support through instruction, inspiration, and intercession. Meetings feature special presentations from professionals. These meetings are for you if you are caring for a loved one at home or at a distance, if your loved one is in an assisted living facility, or if you are making decisions about care. Join us in the Reception Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., or on Zoom. See all groups at [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups).

**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.

**VIPS, JOIN US FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON** at Public House on Wednesday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m. Registration is limited, so register early on Realm Connect or contact the church office by Friday, February 9. The cost for this event is \$20. *The VIPs are a group of mostly retired senior adults who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.*

**WHAT DO KIDS NEED TO BECOME HEALTHY ADULTS?** Dr. John L. Cox, author of *Setting Parents Free*, is our featured speaker for a two-session parenting seminar in the fellowship hall. Join us on Friday, March 1 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Register for one or both sessions on Realm Connect.

**A COMMUNICANT CLASS** for youth in grades 6-12 interested in joining LMPC will be offered March 1-3: Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Please register on Realm Connect by February 23. Email Margaret Compton with any questions at [margaretcompton@lmpc.org](mailto:margaretcompton@lmpc.org). If you have an elementary student asking questions about church membership, please contact Brennan Griffin or Chad Middlebrooks to receive information about that process.

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 4

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults .....	Conference Room
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs .....	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	various locations
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer .....	chapel

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

## JOIN REALM CONNECT

Do you have a Realm Connect account? Join our invitation-only networking site to access the LMPC online directory, manage giving, register for events, and fill out your Serving profile. Request your account today by visiting [lmpc.org/realm](http://lmpc.org/realm).

## WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



## OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away  
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in all morning services and in the evening on the third Sunday of every month. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.