



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*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 • SANCTUARY 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

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word," BWV 731
J. S. Bach
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #303)

Welcome and greetings Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Introit "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" Chancel Choir

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation, bless his name.
Show forth his praise in his holy house!

Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful on earth.
Praise ye the name of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

Rejoice, ye angels, rejoice, all ye nations.
Praise ye the name of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia!
Chorus No. 10 from Oratorio de Noël, Op. 12 by Camille Saint-Saëns, 1858

*** 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 302

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

* 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

“Prayer to Jehovah”

Chancel Choir

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream o’erflow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

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*text by William Williams, 1745, tr. Peter and William Williams, 1771-72; music by Molly Ijames © 2017
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* Gloria Patri 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* **Scripture reading from Luke 17:20-37**
p. 1042 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Jennifer West (9:30)
Linda Deffenbaugh (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"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of confession 500 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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

For the bread

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Instrumental meditation

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #261)

For the cup

“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of his mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of his presence all his saints are richly fed.
With the oil of his anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens—life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his Kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

text by Marva J. Dawn, 1999; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825, NETTLETON

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response 310**, vv. 1, 3, 5

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. J. Bert Carlson

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #598)

Musicians for this week:

David Fray – cello
Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Luke 17:20-37

²⁰Being 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, ²¹nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

²²And 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. ²³And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. ²⁴For 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. ²⁵But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷They 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.

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

³⁰“so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹On 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. ³²Remember Lot’s wife. ³³Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

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

³⁵There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” ³⁷And 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)



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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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., or on Zoom. See all groups at 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. 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.

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

Additional seating for the sanctuary services is available in the chapel.

For more events this week, visit 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.

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.