LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O, make your Word a swift Word, passing from the ear to the heart,
from the heart to the lip and conversation; that, as the rain returns not empty,
so neither may your Word, but accomplish that for which it is given.
— George Herbert

FEBRUARY 25, 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

Welcome and greetings Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

*** Call to worship** from Job 38

Leader: Who laid the earth's foundation and marked off its dimensions? Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

All: **The Lord God Almighty!**

Leader: Who has given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place? Who has journeyed to the springs of the sea and walked in the recesses of the deep? Who has been shown the gates of death? And who knows the way to the abode of light?

All: **The Lord God Almighty!**

Leader: Who knows the way to the place where lightning is dispersed? Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm? Who waters a land where no man lives, to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass?

All: **The Lord God Almighty! Praise his name forever.**

*** Hymn of praise** "Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*
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*** Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith (11:00) The Heidelberg Catechism, question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Call to confession 1 Peter 1:14–19

Do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Hymn of confession (11:00) "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. *Refrain*
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music from Walker's Southern Harmony, *1835*

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace based on 1 John 3 and Ephesians 2

Leader: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

All: **For because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.**

*** Hymn of assurance** "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.
text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

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

Offertory hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music from traditional English melody

Sacrament of baptism (9:30)
Charlotte and John Reeder bringing Felix Alexander Reeder

*** Scripture reading from Luke 18:15-30** Emmie Thompson (9:30)
text printed in the bulletin Hilda Jemison (11:00)

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Needy Children and a Rich Ruler"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response** "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
foes may hate and friends disown me; show thy face, and all is bright.

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Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine!
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heav'n, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.
text by Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833; music by Bill Moore, 2001

*** 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
Grady Dickinson – alto saxophone
Hannah Lutz – viola
Matthew Mindeman – vocals
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Kara Riley – piano
Chapman Whitted – guitar

IN MEMORIAM
Ian Neil Hamilton
July 3, 1936 – February 21, 2024

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 seminar in the fellowship hall. This seminar isn't just for parents; come and be equipped to better lead the children in your life. 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. Childcare for preschoolers will be offered on Saturday morning only.

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

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total 2024 Budget: $5,860,000
2024 Pledges: $3,552,060 (61%)
Remainder Needed: $2,307,940

Member Households Pledged: 289 (46%)
Remaining Households to Pledge: 345 (54%)
Total Member Households: 634

Thank you to those who have turned in their pledge toward the 2024 operating budget of LMPC. As of Wednesday, 61% of our budget has been pledged by 46% of our church body. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible online at lmpc.org/give or through Realm Connect.

Celebrating the baptism of Felix Alexander Reeder at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Charlotte and John Reeder, his grandparents, Amy and Scott Huber, and his great-grandparents, Nancy and Frank Huber.