



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the Apple Tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil—here I will sit and rest awhile,
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the Apple Tree. — Richard Hutchins*

MARCH 3, 2024 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able.

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

from Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

All: **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

All: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

* Hymn of praise

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Refrain: O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *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

"Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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*** Scripture reading from Luke 18:31-43**

Linda Dacus

³¹And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.
³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him,
“Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have
mercy on me!” ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be
silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰And
Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came
near, he asked him, ⁴¹“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let
me recover my sight.” ⁴²And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith
has made you well.” ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed
him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Blind Disciples and Blind Beggar”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The close disciples are blind to their need and to Jesus’ mission. (vv. 31-34)
2. The blind beggar clearly sees Jesus as the only one with the power to save. (vv. 35-43)

Pastoral prayer

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God’s people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord’s Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

William Darby – vocals
Xaris Emmett – violin
Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals
Hannah Lutz – viola
Hannah Perry – vocals

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EASTER LILIES to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contribute online through Realm Connect or contact the church office. The deadline is March 18.

A CAR IS NEEDED for a visiting missionary family to borrow during their time on the mountain. The tentative dates of their trip are Monday, March 25 – Monday, April 15. If you can help, please contact Missions Coordinator Stephanie Young, stephanie@lmpc.org.

OUR 2024 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, “You Will Be My Witnesses: Acts 1:8,” will be held April 17–21. Join us as we explore missional themes such as Church Planting, Christian Education, and Empowering National Missionaries. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate; we will have events for all ages.

VBS THIS SUMMER will look a little different. Children who have completed Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to meet at the Commons on Lookout Mountain. Mark your calendars for the evenings of June 25, 26, and 27; more information will follow in the next couple months.

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

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total 2024 Budget: \$5,860,000
2024 Pledges: \$3,588,060 (61%)
Remainder Needed: \$2,271,940

Member Households Pledged: 293 (46%)
Remaining Households to Pledge: 341 (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.