



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 • 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

"Amazing Grace!"

arr. Philip Gehring

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #460)

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* 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 75, vv. 1, 2, 4

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

*** Prayer of adoration**

Choral prayer

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Kingdom Kids II

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.
The glory be yours forever.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory, forever. Amen, forever amen.
text based on Matthew 6:9-13; music by Kara F. Riley, 2010

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

Offertory

“Peace Through Every Storm”

Kingdom Kids II

The Lord decided to go for a ride.
The boat took off for the other side,
and then the wind began to blow,
and they went rolling, rolling through the ocean storm.

The twelve disciples were terrified.
The boat they sought to fortify
could not withstand the mighty waves,
so they went rolling, rolling through the ocean storm.

The men sought Jesus, but he was asleep.
They urged him to save them, for they were weak.
And then the Lord rebuked the wind,
and they quit rolling, rolling through the ocean storm.

The Lord brought peace when he conquered the storm.
The Lord can give peace to your heart evermore.
Just cast your cares on your Savior and Lord,
and you’ll be rolling, rolling at peace through every storm.
text based on Luke 8:22-25; music by Kara F. Riley

*** 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 18:31-43**
p. 1043 in pew Bible and text printed in the bulletin

Jennifer Thompson (9:30)
David Wharton (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 Blind Disciples and Blind Beggar"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

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

Call to confession

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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: In this feast, our God is present with us by his Spirit.

All: 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, and we yearn for Christ's return and the restoration of all things. 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

“Ubi Caritas”

Communion ensemble

Refrain: Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.
(Where charity and love are, God is there.)

By the love of Christ we have been brought together,
let us find in him our gladness and our pleasure.
May we love him and revere him, God the living,
and in love respect each other with sincere hearts. *Refrain*

So when we as one are gathered all together,
let us strive to keep our minds free of division.
May there be an end to malice, strife, and quarrels,
and let Christ our God be dwelling here among us. *Refrain*

May your face thus be our vision, bright in glory,
Christ our God, with all the blessed saints in heaven.
Sure delight is pure and faultless, joy unbounded,
which endures through countless ages, world without end. *Refrain*
text written circa. 300 AD; arr. Phillip Stopford, 2016

For the cup

“I Am Not Skilled to Understand”
(*please turn the page for words and music*)

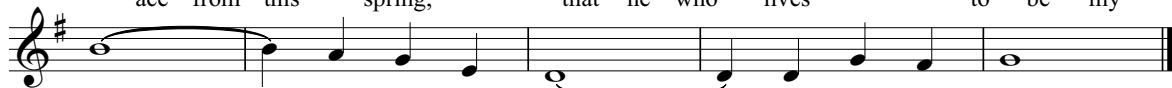
“I Am Not Skilled to Understand”



1. I am not skilled to un - der - stand what God has willed,
 2. I take him at his word in - deed: "Christ died for sin -
 3. That he should leave his place on high and come for sin -
 4. And oh, that he ful-filled may see the tra-vail of
 5. Yes, liv - ing, dy - ing, let me bring my strength, my sol -



what God has planned; I on - ly know at his right
 ners," this I read; for in my heart I find a
 ful man to die, you count it strange? So once did
 his soul in me, and with his work con - tent - ed
 ace from this spring; that he who lives to be my



hand is One who is my Sav - ior!
 need of him to be my Sav - ior!
 I, be - fore I knew my Sav - ior!
 be, as I with my dear Sav - ior!
 King once died to be my Sav - ior!

text by Dora Greenwell, 1873; American folk tune

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn of response 188**, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Rhosymedre”

R. Vaughan Williams

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #182)

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – piano, choral director
Joshua Knight – organ

Kara Riley – director of Kingdom Kids II

Kingdom Kids II:

Georgiana Beasley

Vivien Beasley

Caeva Christie

Eloise Christie

Kaky Doak

Soji Doe

Elaine Mae Ireland

Emmy Johnston

Jane Marshall

Peter Riley

Eden Schaefer

Mary Margaret Scruggs

Rose Stanton

Persis VanderHart

Elsie Witcher

Ethan Young

Luke 18:31-43

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.

SERMON NOTES

“The Blind Disciples and Blind Beggar”

Luke 18:31-43

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.

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 3

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	sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

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

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events.

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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.