



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
The Cloud of Unknowing, 14th c.

APRIL 14, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“All Glory Be to God on High”
arr. Timothy Albrecht
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #102)

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Daniel 2:20-23

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

All: He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them.
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.
He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness,
and light dwells with him. We thank and praise you, O God of our
fathers.

* Hymn of praise 77, vv. 1, 2, 5

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.
text from Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; music by Mark Andrews, 1930, ANDREWS

* Prayer of adoration

New member vows

Call to confession

from Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him. Let him turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

All: We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.

Leader: We confess our sins as a church.

All: We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself to us.

Leader: Father, forgive us.

All: May your Holy Spirit give us power to live as you have called us to live.
adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

* Hymn of assurance 455, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825, SAGINA

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

Offertory

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Chancel Choir

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

text by Katherine Hankey, 1866; music by William G. Fischer, 1869; arr. Philip M. Young, 1997

* 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.**

* Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving

* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 29:16–29

Prissy Thrash

¹⁶“You know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed. ¹⁷And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them. ¹⁸Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, ¹⁹one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’ This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and

dry alike. ²⁰The LORD will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven. ²¹And the LORD will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.

²²“And the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, will say, when they see the afflictions of that land and the sicknesses with which the LORD has made it sick—²³the whole land burned out with brimstone and salt, nothing sown and nothing growing, where no plant can sprout, an overthrow like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and wrath—²⁴all the nations will say, ‘Why has the LORD done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?’ ²⁵Then people will say, ‘It is because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, ²⁶and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them. ²⁷Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book, ²⁸and the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.’

²⁹“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Covenantal Warnings”

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

1. Beware of the deceptiveness and destructiveness of idolatry. (vv. 16–21)
2. Be humbly aware of God’s just judgment. (vv. 22–28)
3. Be fully alert to what God has revealed. (v. 29)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, music by John B. Dykes, 1861, NICAEA

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
arr. David Cherwien
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #296)

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

Celebrating the baptisms of Campbell Reid Naggar and Hayes Braxton Naggar at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are their mother, Heather Naggar, and their grandparents, Laura and Lee Franks.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, April 14, 2024. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Kate Caldwell
Kathlyn and Brad Caldwell
Rebecca and Matthew Dunn
Alicia and Trey Dyer

Kim and Mark Fugate
Rebecca Heid
Ashley and William Kent
Ciara and Joe Lentini

Jan and Dan McGuire
Lilli and Lou Meier
Tracy and Jim Murrell
Lindsay Warhurst

COMMUNICANTS

Charles Barnes
Peter Caines
Henry Caldwell
Alex Faler
Niko Faulk
Kase Fugate
Keaton Fugate
Ellie Gervin
Candler Griffin
Mary Reese Griffin

Molly Guthrie
Margaret Marshall
Anna Martz
Claire Martz
Gilbert Meier
Ivey Middlebrooks
Emma Mixon
Campbell Naggar
Hayes Naggar
Azairah Reed

Louis Riley
Nehemiah Risley
Seth Risley
Fletcher Wakefield
Harper Wakefield
Charlie Witcher
Ariadne Wojick
Tobias Wolde

RENEW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

You should have received an email with a video link describing some logistics and adjustments with the upcoming interior renovation. Be sure you watch it to get an idea of what to expect. It can be viewed at vimeo.com/lookoutmountainpres.

THE LMPC LIBRARY will close after morning services on Sunday, April 21 as we prepare for its renovation. You may check out items until then; however, please note that you will need to hold onto these items until the fall, when the library reopens (due dates will be extended). The book drop will be available April 22 through April 28 outside the library doors. The library will no longer accept any donations.

STAFF WILL BE VACATING the main building to make way for construction. During the week of April 22, staff will be moving, so please call the main office instead of dropping by, due to the logistical challenges of relocating. As of April 29, find the main office in the Jane Harris Youth Building (301 N. Watauga) and the financial department in the Cottage (309 N. Bragg). Pastors will have space on campus for meetings. Call the church office at 423-821-4528 if you need help locating certain staff members.

**WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKING SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

MORNING SERVICES

Sanctuary Services*

Phil E.: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall Services*

Wenzong W.: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. class*

Redeemer Class, Conference Room: *Kim & Michael E.*, Resourcing Christian Education

11:00 a.m. classes*

Fellowship Class, Conference Room: *Jeff Kyle*, China Partnership

Kingdom Class, Upper Room: *Tsendee D.*

Sojourners Class, Reception Room: *Jamison Griffin*, Third Millennium Ministries

Combined Youth Class, JHYB: *Caitlin Potter*, Christian Academy in Japan

AFTERNOON/EVENING

Middle School Large Group with *Tsendee D.*

4:00 p.m. in the JHYB

High School Youth Group with *Wenzong W.*

7:30 p.m. in the JHYB

SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING

Mission Report on Central Asia trip and prayer for our WMC guests*

6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

**nursery available*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE begins with a dinner on Wednesday, April 17 and extends through the weekend with events for all ages and opportunities to interact with our missionary guests. Find the full schedule at lmpc.org/wmc and please note you must sign up for the events requiring registration by TOMORROW, April 15. If an event is full, please register on the waitlist as we will try to accommodate as many guests as possible.

PRAYER CARDS for this year's World Missions Conference are now available in the Narthex and fellowship hall lobby. Get to know our conference guests before they arrive!

MEN, JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST on Saturday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall and hear a word of encouragement from Dick Cain, Senior Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Chattanooga. Form meaningful friendships with other men and find accountability and community. No registration is required; bring a friend.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 28, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2027.

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in various homes in our community. Register on Realm Connect by May 1 to join a group of about 8-12 other men and enjoy meat and fellowship together in an informal setting. Bring your friend, neighbor, or coworker along!

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