



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Thou, Lord, hast become my hope, my comfort, my strength, my all!
The darkness vanished from before mine eyes, and I beheld thee, the sun of righteousness.
When I loved darkness, I knew thee not, but wandered on from night to night.
But thou didst lead me out of that blindness; thou didst take me by the hand and call me to thee,
and now I can thank thee and thy mighty voice which hath penetrated to my inmost heart.*

—St. Augustine

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

arr. Healey Willan

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #30)

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 138

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with all our hearts.

All: We will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

Leader: O LORD, may all the kings of the earth praise you when they hear the words of your mouth.

All: May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. The LORD will fulfill his purposes for us; your love, O LORD, endures forever!

* **Hymn of praise 296, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

text by Edward Perronet, 1779, and John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793, CORONATION

* **Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith

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.

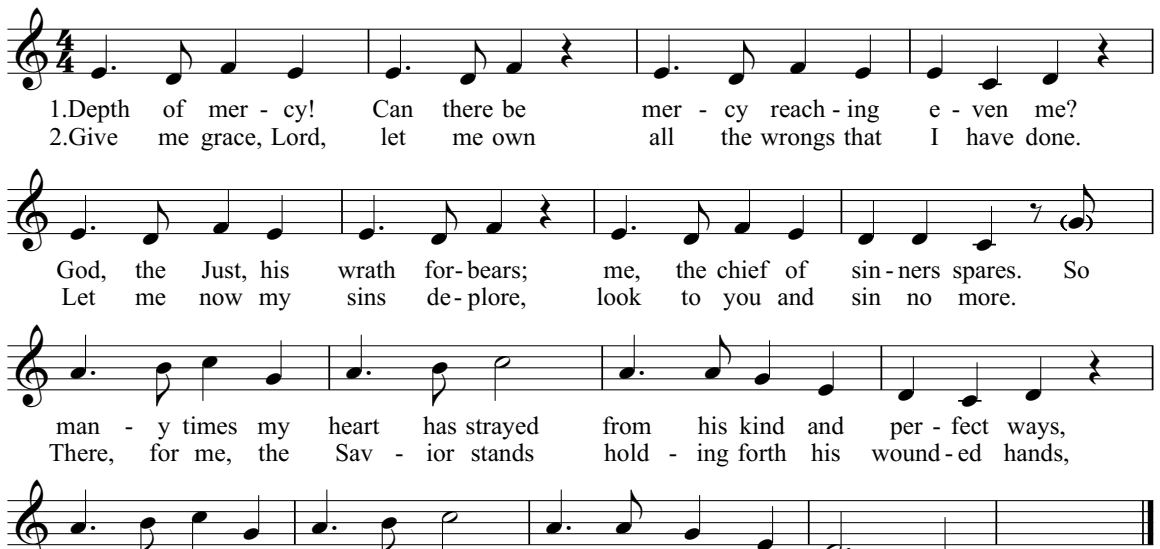
Call to confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hymn of confession

“Depth of Mercy”



1. Depth of mer - cy! Can there be mer - cy reach - ing e - ven me?
2. Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.

God, the Just, his wrath for - bears; me, the chief of sin - ners spares. So
Let me now my sins de - plore, look to you and sin no more.

man - y times my heart has strayed from his kind and per - fect ways,
There, for me, the Sav - ior stands hold - ing forth his wound - ed hands,

mak - ing clear my des - p'rate need for his blood poured out for me.
scars which ev - er cry for me; once con - demned but now set free.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kaufflin, 1997

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

based on Colossians 2

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

* Hymn of assurance 498, vv. 1, 2, 5

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855, HYFRYDOL

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

Offertory hymn

"Speak, O Lord"



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us, truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of _ faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
ne - ver fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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* 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

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“But God”

Rev. Benjie Slaton, lead pastor Grace+Peace Church, Ooltewah

1. Before
2. But God
3. After

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 660

“O God beyond All Praising”

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.
text by Michael Perry, 1982; music from Gustav Holst, The Planets, 1918, THAXTED

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Toccata on “Amazing Grace!”
J. Christopher Pardini
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #460)

Musicians for this week:

Curt Elverd – trumpet
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Eric Miller – trombone
Jaqueline Miller – trombone

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Natalie Schröder and Barrott Bickley on June 15.

GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES GUEST SPEAKER, BENJIE SLATON

Benjie and Natalie Slaton first discovered Chattanooga as undergraduates working at Alpine Camp for Boys, and have been returning ever since. They have three children: Elise, Sam, and Andrew. Benjie has served as the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Texas, and as a pastor of two churches in Austin and San Antonio. Both churches were recent church plants and sent out church plants. Seeing new churches born is something the Slatons love and have a passion to see happen here in Chattanooga. Benjie was the church planter and is now the pastor of Grace+Peace Church in Ooltewah.



GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

The George Long Preaching Series was established by the LMPC Session in 2001 as an annual reminder of our Savior's faithful use of his holy Word in our midst that has never and will never 'return to him void, but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent' (Isaiah 55:11). This series also brings honor to God for his blessings bestowed upon LMPC through the ministry of Dr. George W. Long, who served as pastor through a season of spiritual renewal in the 1970s and 80s, calling LMPC back to the primacy of God's Word. In the front cover of his Bible, Dr. Long wrote, 'This book has kept me from being lost. May I never, in any sense, lose it.' By the grace of God, this series will be used to annually root us in the authority, sufficiency, clarity, and necessity of Scripture. Dr. Long died in 2016.

Previous speakers have included:

Rev. Alistair Begg	Rev. Joe Novenson
Dr. Gabriel Fluhrer	Rev. Jerram Barrs
Rev. Eric Youngblood	Dr. Paul Tripp
Dr. Richard Pratt	Dr. Bryan Chapell
Dr. Steve Brown	Dr. Reggie Kidd
Dr. Irwyn Ince	Rev. Scotty Smith
Dr. Michael Kruger	Mr. Jerry Bridges
Rev. Kennedy Smartt	Dr. Roger Gulick
Rev. Harry Long	Dr. R.C. Sproul

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING communion service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Benjie Slaton will be our guest preacher; nursery is provided.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND: Join us at The Commons playground on June 19 and 26 for fun and conversation from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. No registration is required.

CHOOSE YOUR NEXT READ FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS. Select a book, register on Realm Connect, and attend the corresponding dinner and discussion on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW FOR the July 25 Women's Summer Supper. Please register on Realm Connect.

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