



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Most gracious God and Father, it is good for us to draw near to you. The nearer we come to you, the better it is for us. As we spend our time worshiping in your presence today, let us anticipate the joy of living before you in the world to come. On this first day of the week, may you shine into our hearts. Remake us today as your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. —Matthew Henry

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

arr. Robert Lind

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #167)

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* Call to worship

from Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

All: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Leader: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

All: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

* Hymn of praise 529, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.
text by Charles Wesley, 1747; music by John Zundel, 1870, BEECHER

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, you have shown us true humility by becoming one of us.

All: Yet too often we are arrogant and value self-preservation above all else.

Leader: You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem.

All: Yet too often we rush past the pain of others or assign your judgment to them.

Leader: You loved those who were weak, despised, and cast out.

All: Yet too often we focus our love on those who are strong, respected, and popular.

Leader: You freely forgave and healed.

All: Yet too often we hold grudges and cause more destruction than healing.

Leader: You lived a perfectly holy life and sought to do the will of your heavenly Father.

All: Yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness or desire our Father's will be done.

Leader: You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

All: Yet too often we blend into our culture or hide from it.

Leader: Forgive us Lord,

All: that we might declare your praises, you who brought us out of
darkness and into your wonderful light.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook and 1 Peter 2:9b

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“Out of the Deep I Call”

Chancel Choir

Out of the deep I call to thee, O Lord, to thee.
Before thy throne of grace I fall; be merciful to me.

Out of the deep I cry, the woeful deep of sin,
of evil done in days gone by, of evil now within.

Lord, there is mercy now, as ever was, with thee.
Before thy throne of grace I bow; be merciful to me.
text by Henry W. Baker, 1868; music by William Daman, 1579, SOUTHWELL

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 247

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ’Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

text by Bernard of Clairvaux (1091–1153); music by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601, arr. J. S. Bach, 1729, PASSION CHORALE

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

Offertory

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

Chancel Choir

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then, "Crucify!" is all their breath and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done to cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to walk and gave the blind their sight.
What injuries, yet these are why the Lord Most High so cruelly dies.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days will gladly spend.

My song is love unknown, love unknown.

*text by Samuel Crossman; music by J. Baptiste Calkin, arr. Molly Ijames © 2012 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.,
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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

* Scripture reading from Luke 19:41-48

Stephanie Wharton

⁴¹And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

⁴⁵And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.” ⁴⁷And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The King Who Weeps and Roars”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. What makes Jesus weep? (vv. 41-44)
 - He weeps when the religiously close are actually far and in danger.
2. What makes Jesus roar? (vv. 45-48)
 - He roars when the religiously close take over his house and push him out.

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 246**

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

text and music by Philip P. Bliss, 1875, HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

Toccata in B Minor
Eugène Gigout

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

SERMON SERIES: LUKE

We return to our sermon series in Luke, resuming in chapter 19, verses 41-48.

Luke begins his Gospel with an explicit purpose statement: he wants his friend Theophilus “to have certainty concerning the things you have been taught” (Luke 1:4) about Jesus and, “the things that have been accomplished among us” (Luke 1:1). To provide that certainty, Luke wrote an “orderly account” about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus based upon eyewitness testimony.

Like a good investigative reporter, Luke tracks down the full Gospel story of Jesus and his mission to seek and save the lost. Through these stories, we learn of God’s plan of salvation for all, Jew and Gentile alike, as accomplished in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We learn what a follower of Jesus is called to be, how we are called to proclaim the good news of Jesus, and how we are called to live in a world hostile to that proclamation. We learn, too, of God’s heart for the outcast, and the welcome all sinners can expect when they run home to God.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS HAVE BEGUN!

Emails have been sent to all members inviting participation in the officer nomination process. Please visit lmpc.org/officers to access a video about officer nominations, a step-by-step explanation of the nomination process, answers to frequently asked questions, and a list of those eligible to serve as officers. You may submit nominations online through that page OR call the church office at 423-821-4528 to request a paper nominating ballot. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, September 29. Questions? Email nominations@lmpc.org.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8, THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WORSHIP SERVICE will be located in the **Lookout Mountain School (LMS)** auditorium at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. until further notice, due to the truss work. Seating capacity will be no more than has recently been available in the fellowship hall, and overflow will be directed to the sanctuary. While at LMS, please do not allow your children to move through the building unattended. Use the front doors; we will have access to the auditorium and restrooms only.

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY to return your Build-a-Bag tote to the Jane Harris Youth Building. Thank you for participating in this important collection! We will share final numbers next week.

BRINGING SOMEONE A MEAL is one of the most tangible ways we can demonstrate the love of Christ. If you have ever been on the receiving end of a meal ministry, you know what a blessing it is. The Food for Friends ministry at LMPC is in need of volunteers; can you help? Visit lmpc.org/food-for-friends for more information and to contact Pamela Wilson, coordinator.

THE SESSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for children, youth, or adults until the chapel and three children's classrooms under it are ready to be used. There is **one exception: the Redeemer class**, as it is mostly independent of the need for children and youth programming. All adults are welcome to attend at 9:30 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building, beginning September 15.

MORNING COMMUNION THIS MONTH will be held on the third Sunday, September 15, instead of the first. Due to construction constraints, there will be no evening communion in September.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS will resume on Wednesday, September 18 and run weekly through the fall from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Music Makers is for ages 4 & 5 and Kingdom Kids is for grades 1-5. Please register on Realm Connect and email Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org if you have questions.

THE NEXT MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will take place on Thursday, September 26, and is a great opportunity to be with 8-10 other men to enjoy fellowship and eat meat. Please register on Realm Connect by Wednesday, September 18, noting if you would like to sign up with a friend. If you are willing to host a dinner, contact Julie Dean, julie@lmpc.org.

INTERESTED IN A SHORT-TERM MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY? Join the team traveling to Juba, South Sudan, October 30-November 9 with Reconciliation Ministries (RMNI.org) and utilize your gifts. Contact Jim Sutherland at jim@RMNI.org for more information.

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