



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O my God, Trinity whom I adore, let me entirely forget myself that I may abide in you,
still and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity; let nothing disturb my peace
nor separate me from you, O my unchanging God,
but that each moment may take me further into the depths of your mystery.
– Elizabeth of the Trinity*

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“The God of Abraham Praise”

arr. Richard Elliott

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #34)

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

* Call to worship

based on Nehemiah 9

Leader: Stand up and praise the LORD our God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be his glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. He alone is the LORD.

All: He made the heavens and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. He gives life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship him.

* Hymn of praise

“God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

God, our Father, we adore thee! We, thy children, bless thy name!
Chosen in the Christ before thee, we are “holy, without blame.”
We adore thee! We adore thee! Abba’s praises we proclaim!
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Son eternal, we adore thee! Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God, we bow before thee, thou hast brought thy people nigh!
We adore thee! We adore thee! Son of God, who came to die!
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Holy Spirit, we adore thee! Paraclete and heav’nly guest!
Sent from God and from the Savior, thou hast led us into rest.
We adore thee! We adore thee! By thy grace forever blest.
We adore thee! We adore thee! By thy grace forever blest.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three in one! we give thee praise!
For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to thee we raise!
We adore thee! We adore thee! Thee we bless, thro' endless days!
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text by George W. Frazier, Alfred S. Loizeaux (v. 3); music by John Zundel, 1870, alt. 1990, BEECHER

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Proverbs 28:13

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

Prayer of confession

from Proverbs 1, 2, and 3

Leader: Heavenly Father, you instruct us in your Word to “trust in the LORD with all our hearts, and lean not on our own understanding.” You tell us to “not be wise in our own eyes” but rather “fear the LORD and shun evil.”

All: We confess that we are often half-hearted in our trust and lean more on our own understanding than yours. We think and act as though we are wiser than you, and are prone to indulge in evil rather than shun it.

Leader: You tell us in your Word that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

All: We confess that rather than pursuing the gift of your divine wisdom, we are often content to settle for mere earthly wisdom. Rather than fearing you, we have become lukewarm and show contempt for your commands. Apart from your grace, we despise your discipline and your mercy. Heavenly Father, heal our wayward and arrogant hearts, and grant us dependence on your steadfast love.

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.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*
text by Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923; music by William M. Runyan, 1923, FAITHFULNESS

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

Offertory

“All Things New”

Chancel Choir

Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross,
sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wand'ring, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.

Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain,
near after distant, gleam after gloom, love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.
He is making all things new.

text by Frances Havergal; music by Elaine Hagenberg © 2021 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI Lic. #152036

*** 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 20:27-40**

Bob Huffaker

²⁷There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Traps and Truth, Part 2"

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. An earthly question about marriage that is rooted in human imagination (vv. 27-33)
2. A Kingdom response about the resurrection that is rooted in biblical truth (vv. 34-40)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 131, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers;
at the will of your Defender ev'ry foeman must surrender.

text by Carolina V. Sandell Berg, ca. 1855, tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1925; traditional Swedish melody,

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* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024

Annual Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Giving YTD: \$3,050,880

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,809,120

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,409,750

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year. You can find multiple ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICES will meet in the Lookout Mountain School auditorium across the street at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. until the truss work is completed. We are guests at LMS, and we desire to care for this space well, so please do not go anywhere in the building besides the auditorium and the restrooms. No one is permitted to wander the halls.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO NOMINATE OFFICERS at lmpc.org/officers. Thank you for participating in this process.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT PICNIC was rescheduled due to weather. The new date is Wednesday, October 2 at the Commons. If you were already registered, there is no need to register again. If you have already submitted payment for this event but are unable to attend on the new date, please email Tracey Leming at tracey@lmpc.org to ask for a refund. Registration will remain open through tomorrow, September 30.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE is a two-hour GriefShare event on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lookout Mountain, GA, City Hall. A registration fee of \$7.00 will cover the cost of the workbook. Please register on Realm Connect.

JOIN US FOR THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL, to be held on Sunday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Chattanooga. Combined choirs and instrumentalists from First Presbyterian, Covenant College, and LMPC will lead us in worship and congregational hymns.

WOMEN'S FALL SUPPERS will be held in individual homes on Tuesday, October 29. Invite your friends and neighbors, and please register on Realm Connect. If you are interested in hosting a supper, email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

A SHORT-TERM TRIP TO INDIA is being coordinated by LMPC, tentatively scheduled for February 2025. This trip would be 10-14 days in length and primarily focus on serving with the Good Samaritans School in North India. If you are interested in learning more, please email missions coordinator Stephanie Young, stephanie@lmpc.org.

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