



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord, whose way is perfect,
help us, I pray thee, always to trust in thy goodness:
that walking with thee and following thee in all simplicity,
we may possess quiet and contented minds;
and may cast all our care on thee, for thou carest for us. Amen.*
—Christina Rossetti

OCTOBER 27, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Laudate Dominum” (Sing Praise to the Lord)
C. Hubert H. Parry
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #21)

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

from Psalm 46

Leader: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**All: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the
mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and
foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Leader: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among
the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

* Hymn of praise 92

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

based on Psalm 46, text and music by Martin Luther, 1529; EIN'FESTE BURG

* Prayer of adoration

Sacrament of baptism

Georgia and Will Moore bringing William Campbell Moore Jr.

Call to confession

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

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 for us.

Leader: Father, forgive us.

All: May your Holy Spirit move and convict our hearts, that we might live as you have created us to live.

adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Romans 5 and Colossians 1

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Hymn of assurance 347, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

“The Church's One Foundation”

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

text by Samuel J. Stone, 1866; music by Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, AURELIA

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

Offertory

“We Believe”

Chancel Choir

We believe in the Father, who created all there is;
and we believe the universe and all therein is his.
As a loving heav'nly Father, he yearns to save us all,
to lift us from the fall, we believe.

We believe in Jesus, the Father's only Son,
existing uncreated before time had begun.
A sacrifice for sin, he died, then rose again
to ransom sinful men, we believe.

We believe in the Spirit, who makes believers one.
Our hearts are filled with his presence; the Comforter has come.
His Kingdom unfolds in his plan, unhindered by quarrels of man,
his church upheld by his hand, we believe.

Tho' the earth be removed and time be no more,
these truths are secure; God's Word shall endure.
Whatever the change, these things are sure. We believe.

So if the mountains are cast down into the plain,
when kingdoms all crumble, this one remains.
Our faith is not subject to seasons of men.
With our fathers we proclaim.

We believe our Lord will come as he said.
The land and the sea will give up their dead.
His children will reign with him as their Head.
We believe! We believe!

*text and music by Nathan Digesare and Dan Scott, arr. Mark Hayes © 1991 Curb Dayspring Music and Up
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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 21:12-19

Prissy Thrash

¹²“But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

¹⁴“Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

¹⁶“You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "Preparation for Faithful Service, Part 2"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Jesus prepares his disciples for faithful service by calling them to:

1. **witness faithfully:** opposition is an opportunity. (vv. 12-13)
2. **depend fully:** God equips us for the moment. (vv. 14-15)
3. **endure hopefully:** we persevere because God preserves. (vv. 16-19)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 342**, vv. 1, 4, 5 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Latin, 7th c., tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; music by Henry Smart, 1876, REGENT SQUARE

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

Postlude on Psalm 19
Benedetto Marcello, arr. Rich Mays

Musicians for this week:

Tommy Bulman – trumpet
Curt Elverd – trumpet
Joy Gibbons – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ

Eric Miller – trombone
Jacqueline Miller – trombone
Nate Oster – timpani

IN MEMORIAM

Julia Ann Bronnenberg Ashlock

July 7, 1925 – October 18, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Ann Bronnenberg Ashlock.

Celebrating the baptism of William Campbell Moore Jr. at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Georgia and Will Moore, his grandparents, Christian and David Cornell and Allison and Fred Moore, and his great-grandparents, Freida Jones, Yuvonne Cornell, Randy Cornell, Diane and Fred Moore, and Helen Bess and Allen Yates.

Celebrating the baptism of Hugh Philip Morton at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Hendley and Hugh Morton, and his grandparents, Jenny and Philip Badcock and Katie and Don Morton.

GIVING UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Annual Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Giving YTD: \$3,387,129

Remaining Gifts Needed: \$2,472,871

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$1,138,034

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far this year.

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SERVE THE CITY 2024

Saturday, November 9:

AMANI YA JUU CHATTANOOGA*

- What: workday at the warehouse (pricing items, painting, etc.)
- When: 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Where: Amani ya Juu (420 S. Willow St.)
- Who: appropriate for mature children, teen, and adult volunteers

Saturday, November 16:

VISION OF MERCY*

- What: assembling and distributing food boxes in Chattanooga
- When: 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Where: Church of the First Born (3418 St. Elmo Ave.)
- Who: appropriate for mature children, teen, and adult volunteers

Saturday, November 23:

WIDOWS HARVEST*

- What: assembling and delivering food boxes for widows in the area
- When: 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Where: Silverdale Baptist Church St. Elmo (4500 St. Elmo Ave.)
- Who: appropriate for volunteers of all ages

Saturday, November 23:

BOXES OF BLESSING* – Preparation for upcoming event

- What: forming and taping cardboard boxes
- When: 9:00 a.m. arrival
- Where: Chattanooga Bakery (900 Manufacturers Rd.)
- Who: appropriate for mature children, teen, and adult volunteers

Saturday, December 7:

BOXES OF BLESSING

- What: assembling food boxes
- When: 2 shifts (8:30–11:00 a.m.) & (11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)
- Where: Chattanooga Bakery (900 Manufacturers Rd.)
- Who: appropriate for volunteers of all ages, close supervision of children required
- DONUTS & COFFEE provided on 1st shift; LUNCH provided on 2nd shift

*Pastries and coffee provided.

Register for all November events on Realm Connect beginning October 27.

Register for the December 7 Boxes of Blessing event beginning November 3.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICES are currently meeting in the Lookout Mountain School auditorium across the street at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

JOIN US FOR THE REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL this evening 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.

MEN, COME FOR PRAYER, breakfast, and fellowship on Tuesday, October 29 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building.

GRIEF IS HARDER AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. Find support with the GriefShare seminar “Surviving the Holidays” and get practical tips for navigating the season after loss. Register on Realm Connect for this event on Saturday, November 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lookout Mountain, GA, City Hall. Please bring \$7 for the workbook.

WOMEN, JOIN US AT THE GA TOWN HALL for dessert and discussion on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. to explore Jonathan Haidt’s book *The Anxious Generation* and how technology and social media are shaping our kids. The night will include small group discussion and a panel of LMPC women. Please register for this free event on Realm Connect by November 11.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come and make a wreath and fellowship with friends over cookies and hot cocoa as we prepare for Advent. Please sign up on Realm Connect for a time slot on Sunday, November 24 at the Jane Harris Youth Building: 2:00–3:30 p.m., 4:30–6:00 p.m., or 7:00–8:30 p.m. One wreath per family unit. For those who are interested, nursery is provided for the 4:30 p.m. time slot. You will also receive an Advent kit to take home.

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