



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Lord, prepare my heart, I beseech thee, to reverence thee, to adore thee, to love thee...

Let my very coldness call for the glow of thy love;

let my emptiness and dryness, like a barren and thirsty land,

thirst for thee, call on thee to come into my soul, who refreshest those who are weary.

Let my heart ache to thee and for thee, who stillest the aching of the heart.

—from a prayer by E.B. Pusey

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

Three Pieces for Organ, I. Prelude
Desmond Ratcliffe

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

*** Call to worship**

from Psalm 9

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

All: We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

*** Hymn of praise 358, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6**

“For All the Saints”

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

text by William Walsham How, 1864, 1875; music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, SINE NOMINE

* Prayer of adoration

Prayer for the persecuted church

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

All: **This morning, we pray for those members of your flock
whose lives and ministries are oppressed.**

Leader: Show your great mercies to our brothers and sisters who are
persecuted, cast in prison, and daily condemned to death for the
testimony of your truth.

All: **We ask that your sweet comfort will never depart from them.**

Leader: Enflame their hearts with your Holy Spirit that they may boldly and
faithfully abide such trials as your godly wisdom may appoint, so that
the Kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ may increase and shine through
all the world.

All: **Teach us to taste and see your eternal goodness as we face our
own weaknesses and hardships—never forgetting that your grace
is sufficient for us and your power is made perfect in weakness.
May opportunities abound to share with others your great love
found at the cross, and may the church here and around the world
be refreshed by your sustaining power, to the praise of your glorious
grace. Amen.**

*adapted from "A Prayer for the Whole Estate of Christ's Church," included in a worship
service written by John Knox, Geneva, 1556; 2 Corinthians 1:3, 12:9-10; Ephesians 1:6*

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

Offertory

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Chancel Choir

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

O, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! O, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
text by William J. Irons, 1812-1883; music by William B. Roberts, 1947, MISSISSIPPI

*** Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from Luke 21:20-28**

LJ Huffaker

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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 3”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

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

1. **take heed.** Ruin meets those who reject God’s warning. (vv. 20–24)
2. **eagerly await.** Redemption meets those who faithfully endure. (vv. 25–28)

Pastoral prayer

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God’s people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord’s Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Bob Schmidt – trumpet

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY

Centuries ago, believers developed what is now known as the “Calendar of the Church Year.” It was designed to assist both unlearned and illiterate believers in mastering the truths of the Kingdom of God by causing them to “walk through” the events of redemptive history. All Saints’ Day, November 1, was chosen to call all believers to remember the faithful saints who had already finished their race and gone home to heaven. On All Saints’ Sunday we join the historic practice and recall the lives of our members who have gone on to glory in the past year.

Julia Ashlock — October 18, 2024
Emery Balthrop — March 6, 2024
John Bennett — February 12, 2024
Rick Bowers — November 22, 2023
Ian Hamilton — February 21, 2024
Marian Harris — August 21, 2024
Tami Harrison — January 6, 2024
Rob Jennings — October 12, 2024
Grady Love — April 30, 2024

Jack McEwen — April 30, 2024
Lewis Price — October 1, 2024
Lentz Reynolds — July 1, 2024
Margaret Reynolds — June 29, 2024
Len Teague — April 19, 2024
Mercy Thomas — December 4, 2023
Cindy Tucker — October 15, 2024
Kirby Wahl — March 31, 2024
Sally Wall — April 1, 2024

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME BACK TONIGHT for our Sunday Evening Gathering: a time of prayer for our missionaries at 6:00 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building.

DO YOU NEED PRAYER? Each Sunday, elders are available to pray with you between services at 10:30 a.m. in room E-200, located in the children's education wing. An usher can direct you if you need assistance.

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP that gathers on Thursday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. has resumed meeting at the Jane Harris Youth Building. All men are welcome to this group focused on in-depth study of books of the Bible, currently 2 Corinthians.

GATHER YOUR LEAF BLOWERS, rakes, gloves, shears, and wheelbarrows to clean up around the church! The deacons invite the whole church family to the Annual Fall Church Work Day on Saturday, November 16, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Tasks include leaf collection, weeding, and vine removal. Donuts and drinks provided.

GRIEF IS HARDER AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. Find support with the GriefShare seminar, "Surviving the Holidays." Register on Realm Connect for Saturday, November 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lookout Mountain, GA, City Hall. Bring \$7 for the workbook.

WOMEN, JOIN US AT THE GEORGIA TOWN HALL for dessert and discussion on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Jonathan Haidt's recent book, *The Anxious Generation*. Register on Realm Connect by November 11.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come 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 at a cost of \$15. 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.

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.

Find ways to give to LMPC at lmpc.org/give.

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 events on Realm Connect.