

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*We sing with all the daughters of true Sion [sic] but now our song must be a rebel song:  
a song against the proud devouring lion, a song that cries aloud, O Lord, how long?*

*How long will you stand back and let them be these vicious tricksters,  
thinking they're so strong?*

*—Malcolm Guite, from “Psalm 10: X Ut quid, Domine?”*

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*arr. Keith Kolander*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #120)*

### Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

### Introit

“Make a Joyful Noise”

Girls’ Ensemble

Make a joyful noise to the ends of the earth.

Sing, dance, and clap your hands,  
play the trumpet and sound the cymbals.

Let the earth resound with joy.

Gloria, gloria Deo.

*text and music by Sally K. Albrecht, 2001*

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives  
all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the  
pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

All: **He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is  
renewed like the eagle’s. The LORD works righteousness and justice  
for all the oppressed.**

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the people of  
Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and  
abounding in love.

All: **The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules  
over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

**\* Hymn of praise 710, vv. 1, 2, 4**

“God of Our Fathers”

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,  
lead us from night to neverending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

*text by Daniel C. Roberts, 1876; music by George William Warren, 1892, NATIONAL HYMN*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**Call to confession**

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Silent prayers of confession**

**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

from Colossians 1 and Ezekiel 36

God 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.

The Sovereign LORD says: “On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. Those who pass through it will say, ‘This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited.’ Then the nations around you will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate.”

**\* Hymn of assurance**

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

*Refrain:* How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior’s love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone. *Refrain*

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy thro’ the ages to sing of his love for me. *Refrain*  
*text and music by Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932, MY SAVIOR’S LOVE*

**Prayer of intercession for our city**

**Leader:** God of compassion, we ask that you would work powerfully in our community and in the city of Chattanooga. Through our prayers and work, transform this city and draw its people into relationship with you. In your great mercy, provide for those who are marginalized, those without jobs, food, shelter, or clothing, and be near to them by your Spirit. Give us both clarity of vision to see people’s needs and wisdom to meet those needs in meaningful and lasting ways that reflect your love.

**All:** **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Be with the sick and the dying, those with chronic mental illness, those struggling with addiction, and those who are overwhelmed with medical expenses. Surround them with your loving presence, and equip us to meet their physical needs and share your Gospel of hope and redemption.

**All:** **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Lord, heal the relational and societal rifts that exist in our city. Give strength, endurance, and encouragement to those working to promote peace, unity, and healing. Teach all of us to see and honor your image in every person we encounter.

**All:** **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Be with our home missions partners and bless their ministries for your name's sake. Expand and establish the work of their hands as they serve you.

All: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**  
We pray now as your Son taught us to pray,  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

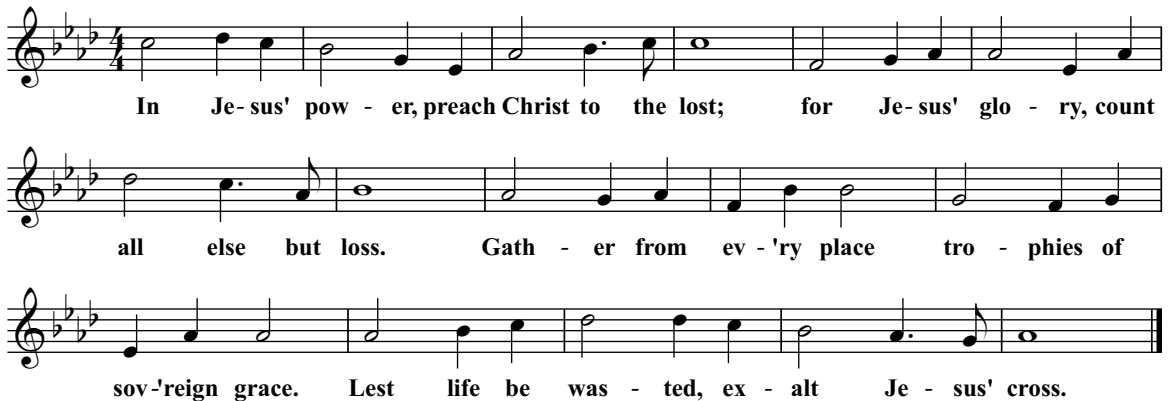
Offertory

"For the Sake of His Name"

Chancel Choir

Go to the world for the sake of his name;  
to ev'ry nation his glory proclaim.  
Pray that the Spirit wise will open darkened eyes,  
granting new life to display Jesus' fame.

*Refrain:*



In Je-sus' pow - er, preach Christ to the lost; for Je-sus' glo - ry, count  
all else but loss. Gath - er from ev - 'ry place tro - phies of  
sov-'reign grace. Lest life be was - ted, ex - alt Je - sus' cross.

Love the unloved for the sake of his name;  
like Christ, befriend those whose heads hang in shame.  
Jesus did not condemn, but was condemned for them.  
Trust Gospel pow'r, for we once were the same. *Refrain*

Rescue the lost for the sake of his name;  
as Christ commands, snatch them out of the flame.  
Tell that when Jesus died God's wrath was satisfied;  
urge them to flee to the Lamb who was slain. *Refrain*

Look to the throne for the sake of his name;  
think of the throng who will share in his reign.  
Some for whose souls we pray will share our joy that day,  
joining our song for the sake of his name! *Refrain*  
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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 1 Samuel 14:1–23 (NIV)**

Stephanie Wharton

<sup>1</sup>One day Jonathan son of Saul said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side." But he did not tell his father. <sup>2</sup>Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men, <sup>3</sup>among whom was Ahijah, who was wearing an ephod. He was a son of Ichabod's brother Ahitub son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh. No one was aware that Jonathan had left. <sup>4</sup>On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez and the other Seneh. <sup>5</sup>One cliff stood to the north toward Mikmash, the other to the south toward Geba.

<sup>6</sup>Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few." <sup>7</sup>"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." <sup>8</sup>Jonathan said, "Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us. <sup>9</sup>If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them. <sup>10</sup>But if they say, 'Come up to us,' we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the LORD has given them into our hands."

<sup>11</sup>So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. “Look!” said the Philistines. “The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in.”

<sup>12</sup>The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, “Come up to us and we’ll teach you a lesson.” So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Climb up after me; the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel.” <sup>13</sup>Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him. <sup>14</sup>In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.

<sup>15</sup>Then panic struck the whole army—those in the camp and field, and those in the outposts and raiding parties—and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God. <sup>16</sup>Saul’s lookouts at Gibeah in Benjamin saw the army melting away in all directions. <sup>17</sup>Then Saul said to the men who were with him, “Mustering the forces and see who has left us.” When they did, it was Jonathan and his armor-bearer who were not there. <sup>18</sup>Saul said to Ahijah, “Bring the ark of God.” (At that time it was with the Israelites.) <sup>19</sup>While Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the Philistine camp increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, “Withdraw your hand.” <sup>20</sup>Then Saul and all his men assembled and went to the battle. They found the Philistines in total confusion, striking each other with their swords. <sup>21</sup>Those Hebrews who had previously been with the Philistines and had gone up with them to their camp went over to the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. <sup>22</sup>When all the Israelites who had hidden in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were on the run, they joined the battle in hot pursuit. <sup>23</sup>So on that day the LORD saved Israel, and the battle moved on beyond Beth Aven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word**

### **Sermon**

“God’s Power Through Our Perhaps”

Corey Pelton, Director of MNA Rural Church Planting Ministry

1. The context of **perhaps**
2. The faith in **perhaps**
3. The power behind **perhaps**

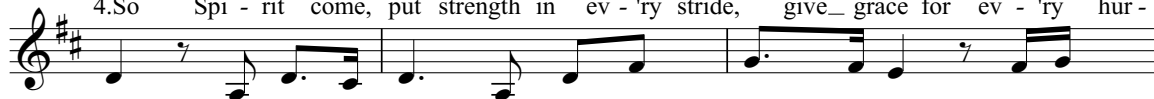
### **Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

“O Church, Arise”



1.O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on, hear the call of Christ our cap -  
2.Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -  
3.Come, see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -  
4.So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give\_ grace for ev - 'ry hur -



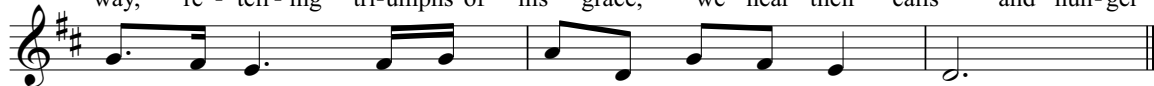
tain; for now the weak can say that they are strong in the  
tor; and with the sword that makes the woun - ded whole, we will  
en; then see his foes lie crushed be - neath his feet, for the  
dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a



strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of  
fight with faith and val - or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry  
Con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the stone is rolled a -  
ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the



truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -  
side, we know the out - come is se - cure; and Christ will have the prize for  
way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
way, re - tell - ing triumphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died: an in - he - ri - tance of na - tions.  
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

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\* Benediction

\* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

\* Postlude

“Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”

arr. Gilbert Martin

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #11)

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano  
**Travis Knight** – guest choral director

**Kara Riley** – Girls' Ensemble director

**Girls' Ensemble**

Eden Gardner

Elaine Mae Ireland

Margaret Marshall

Emma Mixon

Maryellen Mixon

Eden Schaefer

Kairi Thrash

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Carol Anne Mutter**

October 22, 1946 – November 3, 2024

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Anne Mutter.

**SANCTUARY GUEST SPEAKER: COREY PELTON**

**DIRECTOR OF MNA RURAL CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY**



Corey and his wife, Holly, moved to the north Georgia mountains in January 2022, after years of pastoring throughout the South. They have three grown children: Miller (and his wife, Emma), Maggie, and Miles. The Peltons spent eight years in Jackson, MS, where Corey attended seminary and worked with Reformed University Fellowship at Belhaven College. In 2002 they moved to Hot Springs, AR, to grow a mission church into a fully organized church. Corey pastored Redeemer Presbyterian in Travelers Rest, SC, before assisting South Baton Rouge Presbyterian in LA. In 2022, Corey was called by Tennessee Valley Presbytery as an evangelist to do a modern day “circuit riding” ministry in Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. MNA’s Rural Church Planting seeks to be a resource for pastors, churches, and presbyteries for healthy church planting in rural communities.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL GUEST SPEAKER: CORBY SHIELDS PASTOR OF HIGHLAND PARK FELLOWSHIP



Corby and Rachel have been married since 2003 and have four children: Hank, Reese, Barnes, and Delsie. Corby was a full-time youth minister in Philadelphia at New Life Dresher and part-time seminary student at Westminster. After completing a church planting apprenticeship in Boston in 2013, the Shields family moved to Lookout Mountain for Corby to serve as assistant/associate pastor at Rock Creek Fellowship.

In June of 2023 the Lord called Corby to complete a church planting effort in Chattanooga, which is now called Highland Park Fellowship. HPF seeks to display the diversity and beauty of God's family through shared mission, offering our unique contribution through partnership with organizations, churches, and individuals who are pushing back the darkness in our city.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RENEW YOUR LOVE FOR THE CITY** serve alongside other churches in our community, and register now for Boxes of Blessing on November 23 (box taping) and December 7 (box assembly). If registration on Realm Connect is full, please join a waitlist so we can try to accommodate as many as possible.

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

**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. (Rain date: Nov. 23)

**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.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to come make a wreath and fellowship with friends over cookies and hot cocoa as we prepare for Advent. Choose 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. Please sign up on Realm Connect by November 18. 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.

**ALL WOMEN OF LMPC** are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at Canopy on Tuesday, December 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. No registration is required.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](https://lmpc.org/events).*

### **GIVING UPDATE THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024**

**Annual Budget:** \$5,860,000

**2024 Giving YTD:** \$3,793,263

**Remaining Gifts Needed:** \$2,066,737

**Outstanding Pledge Balance:** \$739,411

We're grateful for the generosity at LMPC so far in 2024. As we near the end of the year, please consider how you might contribute towards our mission of glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Find ways to give at [lmpc.org/give](https://lmpc.org/give).

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