



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*O Lord, meet us this morning.*

*We long for you as a wild animal longs for streams of water.*

*Meet us, we pray, and remake us.*

*May all that we cling to in this life be undone in the wonder of your presence,  
and in the undoing may we come fully alive to you.*

JANUARY 5, 2025 • FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE • 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

**WELCOME TO LMPC!** *We're so glad you are with us today. Please scan the QR code on the back of your bulletin to share important information with us through an online form. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God. We encourage you to read the text on the front of the bulletin as we prepare to worship together.*

**CHILDCARE:** *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to crayons and children's bulletins.*

*\* Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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**Welcome and greetings**

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

**\* Call to worship**

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

**Leader:** All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

**All:** **You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. In love, you predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

**Leader:** You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring all things in heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

**All:** **All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.**

**\* Hymn of praise**

“Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

*Refrain:* You're the Author of creation;  
you're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free! *Refrain*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home! *Refrain*  
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### \* Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer

**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 hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.  
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

\* **Scripture reading from Romans 11:33–12:2**  
*text printed in the bulletin*

Rebekah Risley (9:30)  
David Paschall (11:00)

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

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

**Sermon** “Renewing Our Mission”  
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

### **Pastoral prayer**

### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

*Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord’s Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.*

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*Those seated in the back rows will come forward to be served first, followed by the rest of the congregation, finishing with those in the front rows. Come down the center two aisles, partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements, and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing. Men and women will be available to pray with you should you desire that.*

**Hymn of confession** “Depth of Mercy”

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy reaching even me?  
God, the Just, his wrath forbears; me, the chief of sinners, spares.  
So many times my heart has strayed from his kind and perfect ways,  
making clear my desp’rate need for his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.  
Let me now my sins deplore, look to you and sin no more.  
There, for me, the Savior stands holding forth his wounded hands,  
scars which ever cry for me; once condemned but now set free.

*text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997*

### **Silent prayers of confession**

Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life."

### Words of institution

### Communion affirmation

Leader: We come to this feast in obedience and with thanksgiving.

**All: By dying, Christ destroyed our death. By rising, he gave us life. It is in his great love and sacrifice that we have been set free, and given hope for an eternal future that can never perish, spoil, or fade.**

Leader: In this feast, our God is present with us by his Spirit.

**All: When we share this bread, we share in the body of Christ: we are sustained and nourished to love and serve as our Savior did.**

**When we share this cup, we share in the blood of Christ: we take part in his suffering and are formed into people who bring life out of death.**

**When we share this meal with each other, we are united in faith and mission, and we yearn for Christ's return and the restoration of all things. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

### Prayer of consecration

### Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

#### "Let Me Find Thee"

Behold me here, in grief draw near, pleading at thy throne, O King.  
To thee each tear, each trembling fear, Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.  
Let me find thee; let me find thee.  
Let me find thee, Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Look down in love, and from above, with thy Spirit satisfy.  
Thou hast sought me, thou hast bought me, and thy purchase, Lord, am I.  
Let me find thee; let me find thee.  
Let me find thee, here on earth and then on high.

*continued*

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken, longings of my heart to thee.  
All the crying, all the sighing of thy child accepted be.  
Let me find thee; let me find thee.

Let me find thee, wounded healer, suff'ring Lord.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; music by Matthew Smith, 2012*

### “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:  
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

*Refrain:* Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. *Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;  
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. *Refrain*  
*text by Philip P. Bliss, 1876; music by D.H., 2024*

### \* Prayer of thanksgiving

### \* Hymn of praise

### “O Church, Arise”

O church, arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our captain;  
for now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure;  
and Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.  
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**\* Benediction**

**\* 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.**

**\* Postlude**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Christley Bergeron** – vocals

**Calvin Garriott** – piano

**David Henry** – guitar, vocals

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Sam Miller** – violin

**Hallie Blair Quatro** – vocals

**The rosebud in the service** today is for the birth of Joseph Westley Lentini, born to Ciara and Joseph Lentini on December 17.

**Romans 11:33-12:2**

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**SERMON NOTES**  
“Renewing Our Mission”  
*Romans 11:33-12:2*

1. Glorifying God (vv. 11:33-36)
2. Growing in grace (vv. 12:1-2)
3. Giving our lives away (vv. 12:1-2)

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## 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.

**MEN, JOIN A MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION** that meets on second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., led by Ken Stewart. This month, meet at the Jane Harris Youth Building on January 9 to talk about George Marsden's *Jonathan Edwards: A Short Life*.

**WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS:** These fellowship dinners, hosted in individual homes, are a great opportunity to connect with women across various ages and stages of life. Invite your friends and neighbors to dinner on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. Please register on Realm Connect by January 16. If you are interested in hosting, please email Caroline Scruggs at [caroline@lmpc.org](mailto:caroline@lmpc.org).

**JOIN US FEBRUARY 9-12** for our annual World Missions Conference as we welcome four national guests from supported partnership ministry Bible Mission Global. This year's conference will celebrate 30 years of partnership with this faithful ministry in Central Asia.

**LMPC'S MOTHER'S DAY OUT PROGRAM** needs a teacher's aide and substitutes, starting in January. These are paid positions, for Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Please contact MDO Director Megan DeMoss, [megan@lmpc.org](mailto:megan@lmpc.org), for more information.

**LMPC HAS A JOB OPENING** for the position of Facilities Manager. See the job description at [lmpc.org/jobs](http://lmpc.org/jobs) and direct all inquiries to [margaretlowery@lmpc.org](mailto:margaretlowery@lmpc.org).

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

## TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, January 5

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class) .....	JHYB
10:30 a.m.	Elders available to pray for your needs .....	Children's Education building, E-200
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer .....	JHYB

*For more events this week, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*

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## WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Please scan the QR code below and fill out an online information form. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!



## OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away  
on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.*

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in all morning services and in the evening on the third Sunday of every month. Devices to amplify sound are available. If you would like one, please arrive a few minutes early and ask an usher to assist you.