



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

* 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 101

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

anonymous, ca. 1757; music by Felice de Giardini, 1769, TRINITY

*** 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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Chancel Choir

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

text by Katherine Hankey, 1866; music by William G. Fischer, 1869; arr. Philip M. Young, 1997

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

Bob Huffaker

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

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

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

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

¹I 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. ²Do 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.

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”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

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

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

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

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.

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, for more information.

LMPC HAS A JOB OPENING for the position of Facilities Manager. See the job description at lmpc.org/jobs and direct all inquiries to margaretlowery@lmpc.org.

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