



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, whom God so freely gave us;
he died on the accursed tree—so strong his love to save us.
See his blood upon our door; faith points to it, death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!*
—Martin Luther, 1524, tr. Richard Massie, 1854

JANUARY 12, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

arr. Karl Osterland

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #182)

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

from Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

All: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Leader: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

All: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

* Hymn of praise 76, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
text by Henry F. Lyte, 1834, from Psalm 103; music by John Goss, 1869, LAUDA ANIMA

* Prayer of adoration

Old Testament reading

from Exodus 12

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. The animals you choose must be without defect. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.”

Call to confession

from 1 Peter 1:14-19

Do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Silent prayers of confession

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

* Hymn of assurance 455, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825, SAGINA

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

Offertory

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

Chancel Choir

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel:
here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly, saying,
“Earth has no sorrow that heav’n cannot cure.”

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above:
come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrow but heav’n can remove.
*text by Thomas Moore, 1816 and Thomas Hastings, 1831; music by Ethan McGrath © 2016
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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 22:7-23**

Michal Parsley

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

²¹“But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Last Supper”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. The Host’s sovereign preparations (vv. 7-13, 21-23)
2. The Host’s tender heart (vv. 14-16, 21-23)
3. The Host’s feast of remembrance, communion, and hope (vv. 17-20)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 645**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem’ry find,
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O Hope of ev’ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:
the love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Latin, 11th c., tr. Edward Caswall, 1849; music by John B. Dykes, 1866, ST. AGNES

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

Rhosymedre
R. Vaughan Williams

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

The rosebuds in the service today are for the birth of Carson Steele Regan, born to Raeanne and Kevin Regan, on January 1, and the birth of Haven Grace Thomas, born to Hannah and Bo Thomas, on January 4.

Celebrating the baptism of Holly Keith Owen at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Jan and Spencer Owen, her grandparents, Jan and Tory Johnston and Beth and JR Owen, and her great-grandmother, Virginia Johnston.

Celebrating the baptisms of Eleanor Ann Nadeja and Jackson Douglas Nadeja at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are their parents, Stephanie and Mike Nadeja, and their grandparents, Evelyn Sizemore and Kim and David Nadeja.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BIBLE READING PLAN for the new year? Click “Bible Reading Plan” on the homepage of our website, lmpc.org, to view a helpful resource that will support self-pacing and good digestion of the Word.

THE LMPC OFFICE AND STAFF are in the process of moving to the new office building. As soon as we receive our certificate of occupancy and the office is moved permanently, we will let you know. Until then, you may still find the church office at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Call 423-821-4528 if you need help locating staff.

THE CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP will resume meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at the JHYB, beginning January 14. Contact Lee Ballenger at rossandlee@gmail.com for more information.

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN SCHOOL auditorium across the street next Sunday, January 19 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., so that the fellowship hall floor may be completed.

WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS: Invite your friends and neighbors to dinner on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. Please register on Realm Connect by January 16.

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 focus on celebrating 30 years of partnership with this faithful ministry partner in Central Asia. Event registration will open soon on Realm Connect.

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