



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*There was no sorrow like your sorrow, Lord—no love like your love.
Was it not enough, dearest Savior, that you came down to pray, and sigh, and weep for us?
Would you also bleed and die for us?
—from a prayer by David Clarkson*

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Give Me Jesus”
arr. Marques Garrett

Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

Introit

“O Jesus, We Adore You”

Chancel Choir

O Jesus, we adore you, upon the cross, our King!
We bow our hearts before you, your gracious name we sing.
That name has brought salvation, that name in life our stay,
our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

The world does yet disdain you, still passing by the cross;
Lord, may our hearts retain you; all else we count but loss.
Ah, Lord, our sins arraigned you, and nailed you to the tree:
our pride, O Lord, disdained you; yet you have set us free.

O glorious King, we praise you, no longer pass you by;
O Jesus, we confess you, the Son enthroned on high.
Lord, grant to us forgiveness; life through your death restore;
yes, grant to us the fullness of life forevermore.

text by Arthur T. Russell, 1851; music by William Lloyd, 1840, MEIRIONYDD

* Call to worship

from Isaiah 40

Leader: The sovereign LORD sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy. Lift your eyes and look to
the heavens: Who created all these?

All: He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by
name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of
them is missing.

Leader: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can
fathom.

*** Hymn of praise 181**

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law’s demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,
the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.
text by E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957, 1985; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

*** 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

“Thy Will Be Done”

Chancel Choir

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life,
and gave us hope, gave us himself.

Refrain: My father, let this cup pass from me.
Yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.

In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane,
pleading with the Father for one more way,
for one more hope, for one more day. *Refrain*

Then they took our Savior, and led him to a tree;
and there they broke his body, poured out his life,
put him to death to rise again! *Refrain*

text based on Matthew 26:36-42; by Craig Courtney © 1985 Beckenhorst Press, Inc., CCLI Lic. #152036

*** 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 22:39-46**

Brian Kvale

³⁹And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Agony in the Garden”

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

Jesus’ prayer the night before his death reveals:

1. the Son’s dependence on the Father’s will and comfort amid intense agony. (vv. 39-44)
2. the necessity of prayer to resist temptation and faithlessness. (vv. 40, 45-46)

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

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS, join us for lunch today at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building. We'd love to connect with you!

OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (Church Office Building) will be a time of prayer for our missionary partners.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMING SOON! Sunday School for all ages will begin on February 9. Volunteers will assist you in finding classrooms as needed. Find a full list of classes and locations at lmpc.org/groups, where you may sort by category and age group. Classes for all ages meet at 11:00 a.m. (with the exception of one 9:30 adult class).

THE MARRIAGE COURSE can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship, whether you are newlyweds or have been married many years. Each couple will sit at their own table and only interact with each other while participating in a video course. The course runs on Tuesday nights beginning February 11. Please register on Realm Connect by February 9 for \$50 per couple.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS will be held for youth in grades 6–12 interested in joining LMPC. The class will be February 28–March 2 and meet on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Please register on Realm Connect by February 21.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS this summer! Rising first graders through rising sixth graders are invited to join us for VBS June 17–19 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars; more information is coming in the spring.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Jean MacDougall

May 5, 1956 – January 28, 2025

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barb MacDougall.

**2025 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE
IN JOYFUL PARTNERSHIP – PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Please note that events with an asterisk require registration. Follow the registration links at lmpc.org/wmc or head straight to Realm Connect.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Morning Worship & Sunday School Presentations

9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., *nursery available*

Q&A Panel: Get to Know Our Guests

4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, *nursery available*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Men's Breakfast: Stories from the Field

6:45 a.m. in the JHYB gathering room

Missions Luncheon*

11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Prayer for Guests

4:30 p.m. in Room 211 (old Conference Room)

Family Dinner: Exploring Central Asia*

5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, *nursery available*



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