



IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Empower all the peoples to praise you, O God, that the nations may be glad and sing for joy.

—from The Worship Sourcebook

FEBRUARY 9, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts”

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation,
bless his name, show forth his praise in his holy house!

Rejoice, ye heav’ns, be joyful on earth,
rejoice in the name of the Lord, for he cometh, Alleluia!
text based on Psalm 96; music by Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. Sondra Tucker

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

from 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

All: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

* Hymn of praise 263

“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. *Refrain*

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne. *Refrain*
text by George W. Kitchin, 1887; music by Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916, CRUCIFER

* **Prayer of adoration**

Ministry partner report

Call to confession

1 John 1:8–2:1

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 1 John 4 and 1 Peter 2

Leader: This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

All: **We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

* **Hymn of assurance 529**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.
text by Charles Wesley, 1747; music by John Zundel, 1870, BEECHER

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

Offertory

"I Thank My God"

Chancel Choir

I thank my God when I remember you; in all my prayers
I pray with joy for your partnership in sharing the Good News.
For I am sure that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ.

This is my prayer: that your love may overflow,
and you will grow in knowledge and depth of understanding,
that you may see what is best and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.
text based on Philippians 1:3-6, 9-10; music by J. Aaron McDermid, 2016

*** 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 Philippians 1:3-11**

David Wharton

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“The Heart of Gospel Partnership”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

The heart of Gospel partnership is:

1. joyful gratitude for the past. (vv. 3-5)
2. deep affection in the present. (vv. 7-8)
3. confident prayer toward the future. (vv. 3-4, 6, 9-11)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 296**, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

st. 1-5 by Edward Perronet, 1779, st. 6 by John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793, CORONATION

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #265)

Musicians for this week:

Tommy Bulman – trumpet
Curt Elverd – trumpet
Joy Gibbons – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Eric Miller – trombone
Jacqueline Miller – trombone
Nate Oster – timpani

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Gaelin Knight and Dakota Hardin on February 8.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES begins today. Volunteers in yellow vests, along with directional signs, will assist you in finding classrooms as needed. Find a full list of classes and locations in your bulletin.

PICK UP A SET OF PRAYER CARDS for our World Missions Conference guests today in the fellowship hall reception area, underneath our new missions wall. The big screen on the missions wall is interactive, so feel free to explore.

JOIN US FOR A Q & A PANEL WITH OUR MISSIONARY GUESTS this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be available.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE will be offered on Tuesday nights beginning February 11 in the Conference Room. Today is the last day to register on Realm Connect; the cost is \$50 per couple.

WIL NETTLETON WILL BE INSTALLED as our newest associate pastor during the Sunday Evening Gathering communion service on February 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS: Rising kindergarteners through rising sixth graders are invited to join us for VBS June 17–19 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. More information coming in the spring.

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

**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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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Adult Classes:

9:30 a.m.

- Redeemer Class, Room 211 (old Conference Room)

11:00 a.m.

- Fellowship Class, Room 211 (old Conference Room)
- Kingdom Class, JHYB High School Room
- Sojourners Class, Conference Room (Church Office Building)

Youth Classes:

11:00 a.m.

- High School and Middle School meeting jointly, JHYB Living Room

Elementary-age Classes:

10:45-11:05 a.m. (stories and music)

- Pre-K and Kindergarten, E-201 (downstairs in Education Building)
- 1st-3rd Grades, E-300 (upstairs in Education Building)
- 4th-5th Grades, E-202 (classroom under the chapel, closest to parking lot)

11:05 a.m.

- Pre-K, E-201 (downstairs in Education Building)
- Kindergarten, E-200 (downstairs in Education Building)
- 1st Grade, E-204 (classroom under the chapel, closest to Brennan's office)
- 2nd Grade, E-300 (upstairs in Education Building)
- 3rd Grade, E-203 (middle classroom under the chapel)
- 4th-5th Grades, E-202 (classroom under the chapel, closest to parking lot)

Look for volunteers in yellow vests around the church campus to assist in locating Elementary, Youth, and Adult Sunday School classes!