



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

That you might make me whole in every part, have mercy on me now. Oh raise me up and comfort me when things just fall apart. For you have known this too: the grip and grope of suffering, the time when comforts fail, the cruel pretence of friendship, the false hope of some relief, the sense of being frail, of being helpless, wounded, vulnerable, and worst of all the sickening betrayal by those we thought were closest.

– from Malcolm Guite, “Psalm 41: XLI Beatus qui intelligit”

FEBRUARY 16, 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

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

* Call to worship

from Psalm 27 and Psalm 89

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

All: **Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.**

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.**

* Hymn of praise

"This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.
text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Hymn of confession

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of earth's sorrows and into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.
text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, you have shown us true love and humility by offering yourself freely.

All: Yet too often we are reluctant to give of ourselves unless there is something in it for us.

continued

Leader: You did not seek the harm of those who harmed you.

All: Yet too often we take vengeance into our own hands and commend those who do the same.

Leader: You loved those who were weak, despised, and cast out.

All: Yet too often we focus our love on those who are strong and respected.

Leader: You freely forgave and healed.

All: Yet too often we hold grudges and cause more destruction than healing.

Leader: You lived a perfectly holy life and sought to do the will of your heavenly Father.

All: Yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness or desire our Father's will be done.

Leader: You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

All: Yet too often we blend into our culture or hide from it.

Forgive us Lord, that we might declare your praises, you who brought us out of darkness and into your wonderful light.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook and 1 Peter 2:9b

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

Leader: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: Be glad and rejoice! The LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.

*** Hymn of assurance**

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.
text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

Call to offering

Luke 8:1-3

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Offertory hymn

“Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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*** Scripture reading from Luke 22:47-53**

text printed in the bulletin

Susie Courtney (9:30)

Barbara Wingard (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“The Betrayal of Jesus”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

*** 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**

Musicians for this week:

Xaris Emmett – viola

Krista Gibson – vocals

Anna Hart – flute

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Emmie Thompson – vocals

Bob Wharton – piano

Chapman Whitted – guitar

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who attended this year's World Missions Conference! If you haven't already, please pick up prayer cards by the new interactive missions wall in the fellowship hall reception area as we continue to cover our friends in Central Asia with prayer.

JOIN US FOR A WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION for our Sunday Evening Gathering today at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Wil Nettleton will be installed as our newest associate pastor, and nursery will be provided.

THE SESSION HAS NOW APPROVED A 2025 BUDGET. A few weeks ago, we asked for prayer as we revised our 2025 budget based on actual giving in 2024. Our operating budget for 2025 is now \$5,633,000 (not including debt service of \$325,000). This is a decrease in our budget from 2024, but an increase in expected income. We invite you to join us in your financial support of our mission of *giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world*. Find multiple ways to give at lmpc.org/give.

ALL WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME on February 26, including: adult elective class (4:30 p.m.), children's choirs (4:45 p.m.), fellowship dinner (5:45 p.m.), and Kids' Clubs (6:10 p.m.). Chancel choir practice and youth small groups/youth groups continue. More details may be found at lmpc.org/wednesday and lmpc.org/groups.

WE NEED WEDNESDAY KIDS' CLUB HELPERS. In order to have this program, we need to ensure adequate staffing and supervision of children. Please reach out to Brennan Griffin at brennan@lmpc.org if you are interested in serving in this way!

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS will be held February 28–March 2 for youth in grades 6–12 interested in joining LMPC. Please register on Realm Connect by February 21.

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

Luke 22:47-53

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.

⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, February 16

9:30 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class)	Room 211
11:00 a.m.	Worship service.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults, youth, & children.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with communion & installation service.....	sanctuary

For more events this week, visit 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.