



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*May the grace of God the Father lead me,  
the wisdom of God the Son be my consolation,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit enlighten me.  
Lord my Creator, stand by me; my Redeemer, save me;  
and my Comforter, dwell with me. Amen.*  
— Johann Habermann

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*arr. Duane Funderburk*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #261)*

### Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

### Introit

“Nothing but the Blood”

Girls Ensemble

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #307)*

### \* Call to worship

based on Psalm 30

Leader: Sing to the LORD, you saints of his. Praise his holy name!

All: **For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the  
morning.**

Leader: You, O LORD, turned my wailing into dancing.

All: **You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart  
may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you  
thanks forever.**

### \* Hymn of praise 16, vv. 1, 2, 3, 4

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord”

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;  
for wonders great by him are done, his hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad;  
before the heathen's wond'ring sight he has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race;  
and unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;  
with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise his name.

*text from Psalm 98; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET*

### \* Prayer of adoration

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

### Prayer of confession

**Leader:** Gracious God, we come to you full of much that burdens us and distracts us from the holy life that you have called us to.

**All:** **Forgive us for our willful and fearful hearts. Empty us now of gnawing dissatisfactions, anxious imaginings, and ingrained prejudices.**

**Leader:** Forgive us for embracing the belief that we are powerless in this war with sin, and for seeing ourselves as victims of our circumstances when we fail to follow you.

**All:** **Take away our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh—hearts that trust in your saving work on our behalf, and trust that you answer us when we cry out to you. Teach us to abandon self-sufficiency and wholly rely on you for all things. May your Spirit renew our hearts, even now.**

### Silent prayers of confession

#### Choral prayer

“From Out the Depths I Cry”

Chancel Choir

From out the depths I cry, O Lord, to thee; Lord, hear my call.  
I love thee, Lord, for thou dost heed my plea, forgiving all.  
If thou shouldst mark our sins, who then could stand?  
But grace and mercy dwell at thy right hand.

I wait for God, the Lord, and on his Word my hope relies;  
my soul still waits and looks unto the Lord till light arise.  
I look for him to drive away my night,  
yea, more than watchmen look for morning light.

Hope in the Lord, ye waiting saints, and he will well provide;  
for mercy and redemption full and free with him abide.  
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,  
his arm almighty will his saints redeem.

*text from Psalm 130, The Psalter, 1912; music by Charles H. Purday, 1860, SANDON*

**\* Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

**\* Hymn of assurance 524**

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;  
they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

*Refrain:* To whom, save thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,  
have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. *Refrain*

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load  
of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God. *Refrain*

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:  
no righteousness avails save that which is of thee. *Refrain*  
*text by Horatius Bonar, 1857; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL*

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

**Offertory**

“Think on These Things”

Chancel Choir

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,  
whatsoever things are just and pure, lovely, of good repute;  
whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,  
whatsoever things are just and pure, lovely, of good repute;  
if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, if there be any virtue,  
think on these things, think on these things, think on these things.

And the God of peace shall be with you.

Think on these things. Amen.

*text based on Philippians 4:8-9, by Craig Courtney © 2013 Beckenhorst Press, Inc., CCLI Lic. #152036*

**\* 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 22:54-62**

Jennifer West

<sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup>And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." <sup>59</sup>And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

<sup>61</sup>And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times."

<sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

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

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon**

**"The Lies and the Look"**  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. Peter's lies (vv. 54-60)
  - In our self-protection, how do we lie about Jesus?
2. Jesus' look (v. 61)
  - In our moments of failure, how do we see Jesus looking at us?

3. Peter's lament (v. 62)

- In our unfaithfulness, do we weep and why?

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response**

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;  
make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,  
turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;  
worship him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.  
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,  
and repeat the Gospel story until all his name have heard.

*text by Eva B. Lloyd, 1966; traditional American melody, BEACH SPRING*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**\* Postlude**

“Beach Spring”  
*arr. Joshua Evanovich*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – choral director  
**Rebecca James** – violin

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**Girls Ensemble:**

**Kara Riley** – director  
**Eden Gardner**  
**Elaine Mae Ireland**  
**Emma Mixon** – percussion

**Maryellen Mixon**  
**Eden Schaeffer**  
**Kairi Thrash**

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALL WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME** this week, 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](http://lmpc.org/wednesday) and [lmpc.org/groups](http://lmpc.org/groups).

**WE NEED MORE NURSERY VOLUNTEERS** on Sunday mornings! This is a quarterly commitment, or more often if you prefer. Please contact our nursery director, Amy Horne at [amy@lmpc.org](mailto:amy@lmpc.org), if you can help.

**AN OPEN HOUSE** will be held at the new church office building on Wednesday, March 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please come by to explore the new spaces, visit staff, and enjoy some refreshments. Prayer prompts will be available for those who desire guidance in praying for our staff and ministries.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Find details on all classes at [lmpc.org/sunday-school](http://lmpc.org/sunday-school).  
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)

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