



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Heavenly Father, hear our prayer as we gather at the table of your Word.
Enrich our hearts with the goodness of your wisdom and renew us from within,
that all our actions, all our words, may bear the fruit of your transforming grace.*

— from Opening Prayers

MARCH 2, 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 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: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

*** Hymn of praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861

*** 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 hymn

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.
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*** Scripture reading from Luke 22:63-71**

text printed in the bulletin

James Stevens (9:30)

Jim Richter (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 Son of God Is Reviled but Resolute”

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord’s Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Those seated in the back rows will come forward to be served first, followed by the rest of the congregation, finishing with those in the front rows. Come down the center two aisles, partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert the elder circulating with the elements, and he will serve you at your seat. The bread is gluten-free and dairy-free. When you come to receive from this table of grace, please meditate on the words of the hymns and prepare your hearts as the musicians play and sing. Men and women will be available in the fellowship hall lobby with you should you desire that.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Hymn of confession

“To Thee I Come”

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;
indeed, I’ve nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,
with all the saints I’ll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!
O, God was merciful to me!

text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006

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.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: O the unspeakable mysteries and treasures of mercy that are presented to us in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper! Here we have communion with God our Father who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: Here we have communion with our blessed Redeemer, as crucified and glorified, and offered to us, as our quickening, preserving, strengthening Head.

Leader: Here we have communion with the Holy Spirit, applying to our souls the benefits of redemption, drawing us to the Son, communicating light, life, and strength from him unto us, and increasing his graces in us.

All: Here we have communion with the body of Christ, his sanctified people. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember the finished work of Christ, receive nourishment, and anticipate the glory to come. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*adapted from The Practical Works of Richard Baxter, vol. 10 and The New City Catechism
Devotional: God's Truth for Our Hearts and Minds*

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"You Belong"

To the ones who were once God's sworn enemies,
from the west and the east and the land beyond the seas,
O come to the table, where God spreads a feast:
"You belong, you belong, you belong with me."

continued

Refrain: So all you outcasts come, the city of God is your home.
And the Lord will greet you, rejoicing to sing:
“You belong, you belong, you belong with me.”

Even those who once sold my children as slaves,
who have done deeds so dark they’ve been hardened by shame,
O turn and believe and receive your new name:
“You belong, you belong, you belong with me.” *Refrain*

So turn to the ones you have reason to hate,
lay down your weapons, O learn to be brave.
Let’s start with the words our Lord taught us to say,
“You belong, you belong, you belong with me.” *Refrain*

When the Lord comes shouting, “I make all things new!”,
then the ones who were strangers will know what to do.
We’ll cry tears of joy as we sing out the truth:
“We belong, we belong, we belong with you.” *Refrain*
based on Psalm 87; text and music by Wendell Kimbrough, 2023

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
thy pow’r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;
no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfalt’ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling’ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.
’Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

text by Horatius Bonar, 1861; music by DH, 2019

*** Prayer of thanksgiving**

*** Hymn of praise**

“There Is a Higher Throne”

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. *Refrain*
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*** 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:

Ismael Bartolome – violin

William Darby – vocals

Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Jennifer Mixon – vocals

Charlotte Reeder – vocals

Chapman Whitted – guitar

Luke 22:63-71

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

⁷⁰So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am."

⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

SERMON NOTES

“The Son of God Is Reviled but Resolute”

Luke 22:63-71

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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, enjoy some refreshments, visit staff, and explore the new spaces. Prayer prompts will be available for those who desire guidance in praying for our staff and ministries.

WITHOUT CONCERTED PRAYER, there can be no corporate renewal. Join Wednesday Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday in Room 211 (old Conference Room) as we pray for our LMPC family and community.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO OBSERVE LENT this year and would welcome some guidance in your personal reflections, you may find an Ash Wednesday devotional liturgy linked on the home page of lmpc.org. This resource also includes several suggestions for devotional reading during Lent itself.

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, if you can help.

THE PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY needs your help. Our Tennessee Valley Presbytery will host the annual conference in Chattanooga from June 23-27, and many of our pastors and elders will attend. Over 400 volunteer slots (load/unload, stuff bags, serve in nursery, chaperone youth, greet people, prep communion elements, etc.) are available, ranging from two hours to all day. If you can serve, please visit the QR link to sign up.



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

TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, March 2

9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Redeemer class)	Room 211
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion.....	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for youth & children	various locations
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Fellowship class).....	Room 211
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Kingdom class)	JHYB high school room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for adults (Sojourners class)	Conference Room
4:00 p.m.	Middle school small groups.....	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Gathering with missionary prayer	Conference Room
7:30 p.m.	High school youth group.....	JHYB

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/events.

UPDATE YOUR REALM CONNECT PHOTO

Did you know you can update your profile picture in Realm Connect? Keeping your photo current helps staff and church members, especially newcomers, feel more connected. Update your photo by logging in, going to More → your current photo or initials → My Profile → then tapping the pencil next to your picture at the top of the screen to either take a photo or choose one from your device. Need help? Contact onrealm@lmpc.org for assistance.

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.