



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*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 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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**Prelude** "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" BWV 656  
J. S. Bach

**Welcome and greetings** Keith Michaels, ruling elder

**Introit** "Cast Thy Burden" Chancel Choir

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee;  
he never will suffer the righteous to fall: he is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heav'ns.

Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee!

*text from Psalm 55:22, 16:8, 108:4, 25:3; music by Felix Mendelssohn, from Elijah*

\* **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 115, vv. 1, 4, 5** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
*text by Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; German tune, 1623, LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**\* 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**

**"My Eternal King"**

**Chancel Choir**

My God, I love thee, not because I hope for heav'n thereby,  
nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heav'n or of escaping hell,  
not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward,  
but as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing;  
solely because thou art my God and my eternal King.  
*17th century Latin poem, tr. Rev. Edward Caswall; music by Jane M. Marshall © 1954 Carl Fischer,  
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**\* 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 22:63-71**

Amos Oster

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

<sup>66</sup>When 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, <sup>67</sup>"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, <sup>68</sup>and if I ask you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

<sup>70</sup>So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup>Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

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"

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. Reviled: the mistreatment of Jesus that fulfills prophecy (vv. 63-65)
2. Resolved: the response of Jesus that brings our comfort and his condemnation (vv. 66-71)

**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.*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joy Gibbons** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.



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