



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy God, from the dazzling cloud you revealed Jesus in glory as your beloved Son.

Enlighten your church now with the bright glory of your presence.

*Inspire us by your Word, and so transform us into the image of the risen Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

—from Opening Prayers

APRIL 27, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

Paraphrase on “Thine Be the Glory”
Alexandre Guilmant
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #274)

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts”

Chancel Choir

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

Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful on earth.
Praise ye the name of the Lord, for he cometh, Alleluia. (2x)

Alleluia! Rejoice, ye angels, rejoice, all ye nations.
Praise ye the name of the Lord, for he cometh, Alleluia!
Chorus no. 10 from “Christmas Oratorio”, Op. 12 by Camille Saint-Saens, 1858

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 62 and Psalm 63

Leader: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

All: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. You, O God, are strong, and you, O Lord, are loving. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

All: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

* Hymn of praise 286, vv. 1, 2, 5

“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!
text by Jack W. Hayford, 1986; music by Henry T. Smart, 1867, REGENT SQUARE

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from 1 John 4:9-10, 15 and 1 Peter 2:9

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 283

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the firstfruits of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.

Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

text by Christopher Wordsworth, 1862; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890, EBENEZER

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

Offertory

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

Chancel Choir

Choir: 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.

**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. Amen.**
*text by Edward Perronet, 1779, and John Rippon, 1787; music by Oliver Holden, 1793,
arr. James Mulholland, CORONATION*

*** 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**

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“The Road to Emmaus”
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

1. Redemption misunderstood (vv. 13-24)
2. Redemption clarified (vv. 25-27)
3. Redemption tasted and seen (vv. 28-35)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 521

“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, SOLID ROCK

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

IN MEMORIAM

John Franklin Tolson Jr.

November 27, 1943 – April 19, 2025

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugh O. Maclellan.

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Ethan James Speck, born to Hannah and Daniel Speck on April 17.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each service today for two purposes: to elect the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2028, and to receive a report concerning changes this fall to the worship schedule in order to begin a common Sunday school hour. An officer bio handout was emailed out this past week; paper copies are available in the sanctuary Narthex and fellowship hall lobby.

BEAST FEAST IS BACK! Men, come to the Heald Farm in Rising Fawn, GA, on May 1 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of smoked meats and fellowship. Bring a lawn chair and a beverage. Register on Realm Connect by April 28; cost is \$20.

ATTEND AN EVENING OF SCRIPTURE & SONG on Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for favorite Scriptures, hymns, and anthems together with our Chancel choir. Nursery will be provided. Stay for a reception after the concert to celebrate Joy Gibbons as she retires, and to thank God for her faithful ministry.

THIS MAY, JOIN US FOR A SUMMER IN THE PSALMS, our new sermon series. We will provide a Psalms reading plan, and for those interested, Psalms Scripture journals will also be available for purchase. The reading plan begins May 12, with the first sermon in the series coming May 18, so do not delay if you are interested in a journal. Register and pay \$12 on Realm Connect (found under “Events”) to receive information on journal pick-up.

AN MTW MEDICAL TEAM traveling to Ethiopia June 29–July 5 is looking for a medical provider to join their team. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Young, stephanie@lmpc.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY CAMP on September 5–7. There will be a Saturday-only option. More information to come.

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