



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Our Father, we sanctify this day to honor our Lord Jesus Christ and to celebrate his resurrection. Let us rise with him from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. As we have been planted with Christ in the likeness of his death, so let us come to life with him in the likeness of his resurrection. Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, let us walk in glorious newness of life.

—from Matthew Henry

MAY 4, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“This Joyful Eastertide”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal #284)

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 66

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”

All: **Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on our behalf! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.**

Leader: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping, and though he has led us through many trials, he has brought us to a place of abundance.

All: **Come and listen, all you who fear God; and hear what he has done for us. We cried out to him and he has surely listened. Praise be to God, who has not rejected our prayers or withheld his love from us!**

* Hymn of praise

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, his the scepter, his the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Tho’ the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
text by W. Chatterton Dix, 1866; music by Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824, ODE TO JOY

*** 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

"Abide with Me"

Chancel Choir

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

O thou who changest not, abide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.
text by Henry F. Lyte, 1847; music by William H. Monk, 1861, EVENTIDE, arr. by Moses Hogan, 1999

*** 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 24:36-49**

Olivia Oster

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I

myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Appearance of Risen Jesus”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. Jesus’ resurrection experienced (vv. 36–43)
2. Jesus’ resurrection explained (vv. 44–47)
3. Jesus’ commission expressed (vv. 47–49)

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.

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gini Love.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME BACK TODAY at 6:00 p.m. to the sanctuary for Scripture & Song 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. Pick up a reading plan in the fellowship hall lobby, purchase a Psalms Scripture journal for \$12 if desired (register on Realm Connect), and listen to the two recent episodes on the Pillar & Ground podcast featuring Dr. Scott Jones. The reading plan begins May 12, with the first sermon in the series coming May 18.

OUR CLOSING WEDNESDAY NIGHT PICNIC will kick off the summer on May 7 at 5:45 p.m. at the Commons. Come enjoy hot dogs, chips, coleslaw, cookies, and vanilla pudding cups; regular dinner rates apply.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL MEXICO TEAM will be commissioned next Sunday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please come, pick up a prayer card, and support them as they prepare to partner with local ministries in Acapulco.

VBS IS COMING! We are excited to host VBS back on our church campus this summer, June 17-19, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Registration is now open on Realm Connect for rising kindergarteners through rising sixth graders. Cost is \$20 per child and includes dinner. We still need volunteers! If you can help, please register on the separate event on Realm Connect.

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. Volunteer slots are still available (load/unload, stuff bags, serve in nursery, chaperone youth, greet people, prep communion elements, etc.) ranging from two hours to all day. If you can serve, please visit the QR link to sign 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.

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

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