



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord, teach us to understand that your Son died to save us not from suffering but from ourselves, not from injustice, far less from justice, but from being unjust. He died that we might live—but live as he lives, by dying as he died who died to himself.

—from a prayer by George MacDonald

MAY 18, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

arr. Dale Wood

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #381)

Welcome and greetings

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

* **Call to worship**

from Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

All: **For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

Leader: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

All: **We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.**

* **Hymn of praise 101**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

text anonymous, ca. 1757; music by Felice de Giardini, 1769, TRINITY

*** Prayer of adoration**

Officer installation

Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

Silent prayers of confession

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

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

*** Hymn of assurance 468, vv. 1, 3, 4**

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood. *Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain*
text by Lidie Edmunds, 1891; music by André Grétry, 1741-1831, arr. William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891, LANDAS

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

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.
Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with your pardon purity.
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of your love, you promise mercy,
tender compassion to the one who seeks your face.
A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit,
together cry for your forgiveness and your grace.

Against you only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in your sight.
Of your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison,
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy.
text by Susan Bentall Boersma; music by Craig Courtney, 2015

*** 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 Psalm 1**

Jennifer Mixon

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "The Stark Contrast of the Righteous and the Wicked"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. Contrasting paths (vv. 1-2, 5)
2. Contrasting pictures (vv. 3-4)
3. Contrasting destinies (v. 6)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 457** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825, NETTLETON

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen"

Musicians for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Nate Oster – interim choir director

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Abbie Kent and Mills Whiting and are in loving memory of their grandparents: Helen and Mason Whitney, Martha and Morton Kent, George and Jean Whiting, and Mildred Fuquay.

OFFICER INSTALLATION

The LMPC officer class of 2028 will be installed during the morning worship services today. All of these men have previously been ordained and served as elders or deacons at LMPC. The make-up date is May 25.

ELDERS

Glenn Breazeale
Bill Davis
Allen Jackson
Don Kent
Jason Lehn
Everett Pierce
John Plating
Miller Welborn
John Wingard

DEACONS

Robby Bosshardt
Ryan Cleary
Andrew Cook
Mallory Dean
Grayson Lowery
Nate Oster
Lee Perry
Tim Sorrell
Clay Tolson

SERMON SERIES: SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Reflecting on the Psalms, John Calvin wrote this: “What various and resplendent riches are contained in this treasury! It is difficult to find words to describe ... I have been wont to call this book, not inappropriately, an anatomy of all parts of the soul; for there is not an emotion of which anyone can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror.” Our desire for LMPC is to study and discover this rich treasury together this summer. Pick up a reading plan or download it from our website so we can read the Psalms together throughout the week. Each Sunday, one of the Psalms from the previous week will be the selected text for preaching. May our summer in the Psalms lead us all to vitality and honesty in our relationship with God. May our hearts learn to sing, lament, trust, grieve, hope, and give thanks as we enjoy the language of the heart—the book of Psalms.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR NEW SERMON SERIES, SUMMER IN THE PSALMS, begins this morning. Pick up a reading plan in the fellowship hall lobby or sanctuary Narthex, and, if desired, purchase a Psalms Scripture journal for \$12 (register on Realm Connect).

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL until the fall, when we will transition to a common Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. Worship service times will shift in August to 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Look for more information this summer.

FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today we will worship and celebrate communion at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery will be provided.

PASTOR BRIAN SALTER WILL PREACH at Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. This is part of a two-night worship event supporting Love's Arms Outreach. Your presence when Brian preaches at this church is a significant way to demonstrate our regard for him, and to honor the congregation that has invited him. We encourage you to consider joining us. Listen to the recent Pillar & Ground podcast episode featuring Pastor Anthony Williams for more details.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for four weeks beginning May 28. We will join our church body in a "Summer in the Psalms." Nursery and elementary childcare will be provided. Come as you are able.

VIPS, JOIN THE PASTORS for ice cream in the chapel on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. Participate in a Q&A and learn more about the pastoral philosophy of ministry at LMPC. *VIPs is a group of mostly retired adults from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church and the community.*

OUR FIRST WOMEN'S SUMMER SUPPER will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 10 in individual homes. Please register on Realm Connect and, if you're able to host, email Caroline: caroline@lmpc.org.

THE FLOWER MINISTRY is now moved into the newly-renovated flower room, behind the sanctuary. They are running low on vases, so if you have received a vase from them, please return it to the office building reception desk on weekdays or the flower room on Sundays. Thank you for holding those during our renovations.

LMPC JOB OPENING: We thank Amy Horne for 27 years of faithful service to LMPC; she will be stepping down as Nursery Director on June 30. View the job description and instructions on how to apply at lmpc.org/jobs.

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

JOIN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory allows our members to easily find contact information for one another. And it is private, which means it is only accessible through a Realm Connect account. If you do not have an account, or if you have hidden your information, others in the church cannot find you. Find more details on joining and using Realm Connect at lmpc.org/realm.