



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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*Lord, inspire us to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. We beg you to give us real understanding of what we need, that we in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet we know that understanding and good intentions are worthless unless rooted in your graceful love. So we ask that the words of Scriptures may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into our hearts.*

*—Origen*

JUNE 29, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

Chorale Prelude on “St. Peter”

*Harold Darke*

*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #647)*

### Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

### Introit

“Praise to the Lord”

Men’s Ensemble

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
guiding us under his wings, he so gently sustaineth!  
Have you not seen how your desires e’er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord!  
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord!  
*text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music in Erneueten Gesangbuch, 1665,  
arr. Barry Talley © 2007 Brookfield Press*

### \* 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; 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 355**

“We Are God’s People”

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,  
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;  
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv’n:  
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav’n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,  
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;  
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:  
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.  
*text by Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976; music from Johannes Brahms’ Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, 1876, SYMPHONY*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**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.

## Prayer of confession

Leader: Lord, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

**All: In our weakness, we have disobeyed your commands. In our apathy, we have ignored the promptings of your Spirit. In our arrogance, we have considered ourselves and our desires above all else. In our self-pity, we have refused your tender, healing hand. In our fear, we have forgotten your promises.**

Leader: Lord, without you we can do nothing; but in you we can do all things.

**All: In your mercy, forgive us and heal us.**

## Silent prayers of confession

### Choral prayer

“Lord Jesus, I Love Thee”

Men’s Ensemble

Lord Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.

*text by William R. Featherstone, 1864; music by David Friberg, 2004, VERMEER*

### \* Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Zephaniah 3

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**All: Therefore, be glad and rejoice! For the LORD has taken away our punishment. The LORD our God is with us, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in us, he will quiet us with his love, he will rejoice over us with singing.**

\* Hymn of assurance 498, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'er takes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*  
*text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855, HYFRYDOL*

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

**Offertory**

“And Can It Be?”

Men's Ensemble

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?  
And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
emptied himself (so great his love!), and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

*text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Dan Forrest, 2014 © 2015 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. CCLI Lic. #152036*

\* **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**

**Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

**Sermon**

“Him We Proclaim”

Colossians 1:28–29

Dr. Thurman Williams, Director of Homiletics, Covenant Theological Seminary

<sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

<sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

1. Our message (v. 28a)
2. Our method (v. 28b)
3. Our motive (v. 28c)
4. Our means (v. 29)

**Pastoral prayer**

**\* Hymn of response 644**

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

*text by Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; music by A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925, ST. LEONARDS*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

**\* Postlude**

Toccata on “And Can It Be?”

*John Innes*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joel Christie** – Interim Ensemble Director  
**Joshua Knight** – organ

**Maddie Lee** – piano

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are from the wedding of Kathryn Thomas and McKinnon Sowell.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Shelia Kathleen Snow**

June 3, 1951 – June 17, 2025

**GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES GUEST SPEAKER, THURMAN WILLIAMS**

Dr. Thurman Williams serves as the Director of Homiletics at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis. He also is the planter and Associate Pastor of New City Fellowship – West End, also in St. Louis. He previously served as Associate Pastor at Grace & Peace Fellowship (PCA) in St. Louis, MO, from 2013 to 2018. Thurman has been married to his lovely wife, Evie, since 1997 and they have been blessed with four beautiful children (now adults): Charvez, Shaquana, Joshua, and Caleb. Thurman served on the PCA's Mission to North America Committee from 2003–2021, including as chairman in 2018–2021. He currently serves on the boards of Covenant College, The Carver Project, and The Freedom School (St. Louis) and the Missouri Presbytery's Credentials Committee.



## GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

The George Long Preaching Series was established by the LMPC Session in 2001 as an annual reminder of our Savior's faithful use of his holy Word in our midst that has never and will never 'return to him void, but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent' (Isaiah 55:11). This series also brings honor to God for his blessings bestowed upon LMPC through the ministry of Dr. George W. Long, who served as pastor through a season of spiritual renewal in the 1970s and 80s, calling LMPC back to the primacy of God's Word. In the front cover of his Bible, Dr. Long wrote, "This book has kept me from being lost. May I never, in any sense, lose it." By the grace of God, this series will be used to annually root us in the authority, sufficiency, clarity, and necessity of Scripture. Dr. Long died in 2016.

Previous speakers have included:

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Rev. Eric Youngblood	Dr. Bryan Chapell
Dr. Richard Pratt	Dr. Reggie Kidd
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Rev. Harry Long	

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COME BACK TONIGHT AND HEAR OUR SPECIAL SPEAKER,** Dr. Thurman Williams, again for the George Long Preaching Series. He will preach on “The God Who Is Able” from the book of Jude. This Sunday Evening Gathering will be held in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m.

**WOMEN’S SUMMER BOOK CLUBS** will be held July 10. Read your chosen book and meet at a local restaurant. Make your selection and find details on Realm Connect.

**SING IN THE WOMEN’S ENSEMBLE THIS SUMMER:** We’d love to have you join us! Sunday singing dates are July 13, 20, 27, each with a Wednesday evening rehearsal before. Find details and register on Realm Connect if interested. Direct any questions to David Henry, davidh@lmpc.org.

**OUR SECOND WOMEN’S SUMMER SUPPER** will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 24 in individual homes. Please register on Realm Connect. If you can host, please email Caroline, caroline@lmpc.org.

**WE’RE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE** Ann Williamson as LMPC’s new Nursery Director. Ann has been a long-time nursery worker and MDO teacher, and we are thankful to welcome her to our staff.

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