



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on your church in this place. Here may the faithful find joy, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

I. Adagio ma non tanto, Flute Sonata in E Minor
J. S. Bach

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 57:5-11

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

All: **We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; we will sing of you among the peoples.**

Leader: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

All: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

* Hymn of praise 7

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise;
let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
text by Isaac Watts, 1719, based on Psalm 117; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET

* Prayer of adoration

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed is so named because it summarizes what the apostles believed and taught in Jesus' name. The earliest versions of the Creed can be traced back to the 2nd century. We use the traditional translation of the Creed which contains some unfamiliar words: "quick" instead of "living" and "catholic" instead of "universal." Also, when we say that Christ "descended into hell," we are not saying that Jesus literally entered hell; instead, we are affirming that Jesus suffered all the pains and torments of hell as he endured the unmitigated wrath of God on the cross.

Call to confession

1 Peter 1:14b-19

Do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Hymn of confession

"Depth of Mercy"
(keep scrolling for words and music)

“Depth of Mercy”

1. Depth of mer - cy! Can there be mer - cy reach - ing e - ven me?
2. Give me grace, Lord, let me own all the wrongs that I have done.

God, the Just, his wrath for - bears; me, the chief of sin - ners spares. So
Let me now my sins de - plore, look to you and sin no more.

man - y times my heart has strayed from his kind and per - fect ways,
There, for me, the Sav - ior stands hold - ing forth his wound - ed hands,

mak - ing clear my des - p'rate need for his blood poured out for me.
scars which ev - er cry for me; once con - demned but now set free.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Bob Kauflin, 1997

Prayer of confession

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

All: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

taken from The Cloud of Unknowing, 14th c., translated by Thomas Cranmer

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

1 John 4:9-10, 15

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.

* Hymn of assurance 524

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.

Refrain: To whom, save thee, who canst alone
for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. *Refrain*

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God. *Refrain*

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
no righteousness avails save that which is of thee. *Refrain*
text by Horatius Bonar, 1857; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

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

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”
arr. Peter Hilliard

Instrumental meditation

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #642)

*** 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 1 Thessalonians 1:5b-10**

Sandy Gardner

^{5b}You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“The Gospel-Shaped Church: Part 2”
Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

The Gospel-shaped church:

1. receives the Gospel joyfully. (vv. 5b-6)
2. spreads the Gospel contagiously. (vv. 7-8)
3. lives the Gospel consistently. (vv. 9-10)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 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 Leech, 1976; music from Brahms, Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, 1876, arr. Fred Bock, 1976,
SYMPHONY

*** Benediction**

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

Postlude in C
Gustav Merkel

Musicians for this week:

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Cindy Solfest-Wallace – flute

IN MEMORIAM

Pauline “Polly” Cordes

March 18, 1931 – July 31, 2025

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

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO CONCLUDE OUR SUMMER MISSIONS SERIES, join us today at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to hear from supported missionaries Norm and Ruth Ann Leduc before they return to France. Activities for children will be provided.

HOW WILL YOU “GIVE 2” AND SPEND YOUR SECOND HOUR on Sunday mornings this fall? Today at 10:00 a.m., visit adult and elementary classrooms and teachers to prepare for Sunday School, and stop by the chapel to learn about opportunities to serve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS NEXT WEEK! Sunday School for children, youth, and adults will begin on August 17 at 10:00 a.m. Find the full list of classes and locations at lmpc.org/groups, where you may sort by category and age group. *Get more info on classes today at the Open House during the 10:00 a.m. hour.*

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED of volunteers in order to run our Wednesday Evening Kids' Club and ensure adequate supervision of children. Please email Brennan Griffin, brennan@lmpc.org, if you are willing to help.

MAKE A LARGE CHURCH FEEL A LITTLE SMALLER by joining an adult small group. Our small groups afford a unique opportunity to connect with other believers in friendship and grow in faith outside of Sunday morning. Let us help connect you: fill out the Small Group Interest Form at lmpc.org/adults.

THE WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP Fall Kickoff will be held Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Lookout Mountain Pizza Company. There will be dinner, a time of worship, and information about the ministry year. Register on Realm Connect by August 15 for \$15.

INTERESTED IN JOINING LMPC? The next adult membership class will be held August 22-24. Please register on Realm Connect by August 15.

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Join us September 5-7 at Alpine Camp (Saturday-only option available) for a weekend of worship, good food, and plenty of family time and outdoor activities. Visit lmpc.org/family-camp for more information, and register on Realm Connect.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL/10:00–10:45 A.M./BEGINS AUGUST 17

Elementary school:

Room 201: PreK

Room 200: Kindergarten

Room 204: 1st Grade

Room 301: 2nd Grade

Room 300: 3rd Grade

Room 202: 4th & 5th Grade

Youth:

Students in middle and high school will meet at the Jane Harris Youth Building.

Adult Electives:

August 17 - September 21

Our regular community Sunday School classes will resume on September 28 after electives classes have concluded. Details on room assignments to follow.

Parenting in the Pew (*Room 313*)

Explore the biblical vision for families worshiping together and receive practical tips for training young hearts and hands to engage in corporate worship. Teachers: various

The Gospel & Christianity (*chapel*)

Walk through an overview of the Gospel—the good news of what God has done through Jesus for us. Teachers: Pastoral team

Male and Female He Created Them (*Room 213*)

Consider human sexuality and the ongoing sexual revolution in the light of God's revelation, with the aim of cultivating Gospel hope and holiness. Teacher: John Wingard

Peace in the Midst of the Storm: A Biblical Perspective on Anxiety (*Room 312*)

Explore anxiety using a biblical framework while integrating practical applications from clinical mental health counseling. Teachers: Mallory Dean, Erin & Griffin Hatcliff

Faith & Work (*Room 211*)

Gain a better sense of what the Bible says about our daily work, including resources to equip us to have eyes to see how God meets us in our labor. Teacher: Jonathan Ingraham

REALM CONNECT: SERVING PROFILE

How will you “Give 2” and spend your second hour on Sunday mornings this fall? Indicate your interests and skills in our Realm Connect app. Once logged in, tap on More (...), then Serving. Access your Serving Profile to browse Skills and Interests that apply to you. Additionally, browse Serving Opportunities by role or team to indicate your interest to volunteer leaders.

Don't have a Realm Connect account? Submit a request by visiting lmpc.org/realm or emailing onrealm@lmpc.org.