



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Keep me, O Lord, while I tarry on this earth, in the daily serious seeking after thee, and in a believing affectionate walking with thee. That, when thou comest, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor serving our flesh, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious God for ever and ever. Amen.

—Richard Baxter

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude Chorale Prelude on “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
Ethan McGrath
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #421)

Welcome and greetings John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

* **Call to worship** from Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his
works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the
mountains, and they smoke.

All: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long
as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the
LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.**

* **Hymn of praise 302** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Come, Christians, join to sing *Alleluia! Amen!*
loud praise to Christ our King; *Alleluia! Amen!*
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Come, lift your hearts on high, *Alleluia! Amen!*
let praises fill the sky; *Alleluia! Amen!*
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Praise yet our Christ again, *Alleluia! Amen!*
life shall not end the strain; *Alleluia! Amen!*
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, “*Alleluia! Amen!*”

text by Christian H. Bateman, 1843; traditional Spanish melody, arr. David Evans, 1927, MADRID

*** 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

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Chancel Choir

Refrain: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. *Refrain*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. *Refrain*

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. *Refrain*
text based on Isaiah 43, Gerard Markland, 1978; music by Philip W. J. Stopford, 2010

*** 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 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Sandy Gardner

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“The Day of the Lord”
Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministries

1. The day of the Lord: sudden and certain (vv. 1-3)
2. The children of the day: alert and armored (vv. 4-8)
3. At the end of the day: judgment or salvation (vv. 9-11)

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:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for adults began last week at 10:00 a.m.; check the back page of your bulletin for locations if you have not yet connected with a class.

OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today will be a time of prayer for our missionary partners at 6:00 p.m. in Room 211.

COLLEGE STUDENTS, join us for lunch on Sunday, October 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building for a time of connection and fellowship.

VIPS, YOU ARE INVITED TO A FALL GATHERING, including a hearty meal, friendly faces, and hymn singing. Meet at the Jane Harris Youth Building on Thursday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. If you wish, bring sweaters, jackets, or blankets to donate to Vision of Mercy and the Salvation Army. Please register on Realm Connect or by calling the church office by Oct. 12. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

GET AWAY FROM THE NOISE AND PACE OF LIFE at our Women's Semi-Silent Retreat on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Rising Fawn Gardens. The day will begin with breakfast, fellowship, and a devotional. The remainder of the retreat will be spent in quiet, alone with the Lord and enjoying his beautiful creation. Please register on Realm Connect for \$25. Space is limited.

SAVE THE DATE for the Reformation Hymn Festival on Sunday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga. Interested in singing in the festival choir? Contact Brett Hyberger at brett@lmpc.org.

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

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