



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Father divine, I come to thee, I yield, a captive, to thy sway,
that love's gold chain may set me free for all the burden of the day.*

—George Matheson

OCTOBER 12, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

All: **In his temple all cry, “Glory!” The LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people and blesses his people with peace.**

* Hymn of praise 167, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav’n’s eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
The pow’rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th’eternal song, through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

text from Germany, ca. 1800; music by Joseph Barnby, 1868, LAUDES DOMINI

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

based on Micah 6:6-8

With what shall we come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall we come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? He has shown us, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of us? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

Silent prayers of confession

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

based on 1 Peter 2

Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

*** Hymn of assurance 679**

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. *Refrain*
text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882, TRUST IN JESUS

Call to offering

Deuteronomy 24:21-22

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore, I command you to do this.

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,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord, to the King of creation!
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. Amen.

*text by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music by Dan Forrest ©2021
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*** 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 5:12-18**

Sarah Donaldson

¹²We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“A Healthy Church Family, Part 1”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

A healthy church family is marked by:

1. living at peace with one another. (vv. 12-15)
2. living in prayer before God. (vv. 16-18)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 642**, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; traditional Irish melody, SLANE

* **Benediction**

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude

Grand Chorus in B-flat

Théodore Dubois

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Annie Reynolds and William Darby on October 11 and are given in loving memory of their grandparents: Beverly Reynolds, William (Bill) McColley, Richard Mercer, and Ola Faye and Willard Darby.

Celebrating the baptism of Michele Suzanne Davis at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her husband, Eric Davis, and her daughter and son-in-law, Samantha and Woody Viveros.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, September 21. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship. Find all members in the church directory, located in Realm.

Angie Burns
Clark Chapin
Michele and Eric Davis

Kali Hina
Cindy and Jeffrey Messinger
Lisa and Jimmy Patton

Kristin and Michael Tremain
Ann Vermeer
Emily Webb

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, due to fall break, all evening activities are cancelled except for Chancel Choir rehearsal and Wednesday Evening Prayer.

VIPS, JOIN US FOR 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. TODAY is the last day to register on Realm Connect. *The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults (ages 65+) from LMPC and the community.*

WE ARE EXPECTING A LARGE CROWD AT OUR RENEW CELEBRATION on October 19. We will meet in the sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. with overflow available. Nursery will be provided. Although reservations for dinner have closed, we are still looking forward to having you join us for worship.

WE HAVE A MEN'S BREAKFAST coming up on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Enjoy food, fellowship, and an encouraging word from Barry Smith, Metanoia Prison Ministries Regional Director for the TN Valley Presbytery Region. Invite your friend, neighbor, or coworker along. No registration required.

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.

THE ANNUAL REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, on Sunday, October 26, 6:00 p.m. A festival choir and orchestra comprised of musicians from LMPC, First Presbyterian, and Covenant College will lead us in great hymns of faith. Foundational readings and Scripture will remind us of the important significance of this day.