



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Dear God,
We come to worship you today.
We come to sing, pray, and listen.
You always hear us.
Help us to hear you. Amen.*
— from The Worship Sourcebook

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* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Adoration”
Florence B. Price

Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, 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 164, vv. 1-5**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, he sets the pris’ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839, AZMON

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

based on Ephesians 1 and 2

Leader: People of God, this is the hope to which we have been called:

All: That God displayed his power and mighty strength when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, not only in this present age but in the age to come. God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over the church, which is his body.

Leader: As for us, we were dead in our transgressions and sins, in which we used to live when we followed the ways of this world.

All: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Call to confession

from Romans 13 and Acts 3

Let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Repent, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Hymn of confession

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. *Refrain*

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*
text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music from Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

Prayer of confession

from Psalm 40

Leader: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me.

All: **For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.**

Leader: Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me.

All: **May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!" Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.**

Silent prayers of confession

* Assurance of God's pardoning grace

from Colossians 1:19–22

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

* Hymn of assurance 629

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.
text by Joseph Scriven, ca. 1855; music by Charles C. Converse, 1868, WHAT A FRIEND

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

Offertory

“Teach Me, O Lord”

Chancel Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments,
for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity,
and quicken me in thy way.
O stablish thy Word, thy Word in thy servant,
that I may fear thee. Amen.
text from Psalm 119:33-39a; music by Philip W. J. Stopford, 2013

*** 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 5:19-28**

Kim Starke

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything;
hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your
whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

²⁵Brothers, pray for us. ²⁶Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. ²⁷I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. ²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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 2”

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

A healthy church family is marked by:

1. following the Spirit's leading in our lives. (vv. 19-22)
2. rejoicing in God's faithfulness in our sanctification. (vv. 23-24)
3. relating to one another out of God's abiding grace. (vv. 25-28)

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q33: What is justification?

A: Justification is the act of God's free grace by which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight. He does so only because he counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. Justification is received by faith alone.

Q35: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which our whole person is made new in the image of God, and we are made more and more able to become dead to sin and alive to righteousness.

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”

*** Postlude**

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615
J.S. Bach

Musicians for this week:

Andrew Hyberger – organ

Brett Hyberger – choral director

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. Join us!

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