



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
*Presbyterian Church*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*O God, fountain of love, pour your love into our souls that we may love those whom you love  
with the love you give us, and think and speak about them tenderly, meekly, lovingly;  
and so loving our brothers and sisters for your sake, may grow in your love,  
and live in love, and living in love may live in you, for Jesus Christ's sake.*

*—Edward Pusey*

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

\* Congregation standing as you are able

## Order of Worship

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### Prelude

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”  
*arr. Howard Helvey*  
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #468)

### Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

### \* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

### \* Hymn of praise 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*  
*text by Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923; music by William M. Runyan, 1923, FAITHFULNESS*

**\* Prayer of adoration**

**New member vows**

**Call to confession**

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

**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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

**Silent prayers of confession**

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

from Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

**\* Hymn of assurance 461, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5**

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;  
no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

*text by Horatius Bonar, 1861; music by George William Martin, 1862, arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874,*

*LEOMINSTER*

### Call to offering

Acts 2:44-45

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

### Offertory

“Jesus Paid It All”

Chancel Choir

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small,  
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”

*Refrain:* Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim—  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*  
*text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by John T. Grape, 1868; arr. Robert Sterling, 1985*

### \* 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

<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. <sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

<sup>3:1</sup>Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

#### **Sermon**

“Prayers to Stand Firm”  
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

In a world of spiritual confusion and opposition, the Gospel of grace:

1. grounds us in vital truths. (vv. 2:13-14)
2. grips us to stand firm in the Word. (vv. 2:15-17)
3. guides us in prayer and faithfulness. (vv. 3:1-5)

#### **Pastoral prayer**

#### **\* Hymn of response**

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;  
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!  
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\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

\* **Postlude**

“How Firm a Foundation”  
*arr. David Cherwien*  
*(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #94)*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Brett Hyberger** – choral director

**Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Susan Mary Shuck**  
December 30, 1957 – November 2, 2025

## IMPORTANT AND GROWING NEED: FOOD COLLECTION

In response to growing food insecurity, the Home Missions Committee and Mercy Fund have made a combined contribution of \$10,000 to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. In addition to the contribution, LMPC will hold a food collection now through Sunday, November 16. This will allow us provide assistance to area schools, churches, and ministries with food donations. Additional information on drop off locations and times, as well as a list of donation items, can be found on our website.

## BOXES OF BLESSING

This annual large-scale ministry project partners with volunteers, ministries, and churches to provide food for families in need. This year, we have three opportunities to serve with Boxes of Blessing: **currently, we have the most space available for the “Prep” events.** Registration on Realm Connect is open now, and required for participation.

**Prep for the Main Event: Saturday, November 22, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

### Location 1: LMPC fellowship hall

Join us for a family-friendly event as we prepare items for inclusion in this year’s boxes. Coffee and pastries will be provided, and all ages are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity for those with young children, or those who cannot lift heavy things or stand for a length of time.

### Location 2: Chattanooga Bakery

Join us as we tape boxes and prepare the warehouse ahead of the main box packing event on Saturday, December 6. Coffee and pastries will be provided, and this opportunity is available for middle and high school-age youth and adults.

### **The Main Event: Saturday, December 6**

Join us for a community-wide volunteer opportunity! Volunteers will assist with filling food boxes in an assembly-line environment at the Chattanooga Bakery. This year, three shifts are available:

- 8:00 to 10:15 a.m. (almost full)
- 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (almost full)
- 1:30 to 3:45 p.m. (plenty of room)

All ages are welcome, but this opportunity requires lifting, standing, and working an assembly line, so close supervision of children is required.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS UPCOMING HOLIDAY**, we will savor together the anticipation of Christ's coming by celebrating Advent as its own distinct season. So we may fully participate in Sunday morning worship, we invite you to an informal **Advent Music Workshop** to learn new music for both the fellowship hall and sanctuary. This event is for everyone—including young kids! Nursery is provided. Join us Sunday, November 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**ANTICIPATING ADVENT:** All LMPC women are welcome to join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 20 in the fellowship hall for an evening anticipating the advent season. We will have dessert and decaf, assemble fresh advent wreaths together, and hear a devotional from Christy Gambrell to prepare our hearts. Please register on Realm Connect by November 18 for \$15 and indicate if you can contribute any greenery.

**ALL WOMEN OF LMPC** are invited to celebrate the Christmas season together at our annual gathering at Canopy Coffee on Tuesday, December 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. No registration required.

**SAVE THE DATE** for our annual Family Camp from September 11 through 13, 2026 at Camp Alpine.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/events](http://lmpc.org/events).*