



# LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

## *Presbyterian Church*

### **IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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*Blessed Jesus, you have done all this, and more. You are the door into your fold here below, and to your courts above. For you have said that by you, "Whoever enters in will go in and find pasture." The word has gone out. Your blood and righteousness secure it. The Spirit sets his seal to it. You will receive, you will bless, you will cause all the Father has given you to come to you. And you will keep the door always open for all comers.*

—Robert Hawker

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Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*text based on Psalm 104, by Robert Grant, 1833; music by Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806, LYONS*

## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

based on Matthew 7

Jesus said, “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?”

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

### Hymn of confession 501, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
*text by Charlotte Elliott, 1836; music by William B. Bradbury, 1849, WOODWORTH*

### Prayer of confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

All: **We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.**

Leader: We confess our sins as a church.

**All: We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us.**

Leader: Father, forgive us.

**All: May your Holy Spirit move and convict our hearts, that we might live as you have created us to live.**

*adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis*

### **Silent prayers of confession**

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

based on 1 John 3 and Ephesians 2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 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.

#### **\* Hymn of assurance 253, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5**

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

*text by William Cowper, 1771; music by Lowell Mason, 1830, FOUNTAIN*

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

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*text by Katherine Hankey, 1866; music by William G. Fischer, 1869; arr. Philip M. Young, 1997*

**\* 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 John 1:35-42**

Warren McEwen

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

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

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

**Sermon**

“Following Jesus”  
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Followers of Jesus are those who are:

1. beholding the Lamb. (vv. 35-37)
2. beckoned by Jesus. (vv. 38-39)
3. brought to Jesus. (vv. 40-42a)
4. bestowed with new identity. (v. 42b)

### 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**

“Engelberg”  
*arr. Craig Phillips*

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### Musicians for this week:

**Andrew Hyberger** – organ

**Joshua Knight** – organ

**Brett Hyberger** – choral director

**Celebrating the baptism** of Theoden Benjamin Ray at the 8:45 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Melanie and Ben Ray, his grandparents, Diane and Paul Terpstra and Terri and Phillip Ray, and his great-grandmother, Kathleen Stevens.

**The rosebud in the service today** is for the birth of Mark Holland Risley, born to Rebekah and Luke Risley on January 5.

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LMPC WILL RELEASE ALL ADULT ELECTIVES** on the Pillar & Ground podcast this summer, so you may listen to recordings of other classes. In the meantime, if you miss a Sunday and don't want to get behind, you may request a single recording. Under the Resources tab of the website, click on "Request a Recording" to fill out a form.

**THE CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** will resume meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212, beginning on January 13. Attorney John Huisman will speak about financial and legal matters related to aging and caregiving. All are welcome.

**REGULAR WEDNESDAY EVENING** activities will resume on Wednesday, January 14. See [lmpc.org/wednesday](http://lmpc.org/wednesday) for more info. "All That Jesus Asks," a class for adults taught by Addison Soltau, will begin in Room 211 at 4:30 p.m.

**SACRED STUDIO**, an in-town retreat at LMPC on January 23 and 24, will give women the opportunity to connect over good food, Gospel teaching, and creative workshops. Register on Realm Connect by January 15 to make your studio selections (first come, first served.)

## **ADULT ELECTIVES / 10:00-10:45 A.M. / JAN. 4 - FEB. 8**

### **Engaging Artificial Intelligence & Technology from a Biblical Perspective** (Room 313)

Together, we'll consider both the promises and the pitfalls of AI technologies and how these tools seek to shape our hearts. *Teacher: Jeff Humphries*

### **The Gospel & Christianity - Part 1b** (chapel)

By connecting rich theology with real-life faithfulness, this class will help you recognize how the Gospel speaks into every corner of daily life and grows us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. *Teachers: Pastoral team*

### **New Testament Eschatology** (Room 213)

This elective will examine a number of passages to see what the Scriptures say about the "last days" and talk about how our theology of the end times should affect our lives today. *Teacher: Dan MacDougall*

### **Honoring Dependent Parents** (Room 312)

This elective will explore what it means to honor parents when they become dependent. Key Scriptures and real-life situations will be discussed. *Teacher: Bill Davis*

### **Preparing for the Passion** (Room 211)

Together, through interactive study, we will discover Jesus in ways that will lead us to worship, an enduring faith, and a longing to be more like him. *Teacher: Robert Row*