



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

May the love of Christ henceforth constrain us to live no longer to ourselves, but to him who died for us. May we more and more consider ourselves not as our own, but as bought with a price, and may we use the blessings that you have given us in your fear and love, with gratitude to you, the giver of them all.

—William Wilberforce

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Litany”
Franz Schubert

Welcome and greetings

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

Introit

“God So Loved the World”

Chancel Choir

God so loved the world; God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in him
should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world.
God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

God so loved the world; God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in him
should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life,
everlasting, everlasting life.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
God so loved the world.

text from John 3:16-17; music by John Stainer

*** 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 116**, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, sun and moon and stars of light, *Refrain*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv’n,
graces human and divine, flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n, *Refrain*
text by Folliot Pierpoint, 1864; music by Conrad Kocher, 1838, DIX

* **Prayer of adoration**

Affirmation of faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, question one

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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 252, vv. 1, 2, 4

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709; Gregorian chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1824, HAMBURG

Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, in your hands are life and death. In your power we are sustained and in your mercy we are spared.

All: **Forgive us, for we have neglected the duties you have assigned to us. We have allowed the days and hours, of which we must give account, to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will.**

Leader: Make us to remember, O God, that every day is your gift, and ought to be used according to your command.

All: **Move us to repentance, by your grace, that we may know your mercy and pass our remaining time here on earth in diligent obedience to your commands, through Jesus Christ.**

based on a prayer by Samuel Johnson, Anglican writer and scholar (1709-1784)

Silent prayers of confession

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

based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 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.

We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life that we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

*** Hymn of assurance**

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

Offertory

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Chancel Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

*American folk hymn; music from Walker's Southern Harmony, 1840, arr. Trevor Manor ©2015
Choristers Guild, WONDROUS LOVE*

*** 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 3:16-21**

Brett Hyberger

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Love and Light of Jesus”
John Mark Scuggs, pastor of congregational care

Question: How can “these things” be? (v. 9)

1. Love that gives and saves (vv. 16-18)
2. Light that comes and calls (vv. 19-21)

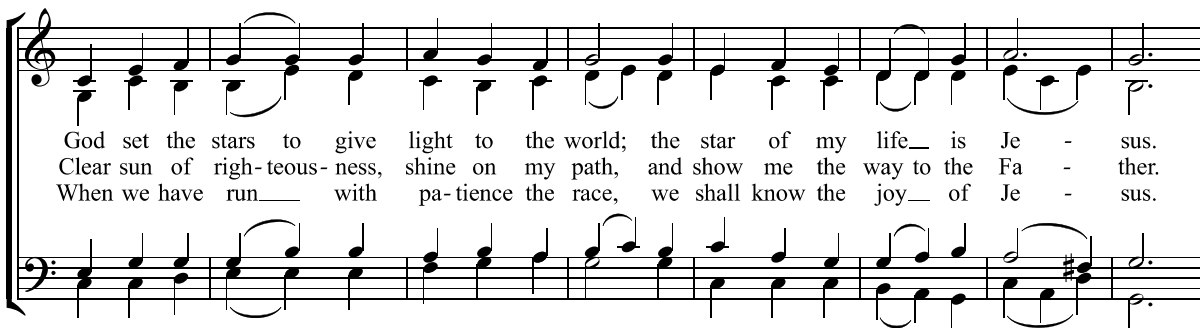
Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”



1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je - sus.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at Je - sus.
3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with Je - sus.

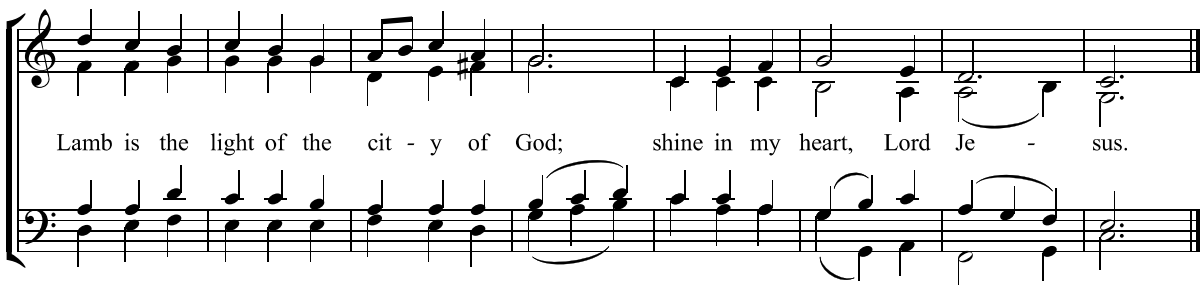


God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Je - sus.
Clear sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain:



In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God; shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Toccata
Eugène Gigout

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – piano
Emily Drexler – violin

Andrew Hyberger – organ
Brett Hyberger – choral director

The rosebuds in the service today are for the birth of Elle Rhodes Brower, born to Kyra and Josh Brower on February 7, the birth of David Howard Cha, born to Louise and Jason Cha on February 9, and the birth of Caroline Stuart Brooks, born to Meredith and Jay Brooks on February 11.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brent Rogers.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today, we will worship and celebrate communion at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Nursery will be provided.

ADULT ELECTIVES CONCLUDE TODAY. Beginning next Sunday, February 25, we will restart our community Sunday School classes. Find the list of locations and topics at lmpc.org.

WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS will be held on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in individual homes. Invite your friends and neighbors and please register on Realm Connect by February 19.

THIS YEAR'S WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, to be held March 1-4, will spotlight India, specifically the work of our partner ministry Mission India. The full calendar of activities is available at lmpc.org/wmc. Two events require registration; if you're interested in the lunch on Tuesday, March 3 or the family dinner on Wednesday, March 4, please register on Realm Connect.

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