



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of glory and compassion, at your touch the wilderness blossoms, broken lives are made whole, and fearful hearts grow strong in faith. Open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise. To all who long for your Son's return grant perseverance and patience, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

—from Opening Prayers

APRIL 12, 2026 . SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!”

arr. Wilbur Held

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #272)

Welcome and greetings

Don Kent, ruling elder

* Call to worship

from Isaiah 40

Leader: The Sovereign LORD sits enthroned above the circle of the earth. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

All: He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Leader: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

* Hymn of praise 115, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623, LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*** Prayer of adoration**

New member vows

Sacrament of baptism (11:00)

Ryan Thomas Malock

Call to confession

Isaiah 30:15, 18, 19b

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.”

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

Silent prayers of confession

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

from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825, SAGINA

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

Offertory

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Chancel Choir

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, the highest praises be
hence, evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

Come, Almighty King! Come, thou Almighty King!

anonymous; music by Felice de Giardini, 1769, arr. Victor C. Johnson ©2011 Lorenz Publishing Company

*** 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 5:1-18**

Warren McEwen

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁴One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁵When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁶The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁸And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. ⁹So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” ¹⁰But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” ¹¹They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” ¹²Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹³Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” ¹⁴The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

¹⁵And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁶But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” ¹⁷This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Personal and Powerful Work”
John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

The personal and powerful work of Jesus reveals that he is:

1. the divine healer of the helpless. (vv. 1-15)
2. the divine Son of the Father. (vv. 16-18)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 170**, vv. 1, 3, 4

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forever more be thine.

text from Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; Silesian folk song, CRUSADER’S HYMN

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Paraphrase on “Thine Be the Glory”
Alexandre Guilmant
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #274)

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Celebrating the baptism of Ryan Thomas Malock at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Amanda and Jeff Malock.

Celebrating the baptism of Eva Andrelle Fugate at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Kim and Mark Fugate, and her grandparents, Jane and David Fugate.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 15, 2026. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Mae Mae and Parker Adams	Katie and Matt Hauck	Elizabeth and Parker Neyland
Rachel and Brent Allred	Emily and Myles Hendrick	Yosuman Olimova
Levi Barshinger	Kelley and Ben Hoagland	Julia and Jeremy Rardin
May and Jeff Burke	Heather and Zach Hubbs	Carey and Bret Robertson
Becky Childers	Valentine King	Francine Stulac
Carol and Lynn Daniel	Jenny Lea	Brett Thomason
Matthew Endlich	Lillie and Adam London	Keri and Brett Williams
Morgan and Jay Everett	Ryan Malock	Hannah and Alex Wilson
Catherine and Alex Hatcher	Heather Naggar	

COMMUNICANTS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, March 15, 2026. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Mae Carr	Henry Ireland	Hunter Palmer
Eloïse Christie	Meredith Lindquist	Peter Riley
Cole Eriksen	Savannah Lusk	Josiah Wharton
Nathan Eriksen	Jane Marshall	Sadie Mae Wharton
Paige Eriksen	Crawford Meier	Carter Williams
Eva Fugate	Betsy Mitchell	Erickson Wojick
Graham Hubbs	Colton Moore	Austen Yates

The rosebud in the service today is for the birth of Alistair Oscar Hardy Dahms, born to Emily and Logan Dahms on April 7.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING today will be a time of prayer for our missionary partners in Room 211 at 6:00 p.m.

FOLLOW ALONG WITH BRIAN AND WIL and the team as they check in on LMPC's ministry partners across Central Asia on their upcoming trip. If you'd like to see updates and photos, fill out the form at lmpc.org/world-missions by April 12.

DR. BILL DAVIS WILL SPEAK at the April 14 Care for the Caregiver meeting, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211. Topics will include: end-of-life decisions, honoring your loved one, and the spiritual beauty of caregiving. All are welcome. Contact Lee Ballenger or Ed Salter for more info.

CHOICES COLLECTION: Choices is one of LMPC's strategic partner ministries, dedicated to providing no-cost support and resources to those facing unplanned pregnancies. Occasionally, Choices has the opportunity to provide hygiene care bags to women experiencing homelessness. LMPC will partner with Choices by distributing and collecting a limited number of bags beginning next Sunday, April 19. To participate, pick up a bag and purchase all items on the attached list. Bags may be returned under the porte cochère (covered drive) on either Sunday April 26 or May 3.

THE REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, featuring guest speaker Robert Cunningham, is for anyone seeking discernment in a world where screens shape much of our lives. Receive biblical insight and practical guidance, attending sessions in the fellowship hall as you are able. Schedule: Friday, May 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 3 from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

BEAST FEAST: Men, join us on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a feast of smoked meats. Special guest Robert Cunningham will speak on "The Mighty Meekness of Masculinity." Invite your friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Register on Realm Connect for \$20 by April 29.

SCRIPTURE & SONG, featuring our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Girls' Ensemble, and Handbell Choir, will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. Save the date!

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