



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

—Book of Common Prayer

APRIL 19, 2026 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

arr. Peter Hilliard

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #297)

Welcome and greetings

John Mark Scruggs, pastor of congregational care

* Call to worship

from Jeremiah 32 and Revelation 4:8

Leader: Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

All: You show love to thousands—O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds.

Leader: You performed miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt and have continued them to this day, both in Israel and among all mankind, and have gained the renown that is still yours.

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!

* Hymn of praise 100, vv. 1, 2, 4

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861, NICAEA

*** Prayer of adoration**

Prayer of intercession

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

Offertory

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Chancel Choir

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
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*** Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from John 5:18-29**

Michele Davis

¹⁸This 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. ¹⁹So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father

doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²²For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

²⁴“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. ²⁵Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

²⁷“And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Jesus’ Divine Sonship”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

Jesus demonstrates his divine Sonship by:

1. declaring his equality with the Father. (vv. 18–23)
2. delivering spiritual resurrection. (vv. 24–26)
3. dispensing eternal judgment. (vv. 27–29)

Pastoral prayer

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God’s people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord’s Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

Musicians for this week:

Brett Hyberger – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Cindy Solfest-Wallis – flute

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Claire Patton and Jackson Cooper on April 18 and are given in loving memory of their grandparents: Patsy Cleveland, Troit Cleveland, Carl Cooper, Anne Patton, and Art Kunzer.

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Annie Inez Whitted, born to Bethany and Chapman Whitted on April 10.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. To participate, pick up a bag from the fellowship hall breezeway or sanctuary Narthex and purchase all the items on the attached list. Return filled bags under the porte-cochere (covered drive) on either Sunday April 26 or May 3. Or, drop off at the church office building between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 26, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2029. A brochure about the candidates will be available electronically and in print next week.

THE REDEEMING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE will feature guest speaker Robert Cunningham. 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 Ensemble, will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for stories of boldness and strength in Scripture and song! Nursery will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE for the last Wednesday Fellowship Dinner of the semester: a picnic at The Commons on May 6.

WE NEED YOUR HELP for VBS on July 21-23! Register on Realm Connect as an adult/high school volunteer or a middle school volunteer to help in a variety of ways, including: Storytelling, Worship, Crafts, Games, Check-In and Check-Out, Hospitality (food), Set-Up and Take-Down Team, and “Happy to Help Anywhere.” Training for all volunteers will be held prior to the event; you will be contacted with dates.

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