



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 25, 2020 | **George Long Preaching Series and Reformation Sunday**

* Hymn of praise

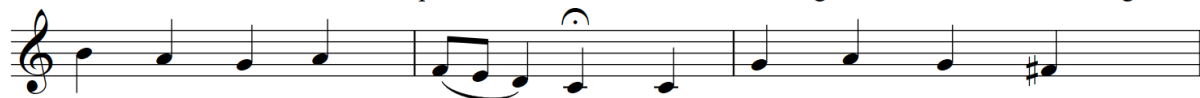
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



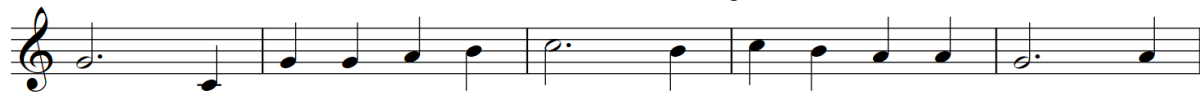
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred



foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and
 be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, from
 grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for
 go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill: God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

text based on Psalm 46, by Martin Luther, 1529; music by Martin Luther, arr. Hal Hopson, EIN FESTE BURG

* 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.

Choral response

“I Am Not My Own”

Ensemble

I am not my own, I am not my own,
not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own,
not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together,
in eternal life he gives me hope.
By the power of his Holy Spirit, I will live for him.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

I belong to him, I belong to him, in life, in death,
my only comfort, I belong to him, I will live for him.
Forever and ever, forever and ever, forevermore.

text by Susan Bentall Boersma, based on The Heidelberg Catechism, question one; music by Craig Courtney

Call to confession

James 1:23-26

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*** Hymn of assurance**

*“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”
(continue scrolling for words and music)*

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

1. There's a wide-ness in God's_ mer - cy like the wide - ness of the_ sea;
2. For the love of God is_ broad - er than the meas - ures of the_ mind;

there's a kind-ness in God's_ jus - tice which is more than li - ber - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - full - y_ kind.

There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been_ shed;
Make our love, O God, more_ faith - ful, let us take you at your_ Word.

there is joy for all the_ mem - bers in the sor - rows of the_ Head.
And our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the_ Lord.

¹As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.”

⁹(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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

* 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 preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Word and the Church”

Dr. Richard Pratt, President of Third Millenium Ministries

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“The Church’s One Foundation”

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; she is his new cre-
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, her char - ter of sal-
3. The church shall ne - ver per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend, to guide, sus - tain, and
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One, and my - stic sweet com-

a - tion by wa - ter and the Word: from heav'n he came and sought her to
va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth; one ho - ly name she bless - es, par -
cher - ish, is with her to the end; though there be those that hate her, and
mun - ion with those whose rest is won: O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord,

be his ho - ly bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
takes one ho - ly food, and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
false sons in her pale, a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
give us grace that we, like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
arr. Paul Manz

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Tommy Bulman – trumpet
Ensemble

Joy Gibbons – director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

The Dr. George W. Long Preaching Series was established by the LMPC Session in 2001 to honor long-time pastor George Long, who served at LMPC through a season of spiritual renewal in the 1970s and 80s. It serves as an annual reminder of “our Savior’s faithful use of his holy Word in our midst” and celebrates that God used Dr. Long to call LMPC back to the primacy of God’s Word. Dr. Long died in 2016.

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GUEST PREACHER, DR. RICHARD PRATT, JR.



Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr. is president and co-founder of Third Millennium Ministries, a ministry providing sound biblical and theological training for Christian leaders worldwide. Before dedicating himself full-time to Thirdmill, Dr. Pratt served as chair of the Old Testament department at Reformed Theological Seminary. Dr. Pratt studied at Westminster Theological Seminary, received his M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary, and earned his Th.D. in Old Testament Studies from Harvard University. He is the general editor of the NIV

Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible, a translator for the *New Living Translation*, and the author of numerous articles and books.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, October 28. Drive-thru pick-up will be under the porte cochere from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Registration for meals via Realm is currently open through Tuesday, October 27. The cost of each meal is \$5 with a \$25 maximum for a family of 5 or more. If you need assistance with registering, please contact the church office.

OUR ANNUAL FALL WORK DAY to remove fallen leaves, weed landscape beds, and do general outdoor cleanup will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All ages are welcome, with parents requested to supervise your own children. Water will be provided. If you are able, please bring leaf blowers, rakes, clippers, tarps, other yard tools, and gloves.

LAUNCH SUNDAY FOR THE 2021 BUDGET will be on Sunday, November 15. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2021. Members will receive more specific information about the 2021 budget in the mail soon. This year, you can submit your giving plans in three different ways:

- under the "Giving" tab on your Realm profile
- online at lmpc.org/pledge-2021
- completing a giving plan card and placing it in an offering plate or submitting it to the church office

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hardwick Caldwell, Jr., by Betsy Caldwell.