



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 15, 2020 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me”
arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and announcements

Steve Kaufmann, ruling elder

*** Call to worship**

1 Chronicles 29:10b-12

Leader: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Leader: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

* Hymn of praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
 3.Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who
 shel-ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a -

hear, now to his tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 seen how thy de - sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 men sound from his peo-ple a - gain; glad-ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

* **Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

"Offertory"

Ensemble

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; he has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly,
walk humbly with your God?

text from Micah 6:6-8; music by John Ness Beck

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2:24 and 2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; for by his wounds we have been healed.

All: **For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich.**

* Hymn of assurance

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see:

all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed; Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

⁹People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

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

“Cultivating Godliness”

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

For the glory of God and until Christ returns (vv. 13-16), godliness will be cultivated by:

1. learning contentment. (vv. 6-8)
2. avoiding entrapment. (vv. 9-10)
3. fighting the fight of faith. (vv. 11-12)

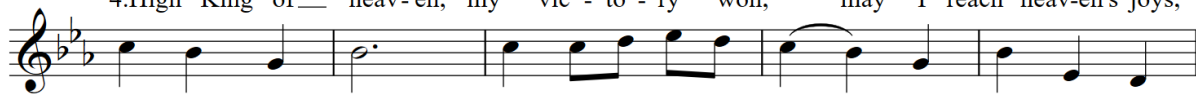
Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Be Thou My Vision”



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
2. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in - her - i - tance,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys,



save that thou art, thou my best thought by day or by
thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high
now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly, first in my
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be -



night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

text from Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century, tr. by Mary E. Byrne, versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; traditional Irish melody, arr. David Evans, 1927, SLANE

* Benediction

* Congregational response

“Threefold Amen”

Launch presentation

* **Postlude**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

In the style of Vivaldi’s *Autumn*

arr. M. Lee

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – substitute director
Ensemble

Maddie Lee – piano

NEW SERMON SERIES: FAITHFUL IN GIVING, STEADFAST IN MISSION

Our study of Acts for the last several months has shown us over and over how faithfully the Lord provided for his church. Although it faced great opposition and uncertain times, the church persevered, confident in God’s mercy and grace and empowered to share the glorious news of the Gospel.

In his first letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul gave thanks to Jesus, “who has given me strength,” filled with wonder that the “grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” (1 Tim. 1:12, 14) We’re going to spend two weeks studying a part of this letter with the desire to remind ourselves that we, too, have had the grace of Jesus poured out on us in abundance. Like Christians for centuries, we face an uncertain future, but we are held fast by our Savior and Shepherd Jesus. Let’s cling to him, believing that he will enable us to faithfully give so that we can remain steadfast in carrying out his mission on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAUNCH SUNDAY FOR THE 2021 BUDGET is today. Please prayerfully commit to giving in 2021. You can find more details in our brochure, available in the fellowship hall lobby or sanctuary narthex, or at lmpc.org/budget-details-2021. 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

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, November 18. 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, November 17. 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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for our final Large Group Women’s Bible Study gathering for the semester this Thursday, November 19. Registration is via Realm, and more information as well as past recordings can be found at lmpc.org/womens-bible-studies.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HYMN SING will take place on Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery will be provided at the 4:00 p.m. service. Registration via Realm is required and will open on Monday, November 30. A livestream at lmpc.org will be offered at 4:00 p.m.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/christmas-flowers to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423.821.4528. The last day to request is Wednesday, December 9.

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

REMINDER: COVID-19 EXPOSURE REPORTING

Please remember that if you or a family member develops COVID-19 within a week of attending a worship service or another activity at LMPC, we ask you to please notify David Fowler at david@lmpc.org or 423-424-5602. We will keep your name confidential (unless you allow otherwise), but it is important that we notify others who may have been exposed to the virus. Please also pray that the Lord continues to protect us from the virus.