

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Prelude

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Columbia Harmony by William Moore, 1825 arr. Heather Sorenson

Welcome and announcements

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

* Call to worship

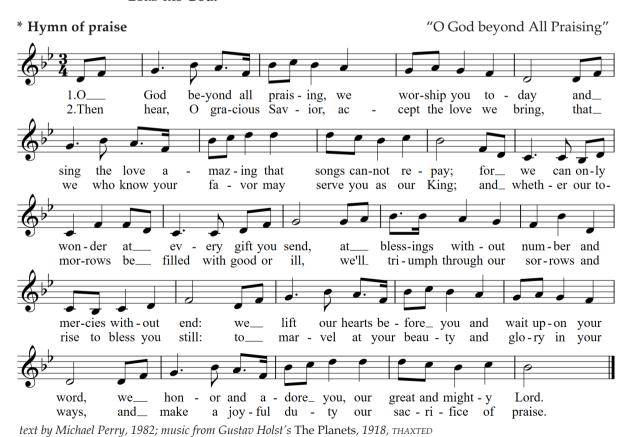
Psalm 146:1-3, 5

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

All: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men who cannot save.

All: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.



* Affirmation of faith based on 1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great

mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the

resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: He has given us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—kept in heaven for us. We, through faith, are shielded by

God's power until the coming of salvation that is ready to be

revealed in the last time.

Leader: In this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have

had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and

honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

All: Though we have not seen him, we love him. Even though we

do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the goal of our

faith, the salvation of our souls.

Call to confession taken from Isaiah 30

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!

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Ensemble

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and all I say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev'rything, that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea, Christ exalting, self abasing, for this is victory!

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go!

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and all I say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and pow'r.

May the mind of Christ live in me. Amen. *text by Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; music by Lloyd Larson*

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

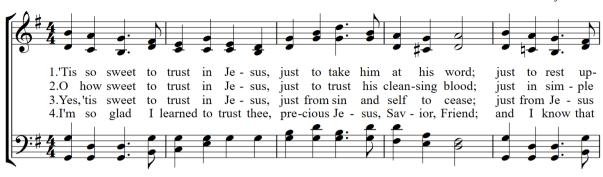
based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 2

Leader: 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.

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

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (continue scrolling for words and music)

^{*} Hymn of assurance









text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882, TRUST IN JESUS

³⁰The next day, since the commander wanted to find out exactly why Paul was being accused by the Jews, he released him and ordered the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin to assemble. Then he brought Paul and had him stand before them.

¹Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day."

²At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth. ³Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit there to judge me according to the law, yet you yourself violate the law by commanding that I be struck!" ⁴Those who were standing near Paul said, "You dare to insult God's high priest?" ⁵Paul replied, "Brothers, I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: 'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.' "

⁶Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. I stand on trial because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead." ⁷When he said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. ⁸(The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.) ⁹There was a great uproar, and some of the teachers of the law who were Pharisees stood up and argued vigorously. "We find nothing wrong with this man," they said. "What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?" ¹⁰The dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks.

¹¹The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome."

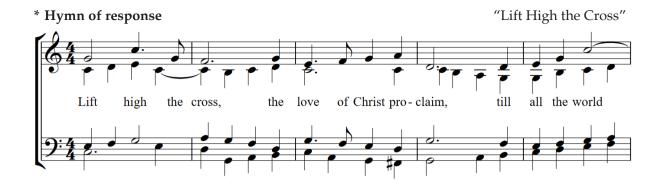
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

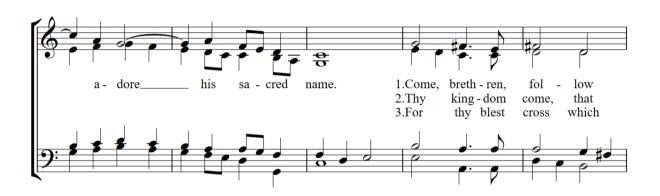
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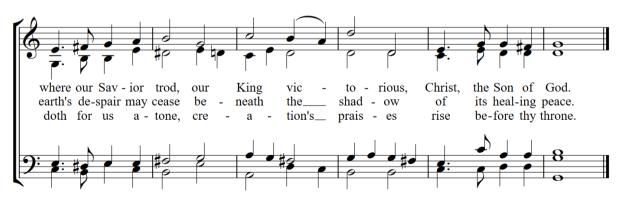
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon		"Paul Stands before the Sanhedrin"
1.	A bold a	Brian Salter, lead pastor assertion of a clear conscience (vv. 22:30-23:1)
2.	A chara	cter-revealing interchange (vv. 23:2-5)
3.	A singu	lar focus on the resurrection (vv. 23:6-10)
4.	An enco	ouraging visit from the risen Christ (v. 23:11)
	i IDEA: oral pray	Believers never face any opposition without the hope of the resurrection and the comfort of the risen Christ.







text by George W. Kitchin (1887), rev. by Michael R. Newbolt (1916); music by Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916, CRUCIFER

* Benediction

* Congregational response

"Threefold Amen"

"Blessed Assurance" Duane Funderburk

*	Congregation	standing as you are able	

Musicians for this week:

Ensemble
Joy Gibbons – director

Eun-Mee Jeong – violin **Joshua Knight** – organ, piano

The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the wedding of Jia Xin Ying and Samuel Caine on January 16, 2021.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, you can submit your giving plans for 2021 online at your Giving tab on Realm or at lmpc.org/pledge-2021. You can also place a giving plan card in the offering plate or deliver it to David Fowler in the church office. So far, 62% of the budget has been pledged with 275 families submitting a giving plan. Find out more about pledging and the 2021 budget at lmpc.org/give.

WOMEN OF LMPC: JOIN US THIS WINTER as we continue our study in the Psalms. Our next Large Group meeting will be this Thursday, January 21. You can register and find the full semester's schedule for both large and small group meetings at lmpc.org/women.

A NEW MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE DEALING WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS is being formed and will soon start meeting via Zoom. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Chad Middlebrooks or another pastor for more information.

THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, AT 7:30 P.M. WE WILL HOLD A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING via Zoom's webinar platform to discuss the findings from the GRACE report. During the meeting, you will be able to submit any questions you may have. Registration is required. Members should have received an email with registration information this past Thursday. If you did not receive an email, please contact Diane Reichmann at diane@lmpc.org or 423-424-4096.

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