



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 12, 2021 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Keith Michaels, ruling elder

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Open for us the gates of righteousness; we will enter and give thanks
to the LORD.

**All: We will give thanks, for you answered us and have become our
salvation.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD
has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn of praise

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.
text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

* Prayer of adoration and the Lord’s prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to confession

based on Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him. Let him turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Hymn of confession

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness and into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

text by William T. Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Silent prayers of confession

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 that we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

* Hymn of assurance

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge: the Lamb who is my righteousness;
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace;
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving-kindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;
and when he calls me it will be paradise, his face forever to behold;
his face forever to behold.

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Hymn of preparation "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music from traditional English melody, O WALY WALY

*** Scripture reading from Luke 4:14-30**

Mary Kaufmann

¹⁴And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon "The Return of Jesus to His Hometown of Nazareth"
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. Jesus' return and initial reception (vv. 14-22)
2. Jesus' message to the good citizens of Nazareth (vv. 21, 23-27)
 - Jesus is the fulfillment of Scripture. (v. 21)
 - Spiritual self-sufficiency and pride keep us from rightly receiving Christ. (vv. 23-27)
 - ◇ Elijah and the widow (1 Kings 17:7-16)
 - ◇ Elisha and Naaman the Syrian (2 Kings 5:1-15)
3. Jesus' rejection and sovereignty displayed (vv. 28-30)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

“Here Is Love”

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love, like mighty rivers, poured unceasing from above:
heaven’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow’r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou thyself hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

* Benediction

* 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.**

* Postlude

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Xaris Emmett – violin
Maddie Lee – piano
Hannah Lutz – viola
Hannah Perry – vocalist

Melanie Ray – vocalist
Fred Verwoerd – vocalist
Chapman Whitted – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of Catharine Constanica Elwell at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Hannah and Enoch Elwell.

Celebrating the baptism of Everleigh Scully Chafin at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Ashleigh and Chris Chafin, and her grandparents, Wanda and Samuel Chafin and Cynthia and Dan Glecier.

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Drake Ayers Woodruff, born to Hope and Zach Woodruff on September 7.

RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATES

IF YOU DID NOT YET RSVP TO ONE OF OUR RENEW VISION GATHERINGS but would still like to attend, we have space open for the events this Thursday, September 16 and next Sunday, September 19. These gatherings will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall and will include food, fellowship, and a chance to hear our lead pastor, Brian Salter, explain the vision for RENEW and for the future of LMPC. Please RSVP for your date of choice by logging into your Realm account or by calling the church office at 423-821-4528.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US on Sunday, September 26 for the RENEW Early Decision Night. At this event, we will hear from Brian Salter and we will respond to RENEW by making our commitments together. You don't want to miss this special evening of worship together as we launch the RENEW Campaign.

THANK YOU FROM THE SALTERS

The entire Salter family would like to say thank you to the LMPC Session and to all of the church family for the gift of our sabbatical. It was significantly needed and timely. We were able to play, laugh, and refresh our hearts, bodies, and minds together. Thank you!

Personally, I was able to rest, recalibrate, and find refreshment with my Lord, my wife, and my family. There are many things that I learned and processed over the sabbatical that I believe will be a great help to me in the next leg of pastoral ministry. I hope to share some of these things with you at some point.

I look forward to reconnecting and reengaging with you as we continue together to deepen our faith in the hope of the Gospel in the midst of turbulent times.

Brian

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILD-A-BAG REPORT: We collected 300 bags for donation to the local food pantry of the Salvation Army. THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this year's collection. This amounted to 36 shopping carts and nearly 9,000 pounds of food! For the first time, we welcomed volunteers from the congregation to help us load the donations onto the truck. We had over 20 staff and church members volunteer.

IN RESPONSE TO THE DEVASTATING DAMAGE AND FLOODING of hurricane Ida, the Home Missions Committee has made a donation to MNA's Disaster Response efforts to assist with disaster relief. For more information on MNA's work, or to give toward this need, please visit pcamna.org/mna-disaster-response-announcement.

FOR ALL WOMEN AT LMPC who are working downtown, running errands, have kids at MDO, or who just love lunch: we would love for you to join us for a time of food and fellowship every third Thursday of the month at Market South, beginning September 16. We will be there from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Feel free to drop in for a little while, or stay the whole time!

OUR FALL MEN'S STEAK NIGHT will take place on Thursday, September 30. Men will gather in groups of about 10 people at various homes to eat meat and enjoy great fellowship. You are welcome to invite your friends. Please send an email by Thursday, September 23 to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP and to tell us who is coming with you. If you would like to be a host, please email us at mountainmen@lmpc.org.

THE LMPC HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT will take place September 24-26 at Camp ToknowHim near Pisgah, Alabama. The cost is \$125 and the deadline to register via Realm is this Wednesday, September 15. All high schoolers are welcome to attend! If you have any questions, please email annie@lmpc.org.

WHETHER YOU ARE NEWLYWEDS OR HAVE BEEN MARRIED MANY YEARS, THE MARRIAGE COURSE can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. LMPC will be offering the Marriage Course beginning Tuesday, October 5 and going for seven evenings. The course is a video series where each couple sits at their own table and interacts only with one another. It will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening in the Conference Room, and dessert will be provided. Interested? Just send an email to marriagecourse@lmpc.org. The registration deadline is Thursday, September 30.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS' SOCIETY - WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 A.M. Join us at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. for a group discussion of classic-orthodox theological works. The discussion is facilitated by Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults, and the group is currently reading J. I. Packer's *A Quest for Godliness: The Puritan Vision for The Christian Life*. All are welcome!