



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 21, 2021 | **Fellowship Hall Service**

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

based on Isaiah 40 and Jeremiah 32

Leader: The sovereign LORD sits enthroned above the circle of the earth. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

All: He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Leader: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

All: Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds!

* Hymn of praise

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely giv’n,
agent of God’s grand design: peace on earth and joy in heav’n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

text by Folliot Pierpoint, 1864; music by Conrad Kocher, 1838

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

based on 1 Peter 1 and 2

We have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Therefore, let us rid ourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, let us crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation, now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Corinthians 5 and Ephesians 2

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

All: For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

* Hymn of assurance

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when, through grace, in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood (3x), has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x), thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

text by John Newton, 1774; music by Laura Taylor, 2001

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

Offertory hymn

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

1.Christ the sure and steady an - chor in the fu - ry of the storm, when the
2.Christ the sure and steady an - chor while the tem - pest ra - ges on, when temp-
3.Christ the sure and steady an - chor through the floods of un - be - lief; blind and
4.Christ the sure and steady an - chor as we face the wave of death, when these
winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn. In the
ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has won. Deep - er
fear - ful, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry. This my
trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath. Christ the
suff - 'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his love for - ev - er
sure of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er
few, I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall ne - ver be re - moved.
cused. I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall ne - ver be re - moved.
proved. I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall ne - ver be re - moved.
true. We will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall ne - ver be re - moved.

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Sacrament of baptism

Caroline and Cross Doster bringing Duke Cross Doster (9:30)

Fiona and Patrick Johnson bringing Webb Thomas Johnson (11:00)

* Scripture reading from Luke 5:1-11

Marianne Stern

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Following Jesus"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

Becoming and being a follower of Jesus involves:

1. surrendering to Jesus' divine authority. (vv. 1-7, 9-10a)
2. seeing our pervasive sinfulness. (v. 8)
3. submitting to his gracious call. (vv. 10b-11)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response**

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;
human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue;
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
foes may hate and friends disown me; show thy face, and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine!
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heav'n, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav'n's eternal days before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission, swift shall pass my pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.
text by Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833; music by Bill Moore, 2001

* **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:

Charley Crichton – bass
Xaris Emmett – violin
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola

Charlotte Reeder – vocalist
Fred Verwoerd – vocalist
Bob Wharton – piano

IN MEMORIAM

Mary M. Chisholm

March 17, 1931 – November 17, 2021

Celebrating the baptism of Duke Cross Doster at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Caroline and Cross Doster, and his grandparents, Corinne and Freeman Doster and Diane and David Hensley.

Celebrating the baptism of Webb Thomas Johnson at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Fiona and Patrick Johnson, and his grandparents, Karen and Dan Johnson and Sue and Scott Webb.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY COLLECTION 2021: TODAY WE CONTINUE COLLECTING NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS for the Hope for the Inner City Christmas Store. You can find suggestions for gifts at lmpc.org/christmas-store and on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall lobby. Donation drop-off is in room E-204 in the children's education building. Additionally, please mark your calendar for Family Night on Wednesday, December 1, when we host the staff of Hope for the Inner City for a night of pizza, bingo, and loading the trucks with donated items.

JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The theme is "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." Nursery will be provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER WITH A COMMUNION SERVICE on November 28 at 6 p.m. in the chapel. This service includes hymns and songs of praise accompanied by piano as well as intercessory prayer and a homily.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT IN DECEMBER: Please join us for Wednesday Night Takeout meals on December 1, 8, and 15. Registration is via Realm. The cost is \$5 per meal and pick-up will be from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. under the portico. You may pay by cash, check, or Venmo (@LktMtnPC) when you pick up your meal. If you need assistance with registering, please contact the church office at 423-821-4528.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS HYMN SING on Sunday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us as we celebrate the Incarnation through the singing of hymns, listening to vocal and instrumental ensembles, and the reading of God's Word. Nursery will be provided.

ALL WOMEN OF LMPC ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON TOGETHER for an evening of fun and fellowship at Canopy on Tuesday, December 7, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

ALL VIPS ARE INVITED TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON which will be held on Thursday, December 9 in the fellowship hall at 12 noon. The Very Important Persons is a group of mostly retired adults from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship. Register via Realm or call the church office by Friday, December 3. There is no charge. Due to Covid protocol, we will have limited seating for this free event. Make your reservation soon!

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

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Donald Sutherland Holm V, born to Mary Clare and Seth Holm on November 12.