



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 9, 2022 | Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”
J. S. Bach

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

* Call to worship

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

* Hymn of praise 302

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Come, Christians, join to sing *Alleluia! Amen!*
loud praise to Christ our King; *Alleluia! Amen!*
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Come, lift your hearts on high, *Alleluia! Amen!*
let praises fill the sky; *Alleluia! Amen!*
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end. *Alleluia! Amen!*

Praise yet our Christ again, *Alleluia! Amen!*
life shall not end the strain; *Alleluia! Amen!*
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, “*Alleluia! Amen!*”

text by Christian H. Bateman, 1843; music from traditional Spanish melody, arr. David Evans, 1927, MADRID

* Prayer of adoration

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

Call to confession

Romans 3:23-24 and 1 John 1:8-9

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified
freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

**All: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth
is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will
forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Prayer of confession and silent prayers

Leader: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone. Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent prayers

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent prayers

**All: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive
us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the
glory of your name. Amen.**

Choral meditation

“Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer”

Chancel Choir

Heal us, Emmanuel, hear our prayer; we wait to feel thy touch;
deep wounded soul to thee repair, and Savior, we are such.

Our faith is feeble, we confess we faintly trust thy word;
but wilt thou pity us the less? Be that far from thee, Lord!

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief;
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried; "O help my unbelief!"
text by William Cowper, 1779; music by Johann Crüger, 1647

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

*** Hymn of assurance 455**

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825, SAGINA

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

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
text by Robert Robinson, 1758; music by John Wyeth, 1813, arr. James Mulholland, 1985

* **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 dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Luke 5:12-16**

Joe Novenson

¹²While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ¹³And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ¹⁵But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. ¹⁶But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Touching the Untouchable”

Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The leper’s desperate request (v. 12)
2. The Lord’s powerful reach (v. 13)
3. The Lord’s surprising reactions (vv. 14-16)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 679**, vv. 1, 2, 3

“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*

Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*
text by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882, TRUST IN JESUS

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”
arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

Celebrating the baptism of Hope Magdalane Gambrell at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Christy and Dave Gambrell, and her grandparents, Barb and Dan MacDougall and Kathleen and John Gambrell.

Celebrating the baptism of David Keller Bosshardt at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Maribeth and Robby Bosshardt, and his grandparents, Beth Hamrick and Elaine and David Bosshardt.

Celebrating the baptism of Wells David Bosshardt at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Mary and Jonathan Bosshardt, and his grandparents, Cynthia Gillis and Deborah and Jim Gillis and Elaine and David Bosshardt.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOME ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM LOCATIONS at the 11:00 Sunday school hour have changed. Signs are posted in the elementary area and volunteers will be available to direct you.

JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER AS WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MINISTRY PARTNERS!

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel, they* will report on their work and answer questions during the service, followed by a time for conversation over cookies and coffee. All are invited to attend. *Names omitted due to the sensitive nature of their work.

"UNFINISHED CALLING," A WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY FOR ALL AGES begins this Wednesday, January 12 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Dr. Addison Soltau, a pastor, scholar, and missionary, will teach this study of searching out the "unfinished calling" of older members of God's Kingdom.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12! Children's choirs for grades 1-5 will meet from 4:45 to 5:40 p.m. The fellowship dinner will be at 5:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by elementary classes from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. for pre-K through 5th grade. Nursery will be available for younger children. Adults are invited to linger for much-overdue fellowship and reconnection around the tables after dinner. On February 9 we will kick off a 4-week adult elective class in the Upper Room using Rebecca McLaughlin's book, *Confronting Christianity*. Please make plans to attend!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS JOIN US FOR CREATE YOUR OWN QUEST on January 14 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Please RSVP by emailing margaret@lmpc.org **by tomorrow, Monday, January 10.**

WOMEN OF LMPC JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT WINTER SUPPERS on January 20. Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in individual homes at 6:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite your friends. Registration is open via Realm. If you would like to host one of these suppers in your home, email caroline@lmpc.org.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE INVITED to join us for lunch Sunday, January 30, at 12:15 p.m. at the JHYB.

MEN OF LMPC: REGISTER VIA REALM FOR OUR MOUNTAIN MEN RETREAT which will take place February 4-6, 2022, at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge and Convention Center in Guntersville, Ala. This weekend will be an opportunity to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ, deepen fellowship with other men, and experience rest and refreshment. The cost of the weekend is \$225, which includes lodging and all meals. Richie Sessions, RUF campus minister at Vanderbilt University, will speak on "The Head and the Heart: From Knowing about Jesus to Knowing Jesus." Please join us!

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP: Have you lost a loved one to death? GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. We will meet on Fridays beginning February 4 through April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Your registration fee of \$20 includes a workbook. To register, visit lmpc.org/care-support, call the church office, or simply register at our first meeting. Contact Ed Salter at edwardsalter815@gmail.com for further information.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed for the Hedgehog Grove Event on Friday, January 21 from 5:15 to 9:00 p.m. Hedgehog Grove is a ministry that provides an evening of fun and care for children with special needs and their siblings. If you are interested in serving as a buddy to a child with special needs or their sibling, please contact Emily Brown at emily@lmpc.org.