



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 13, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

# Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

\* Call to worship

Psalm 111:1-3, 9-10

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**All: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

**All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

\* Hymn of praise

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!  
*text by Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861*

\* Prayer of adoration

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

**Hymn of confession**

"To Thee I Come"

To thee I come, a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at thy door;  
indeed, I've nowhere else to flee; O God, be merciful to me.  
To thee I come, a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak;  
from fear and weakness set me free; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner vile; upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;  
mercy through blood I make my plea; O God, be merciful to me.  
To thee I come, a sinner great, and well thou knowest all my state;  
yet full forgiveness is with thee; O God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come, a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust;  
but where thou art, Lord, I would be; O God, be merciful to me.  
To glory bring me, Lord, at last, and there, when all my sins are past,  
with all the saints I'll then agree: O, God was merciful to me!  
O, God was merciful to me!

*text by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799; music by Clint Wells, 2006*

**Silent prayers of confession****Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

taken from Psalm 103

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**\* 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**

“Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer?  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to his.  
O how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side, the Savior, he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need his power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;  
through the deepest valley he will lead.  
O the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath, I long to follow Jesus,  
for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know he will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;  
all the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,  
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

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## **Sacrament of baptism**

Lauren and Will Weeks bringing Elizabeth McArthur Weeks

### **\* Scripture reading from Luke 6:12-26**

David Fowler

<sup>12</sup>In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

<sup>17</sup>And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

### Sermon

"An Upside-Down Calling"  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

1. Jesus' prayer-filled calling of the apostles (vv. 12-16)
2. Jesus' upside-down calling to discipleship (vv. 17-26)
  - He embodies their upside-down calling. (vv. 17-19)
  - He expresses their upside-down calling. (vv. 20-26)
    - ◇ The blessing of poverty vs. the warning of riches (vv. 20, 24)
    - ◇ The blessing of hunger now vs. the warning of fullness now (vv. 21a, 25a)
    - ◇ The blessing of sorrow now vs. the warning of laughter now (vv. 21b, 25b)
    - ◇ The blessing of rejection (for the sake of Christ) vs. the warning of acceptance (vv. 22-23, 26)

### Pastoral prayer

#### \* Hymn of response

"O Church, Arise"

O church, arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our captain;  
for now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure;  
and Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.  
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\* **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*

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Joel Christie** – vocalist

**Grady Dickinson** – alto saxophone

**Maddie Lee** – vocalist

**Hannah Lutz** – viola

**Charlotte Reeder** – vocalist

**John Reeder** – piano

**Chapman Whitted** – guitar

**Celebrating the baptism** of Elizabeth McArthur Weeks at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Lauren and Will Weeks, and her grandparents, Diane and Stacy Hunt, Michelle and Roy Hendrix, and Sharon and Hal Weeks.

**The rosebud in the sanctuary today** is for the birth of Norah James Phillips, born to Emily and Paul Phillips on February 2.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS** for adult study, children's choirs, fellowship dinner, and Wednesday elementary classes. A full schedule of activities can be found at [lmpc.org/wednesday](http://lmpc.org/wednesday). To facilitate our planning, please register via Realm for the fellowship dinner.

**EVEN A GREAT MARRIAGE CAN BE BETTER!** Whether you are newlyweds or have been married many years, the Marriage Course can help you strengthen your communication and grow your relationship. The course is open to members and friends of LMPC and will be held on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, beginning this Tuesday, February 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, send an email to [marriagecourse@lmpc.org](mailto:marriagecourse@lmpc.org) or contact Larry Goodman at [ldgoodman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldgoodman@sbcglobal.net).

**PLEASE NOTE THE WOMEN'S THIRD THURSDAY DOWNTOWN LUNCH HAS CHANGED LOCATIONS.** We will now meet at 11:30 a.m. at The Feed Co. Table & Tavern at 201 W. Main Street. Please join us for food and fellowship this Thursday, February 17.

**LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR MEN'S DAY WEDNESDAY LUNCH** the fourth Wednesday of each month. This month we will meet on Wednesday, February 23 at 11:45 a.m. at Feed Co. Table & Tavern on 201 W. Main Street. Come gather with us on your lunch hour for good food and fellowship!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH VISION OF MERCY:** On Saturday, February 26, a small team of volunteers from LMPC will work alongside Vision of Mercy to serve meals to men and women experiencing homelessness in the Chattanooga area. If you are interested in helping, please contact Missions Coordinator, Stephanie Young, at [stephanie@lmpc.org](mailto:stephanie@lmpc.org).

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A SEMINAR, "IS IT ABUSE?," FEBRUARY 25-27.** In an effort to assist our congregation with on-going training, the LMPC Safeguarding Team is holding a seminar presented by Darby Strickland based on her book, *Is It Abuse? A Biblical Guide to Identifying Domestic Abuse and Helping Victims*. In three sessions, Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during both Sunday school hours, we will explore these topics and learn how to minister to those affected by abuse. In addition, there will be a Q & A Brown Bag Lunch Event for women only on Saturday from noon to 1:00 p.m. For more information on the seminar, visit [lmpc.org/domestic-abuse-seminar](http://lmpc.org/domestic-abuse-seminar).

**WE WILL OFFER OUR ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS** for youth, grades 6 to 12, interested in joining LMPC on March 4-6. The class will meet Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday school hour. Email Margaret Compton at [margaret@lmpc.org](mailto:margaret@lmpc.org) for more information and to sign up. Please include the student's name, age, and grade in the email. The deadline to register is February 25.





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**WORLD  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR "A HOPE WORTH SHARING"  
MARCH 9-13, 2022**

This year's conference will focus on our renewed zeal for evangelism and mission, on the mountain, in the city, and around the world. Join us as we welcome guests from around the world, with events available for children, youth, and adults. The full event schedule is available on printed materials around the church, and on our website at [lmpc.org/wmc2022](http://lmpc.org/wmc2022). Please plan to attend this special event.

**STAY CONNECTED WITH REALM AND THE CONNECT APP:**

Giving online through Realm or the Realm Connect App is easy and convenient! Just log in to your Realm Account, click on Giving, and click on the blue button that says "+Give", or "Make a gift" if you're on the app, to create a new gift. From there you can set up a one-time or recurring gift, select the fund, and the frequency. You also have the option to securely save your billing information in Realm, for future gifts or event payments.

Don't have a Realm account? Email [onrealm@lmpc.org](mailto:onrealm@lmpc.org) to request one.

## STEWARDSHIP 2022

We are in the midst of our annual stewardship campaign, asking you to pledge a portion of what God provides to you towards the ongoing ministries and operational needs of the church for 2022. In order to plan appropriately, it is beneficial to the church officers and staff to have pledges for what you hope and plan to give. We are pleased to announce that we have received pledges from 37% of the church membership and 45% of the funds needed for the expected ministry needs.

Our regular annual ministry and operations needs for this year (separate from the special projects in the RENEW campaign) are \$5.3 million, which includes \$1.7 million for our missions partners and \$3.6 million for programs, maintenance, and staff compensation. This is an increase of 3% over the 2021 planned ministry and operations needs, primarily for a cost of living increase for the pastors and staff of the church, an increase in giving to our missions partners of \$42,000, and an increase in our capital reserve fund (for non-RENEW projects). An example of a non-RENEW capital project is the new heat and air system that was just installed in the nursery area for over \$200,000. Please begin praying about how much you might be able to commit to give in 2022.

You can submit your giving plans in multiple ways:

- online at [lmpc.org/give](https://lmpc.org/give)
- email [pledge@lmpc.org](mailto:pledge@lmpc.org)
- place a giving plan card in the offering plate or deliver it to Woody Viveros in the church finance office