



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 20, 2022 | **Sanctuary Service**

Order of Worship

Prelude

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”
Garth Edmundson*

Welcome and announcements

Joe Novenson, pastor of senior adults

* Call to worship

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. In love, you predestined us to be adopted us as your children through Jesus Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring all things in heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

* Hymn of praise 170

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

text from Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; Silesian folk song, CRUSADER'S HYMN

* **Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

taken from Colossians 3

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2:24 and 2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; for by his wounds we have been healed.

All: **For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich.**

* **Hymn of assurance 301, vv. 1, 3, 4**

"Join All the Glorious Names"

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my pattern, and my Guide,
and thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near thy side;
nor let my feet e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

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

Offertory

"If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"

Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever;
e'en the Spirit of truth, that he may abide with you forever.
text from John 14:15-17; music by Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

* 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 6:27-36

Joe Novenson

²⁷"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bleed those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.

³⁵"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Kingdom Character” Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

1. Jesus’ radical commands (vv. 27-31)
 - Love those who hate you.
 - Treat well those who mistreat you.
 - Give to those who can’t give back.
 - Give others the preferential treatment you wish they would give you.
2. The world’s insufficient standards: Everyone loves those who love them! (vv. 32-34)
3. Our embodiment of the Father’s mercy: We love our enemies because God loved us while we were still his enemies. (vv. 35-36)

BIG IDEA: Jesus commands his followers to show extraordinary love to the least likely people.

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 585**, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

text by Frances Havergal, 1874; music by Henri César Malan, 1827, HENDON

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

RENEW update

* Postlude

“Gloria in Excelsis”
Eric H. Thiman

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Dan Rineer – guest organist

LMPC WMC 2022 “A HOPE WORTH SHARING”

Registration for both the World Missions Conference Kick-Off Dinner and Banquet begins on Monday, February 21 via Realm.

The Kick-Off Dinner on Wednesday, March 9, will begin at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to families and is free to attend, though registration is required. Nursery will be available.

The Missions Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the event is \$15 per person and registration is required. Nursery will not be provided. At this time, we are unable to accommodate food allergies by providing alternative meal options.

STEWARDSHIP 2022

Thanks to many of you who have submitted pledges to support the on-going operational and ministry needs of the church. We are pleased to announce that we have received pledges from 40% of the church membership and 51% of the funds needed for the expected ministry needs. We ask that, if you have not submitted your pledge, you prayerfully consider doing so as we would love to have 100% participation. There are multiple ways to submit your pledge, including via email to pledge@lmpc.org and on the church website at lmpc.org/pledge. We are asking that everyone submit their pledge by end of day so we can adequately prepare for ministry in 2022.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR EVENING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. This service includes hymns and songs of praise, accompanied by piano and trumpet, as well as intercessory prayer and a homily. We will continue our study in 1 Peter.

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. To facilitate our planning, **please register via Realm for the fellowship dinner.**

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.

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.

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 for more information and to sign up. Please include the student's name, age, and grade in the email. The deadline to register is this Friday, February 25.

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

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