



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 27, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 89

Leader: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

All: You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you. You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

Leader: The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.

All: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

* Hymn of praise

“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne,
they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his Word. *Refrain*

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* 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

taken from 1 Peter 1:23 and 2:1-3

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

Hymn of confession

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *Refrain*
text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by DH, 2012

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Timothy 1

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we
have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given
us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, and it has now been revealed
through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death
and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

* **Hymn of assurance**

“’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

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

Offertory hymn

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ’til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.
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* **Scripture reading from Luke 6:37-42**

Tad Dacus

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

³⁹He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”

⁴²How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Kingdom Character (Part 2)"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

True Kingdom character requires us to:

1. rightly relate to others. (vv. 37-38)
 - No longer judging and condemning others
 - Freely forgiving and giving to others
 - Receiving God's abundant blessings
2. rightly view ourselves. (vv. 39-42)
 - Called to a life of humble self-examination

"Those who do not think about their own sins make up for it by thinking incessantly about the sins of others." C. S. Lewis

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

* **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:

Eleanor Caines – vocalist
Xaris Emmett – violin
Calvin Garriott – piano

David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Hannah Lutz – viola
John Wingard – vocalist

Celebrating the baptism of Lanning Elizabeth White at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Breanne and Clif White, and her grandparents, Tracy and Dane Parker and Tammy and John White.

IN MEMORIAM
William Aaron Gauntt
May 15, 1945 - February 24, 2022

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENEW US: 31 DAYS OF PRAYER: This Sunday everyone is encouraged to pick up a copy of our new prayer guide and to join together as a congregation in the month of March to petition our great God for spiritual renewal at LMPC. God has provided prayer as one of the means of grace, through which he generally works in our lives. Jesus has told us, in John 15:5, "Apart from me you can do nothing." But in Matthew 19:26, he has promised, "With God all things are possible." As we raise our prayers together in March, may God hear our cry, "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" Psalm 85:6. Access a digital version at lmpc.org/renew-us-31-days-of-prayer.

JOIN US AT 6:00 P.M. TONIGHT IN THE CHAPEL FOR AN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE with a hymn sing.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PLEDGED to support the ongoing ministry and operations needs of the church for 2022. If you have not submitted a pledge, it is not too late. Please send an email to pledge@lmpc.org or pledge online at lmpc.org/give.

WMC CHANGE COLLECTION: This year our Change Makes a Difference coin collection will go to the purchase of Bibles through supported ministry partner, Bible Mission Global. For every \$10 collected, a Bible and a Children's Bible will be purchased for a family, printed in their own native language. The World Missions Committee will match all funds raised through the collection. Change will be collected in children's Sunday school classes and in the fellowship hall lobby through Sunday, March 13.

WMC BANQUET: Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 for the upcoming World Missions Conference Banquet. The World Missions Committee will recognize the profound contributions of LMPC members George Doepp and Hugh Maclellan to the World Missions program of LMPC. The cost of the event is \$15 per person and registration is required. Please visit lmpc.org/wmc2022 for more information on all the WMC events, Realm registrations, children's activities, and available childcare.

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.

WOMEN OF LMPC, JOIN US FOR THE BRIDGE on March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Bridge is a gathering of women of all ages, coming together for fellowship and to hear how God has been at work in the life of one of our LMPC women. Shelley George will be sharing her story at this gathering. Dinner will be provided for \$10. Please register via Realm by Monday, March 14.

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