



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 27, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

* Call to worship

taken from Psalm 104

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

All: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

* Hymn of praise

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
’tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life and health and peace.

He speaks and, list’ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

text by Charles Wesley, 1739; music by Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829

*** Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

1 John 1:8-9

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

taken from Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

All: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

All: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Ephesians 2:4-9

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 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**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
 upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
 Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
 for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;
 to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
 the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
 One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
 my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;
 with Christ, my Savior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

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

Offertory hymn

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

1. Dear re-fuge of my wear-y soul, on thee, when sor-rows rise, on
 2. Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain? And
 3. Thy mer-cy seat is o-pen still; here let my soul re-treat, with
 thee, when waves of trou-ble roll, my fain-ting hope re-lies. To
 can the ear of sov-reign grace be deaf when I com-plain? No,
 hum-ble hope at-tend thy will, and wait be-neath thy feet. Thy
 thee I tell each ris-ing grief, for thou a-lone canst hea-l.
 still the ear of sov-reign grace at-tends the mourn-er's pray-er.
 mer-cy seat is o-pen still; here let my soul re-treat,
 Thy word can bring a sweet re-lief for ev-'ry pain I feel.
 O may I ev-er find ac-cess to breathe my sor-rows there.
 with hum-ble hope at-tend thy will, and wait be-neath thy feet.

text by Anne Steele, 1716-1778; music by Kevin Twit, 1998

Sacrament of baptism

Mary Clare and Seth Holm bringing Donald Sutherland Holm V

¹¹Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Powerful Compassion of Jesus"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. Jesus' consoling compassion (vv. 11-13)
2. Jesus' commanding restoration (vv. 14-15)
3. Jesus' compelling impact (vv. 16-17)

BIG IDEA: Jesus brings true consolation in our deep losses and ultimate restoration to our needy lives.

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
upheld, protected, gathered up.

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom. *Refrain*

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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*

Musicians for this week:

Xaris Emmett – viola

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Hannah Perry – flute

Rebekah Risley – vocalist

Christina Sullivan – piano

Amy Verwoerd – vocalist

Fred Verwoerd – vocalist

Chapman Whitted – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of Donald Sutherland Holm V at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Mary Clare and Seth Holm, and his grandparents, Clare and Jonathan Kent.

Celebrating the baptism of Dorothy Charles Whittaker at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Lindsey and Robert Whittaker, and her grandparents, Brandy Rutherford, and Linda and Tom Whittaker.

Celebrating the baptism of Drake Ayers Woodruff at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his parents, Hope and Zach Woodruff, his grandparents, Susan Smisson and Melissa and Rodney Woodruff, and his great-grandparents, Betty and Bill Howell, Liz and Larry Dent, and Emma Louise Smisson.

The rosebuds in the fellowship hall today are for the birth of George Theodore "Teddy" Montgomery, born to Bekah and Kurtis Montgomery on March 22;
and the birth of Lazarus Alyosha Lutz, born to Hannah and Adam Lutz on March 23.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US AT 6:00 P.M. TONIGHT IN THE CHAPEL FOR EVENING PRAYER. This service includes hymns and songs of praise accompanied by piano, as well as intercessory prayer and a homily. We will continue our study in 1 Peter.

RENEW US: 31 DAYS OF PRAYER: In the month of March we are joining together to beseech God for spiritual renewal at LMPC. Pick up a prayer guide and join us, in personal devotion, family prayer, and small group settings. A link to the digital version is available at lmpc.org/renew-us-31-days-of-prayer.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to serve on Sunday mornings. Please contact Amy Horne at amy@lmpc.org to get involved.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT this Wednesday, March 30. Registration is via Realm and pick-up is in the porte-cochere. Please note that the registration deadline is Monday, March 28 at midnight. We will not have a dine-in option for the remainder of the semester.

MISSION TO THE WORLD UKRAINE RELIEF FUND: Mission to the World (MTW) is receiving funds to assist those who have been displaced by the conflict in Ukraine. To find out more about how to give toward their relief efforts or how to pray for those affected by the conflict, please visit mtw.org/ukraine-crisis. Please send financial gifts directly to MTW, not to LMPC.

VIPS, JOIN US ON AN OVERNIGHT TRIP to beautiful Callaway Gardens and the Biblical History Center on April 27-28. Your \$225 payment includes transportation, hotel, all meals, and tickets. Registration is via Realm and the link is available at lmpc.org/vip. Space is limited! Register by Friday, April 8.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/easter-flowers to submit and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to request is Monday, April 4.

MDO OPEN REGISTRATION will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21. Registration will be via an online form available at lmpc.org/mdo. LMPC members have priority, but all are welcome! Spots are limited.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 24, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2025. A brochure about the candidates will be available closer to the meeting date.

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

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