



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 8, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Joe Donnovin, ruling elder

* 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

“Rejoice in All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we’re satisfied.

Refrain: O rejoice in all your works, King of heaven, King of earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you’ve made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad,
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we’re satisfied. *Refrain*

May the pond’rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns. *Refrain*

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* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

James 1:23-25

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

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, but 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

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;
blind and fearful, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This, my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true;
we will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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New member vows

*** Scripture reading from Luke 8:16-25**

Marianne Stern

¹⁶“No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. ¹⁸Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

¹⁹Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. ²⁰And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” ²¹But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

²²One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, ²³and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Call of God's Word"
Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

The Word of God calls us to:

1. carefully listen, knowing that God's Word exposes the heart. (vv. 16-18)
2. consistently obey, bearing the family resemblance. (vv. 19-21)
3. confidently rest, trusting in Christ's power amid life's chaos. (vv. 22-25)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"O Great God"

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme. Conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me; make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me
through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through me.

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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:

Charley Crichton – bass
Calvin Garriott – piano
David Henry – guitar, vocalist
Jennifer Mixon – vocalist

Hannah Perry – flute
Melanie Ray – vocalist
Chapman Whitted – guitar

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Marianne Eve Speck, born to Hannah and Daniel Speck on April 28.

The rosebud in the sanctuary today is for the birth of Oliver James Gary Johnson, born to Emma and Joel Johnson on May 2.

Celebrating the baptism of Rachel Anne Lukens at the 9:30 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Margaret and Richard Lukens.

Celebrating the baptism of Isabella Snow Maclellan at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are her parents, Brooke and Reid Maclellan, and her grandparents, Lynn and Kris Lowry and Lisa and Scott Maclellan.

PILLAR AND GROUND - AN LMPC PODCAST

This new podcast series for the LMPC family is now live! Its purpose is to help us deepen our knowledge of the ground on which we stand and increase our connection to those with whom we stand together in community and mission.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TONIGHT AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A REPORT FROM LMPC MEMBERS BRAD COBB & CLAY TOLSON on their recent trip to Ukraine.

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP CLOSING PICNIC at the Town Commons this Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. Hot dogs and fellowship are on the menu. Please remember to register via Realm *by tomorrow*, Monday, May 9 so that we can plan accordingly. Last minute attendees are still welcome though.

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: Please consider joining one of our ensembles this summer! A Women's Ensemble will sing in the sanctuary in June, and a Men's Ensemble will sing in the sanctuary in July. Choral Ensembles will practice on Sunday mornings. For more information or to sign up, contact Joy Gibbons at joy@lmpc.org.

MOUNTAIN MEN, STEAK NIGHT IS THIS THURSDAY! If you haven't already, please send an email **today** to mountainmen@lmpc.org to RSVP.

VIPS, JOIN US FOR A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK! All VIPs are invited to join us for a Chattanooga Lookouts baseball game at AT&T Field on May 25 at 6:30 p.m. We'll enjoy a ballpark picnic and private indoor/outdoor seating. Price is \$15 and includes the picnic and your game ticket. Reserve your spot online or contact the church office **by this Friday, May 13**.

LIBRARY CLOSURE: The LMPC library will be closed from Monday, May 23 to Sunday, June 12 for a boiler piping repair project in the hallway.

CHOICES ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE is being held on Saturday, June 4. The Walk for Life is a non-competitive, easy walk at the Riverpark. The path is stroller and wheelchair friendly and leashed pets are welcome. If you are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Young in the Missions Office for information on how to register.

LMPC JOB OPENINGS: We are accepting applications for a Financial Assistant and a Mother's Day Out Director. See lmpc.org/job-openings-at-lmpc for more details.

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