



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 26, 2022 | **Sanctuary Service** | *George Long Preaching Series*

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, NICAEA

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**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

based on Romans 3

No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by observing the law; rather,
through the law we become conscious of sin. For all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the
redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of
atonement, through faith in his blood.

Prayer of confession

**Merciful God, your Word tells us that you pardon all who truly repent and
turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not
loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you,
our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great
compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take
your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain
us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

based on Micah 6:8, Psalm 51, and The Book of Common Prayer

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

“Depth of Mercy”

Women’s Ensemble

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God his wrath forbear; me, the chief of sinners spare?
Me, the chief of sinners spare?

I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him to his face,
would not harken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls;
grieved him by a thousand falls.

At the throne my Savior stands, holding forth his wounded hands.
Seeing him, my sin I feel, rend my heart and do his will.
He forgives and loves me still; he loves me still!

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Peter Davis, 1995

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 508, vv. 1, 3, 4**

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

text by Charles Wesley, 1740; music by Joseph Parry, 1879, ABERYSTWYTH

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

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; rejoice and sing, for God has triumphed over you.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; rejoice and sing, for God has triumphed over you.

Your foe he cleared, and conquered all your fear. The Lord your God is here with you, Emmanuel.

Rejoice, be glad with all your heart. The Lord will not depart; the Mighty One will save.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion. O sing aloud, O shout aloud, O sing with all your heart. Rejoice and sing!

text taken from Zephaniah 3:14, 17; music by Molly Ijames, 2019

* **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 Genesis 40:1-23**

Brian Salter

¹Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ²And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

⁵And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ⁶When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in custody in his master’s house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” ⁸They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

⁹So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand.” ¹²Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. ¹³In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh’s cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

¹⁶When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head.” ¹⁸And Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. ¹⁹In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

²⁰On the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand. ²²But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Faith for the Long Haul”

Gabe Fluhrer, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga

1. Faith ministers. (vv. 6-7)
2. Faith trusts God’s sovereignty. (v. 8)
3. Faith trusts God’s providence. (vv. 14-15)

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 660**

“O God beyond All Praising”

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

text by Michael Perry, 1982; music from Gustav Holst's The Planets, 1918, THAXTED

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

Summer Women's Ensemble:

Luisa Baxley

Sharon Hoven

Julie Reinink

Peggy Bode

Maddie Lee

Susan Smisson

Pam Bowers

Terry Maclellan

Joan Stanton

Viona Brown

Michal Parsley

Amy Verwoerd

Margaret Compton

Hallie Blair Quatro

Stephanie Wharton

Dorcas Crenshaw

Melanie Ray

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Caulkins Bookout

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GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES GUEST SPEAKER, GABRIEL FLUHRER

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer (B.A. University of South Carolina, MDiv. Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Ph.D. Westminster Theological Seminary) currently serves as the senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga. Gabe grew up in Greenville, South Carolina. God saved him after graduating from USC and he has served as an assistant minister at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC, First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MS, and First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. He was also the founding pastor and church planter of Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC. He is the editor of several books and the author of *Alive: How the Resurrection of Christ Changes Everything* (Ligonier Ministries, 2020). He is married with three children. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, golf, and Gamecock football.



GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

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Previous speakers have included:

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TO SING FAVORITE HYMNS in the chapel for Evening Prayer tonight at 6:00 p.m.

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINNING JULY 3: As we ask for the renewal of our hearts before the face of God, our study of Deuteronomy will help us understand the nature of the covenant and what covenant renewal might look like.

MDO TEACHERS NEEDED: Mother's Day Out is looking for teachers, aides, and substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a great way to minister to families, earn some money, and fellowship with other women. If interested, please email Megan DeMoss, MDO Director, at megan@lmpc.org.

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