



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 28, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of outreach

* **Call to worship**

based on 1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

* **Hymn of praise**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

text by Francis of Assisi, 1225; German tune, 1623

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of faith

taken from Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Leader: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

All: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Call to confession

based on Titus 2

The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, a people eager to do what is good.

Hymn of confession

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r:
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more;
he is able, he is able, he is willing; doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam;
this he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save;
not the righteous, not the righteous—sinners Jesus came to save.

text by Joseph Hart, 1759; music by B. F. White, 1844

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 John 3:1 and Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9

Leader: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

All: 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. 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

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

text by Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; music by Thomas John Williams, 1890

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

Offertory hymn

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

text by Kate Wilkinson, 1925; music by DH, 2016

*** Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 4:15-31**

Emmie Thompson

¹⁵Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, ¹⁶beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, ¹⁸the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. ¹⁹And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. ²⁰But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day. ²¹Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance. ²²For I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land. ²³Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. ²⁴For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

²⁵When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, so as to provoke him to anger, ²⁶I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed. ²⁷And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. ²⁸And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

²⁹“But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice. ³¹For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“Guard Your Hearts from Idols”
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

God’s covenant people are:

1. called to constant watchfulness because of our idolatrous tendencies. (vv. 15-24)
2. given clear warnings about the consequences of our idolatry. (vv. 25-28)
3. promised compassionate welcome upon our repentance of idolatry. (vv. 29-31)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow’st all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

text by George Matheson, 1882; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

*** 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**

Musicians for this week:

Anna Davis – flute

Mary Boyde Funches – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

David Kaufmann – bass

Hannah Lutz – viola

Charlotte Reeder – vocals

John Reeder – piano

Fred Verwoerd – vocals

ALL REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 7.

- Adult elective: “The Gospel Matters” (4:30 p.m.)
- Children’s Choirs (4:45 p.m.)
- Wednesday Fellowship Dinner* (5:45 p.m.)
- Nursery available (6:00 to 7:00 p.m.)
- Evening Prayer (6:00 p.m.)
- Adult elective: “Telling a Better Story” (6:10 p.m.)
- Chancel Choir (6:15 p.m.)
- Kids Clubs (6:15 p.m.)
- Middle School Youth Group (6:30 p.m.)

Find more information at Impc.org/wednesday.

*Prices for the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner are now \$6 for teens and adults, \$4 for 6-12-year-olds, and free for 5-year-olds and under. Family max is \$20.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU NEED TO REACH A PASTOR DURING AN EMERGENCY outside of church office hours, you may now choose a new option on the church answering machine. Listen for the option to leave a message for a pastor. Your message will then be sent to the pastors so that one of them may get back with you as soon as possible.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP FALL KICKOFF DINNER: Please join us in the fellowship hall today at 6:00 p.m. to begin the ministry year. Dinner will be provided by Bob's Brick Oven Pizza, and worship will be led by Jennifer Daniels. Come learn how you can get involved! No registration required; cost is \$10.

REGISTER FOR FAMILY CAMP TODAY. You won't want to miss this incredible weekend of fellowship and fun for all ages at Alpine Camp from September 9 to 11. Spots are filling up fast; register on Realm.

JESUS AND SEXUALITY: The Gospel speaks to all areas of our lives, including our sexuality. Please make plans to join us in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14 to hear pastor, author, and apologist Sam Allberry speak on this topic.

BUILD-A-BAG: Help feed our community by participating in this food drive benefitting the Chattanooga Area Salvation Army. Pick up a bag now in the fellowship hall lobby or Narthex to fill and bring back before Sunday, September 11.

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