



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 11, 2022 | **Fellowship Hall Service**

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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**Welcome and greetings**

John Wingard, ruling elder

\* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 99

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

**All: Great is the LORD in Zion; you are exalted over all the nations. Let us praise your great and awesome name—for you are holy.**

Leader: You are the mighty King and you love justice. We exalt you, our LORD and God, and worship at your footstool, for you are holy.

**All: We exalt you, O LORD our God, for you are holy!**

\* **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**

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**Silent prayers of confession****Assurance of God’s pardoning grace**

1 John 4:9-10, 15

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

**\* Hymn of assurance***“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”*

And can it be that I should gain an int’reast in the Savior’s blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left his Father’s throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.  
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
*text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Thomas Campbell, 1825*

**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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## Sacrament of baptism

Christy and Dave Gambrell bringing Edmund Boaz Gambrell

### \* Scripture reading from Luke 9:46-62

Dottie Paden

<sup>46</sup>An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup>But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side <sup>48</sup>and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.” <sup>49</sup>John answered, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.” <sup>50</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you.”

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**

#### **Sermon**

"Where Following Jesus Leads"  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Faithfully following Jesus will lead to:

1. a proper understanding of greatness resulting in humble service. (vv. 46-50)
2. a merciful spirit toward those who oppose Jesus. (vv. 51-56)
3. an unwavering allegiance in spite of discomforts and distractions. (vv. 57-62)

#### **Pastoral prayer**

\* Hymn of response

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”



1. Mine are days that God has num-bered; I was made to walk with him. Yet I  
2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row, dark-ness not yet un-der-stood. Through the  
3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger, pil-grim on a nar-row way. One with  
4. Come, re-joice now, O my spir-it, for his love is my re-ward. Fear is



look for world-ly trea-sure and for-sake the King of kings. But mine is  
val-ley I must tra-vel, where I see no earth-ly good. But mine is  
Christ, I will en-coun-ter harm and ha-tred for his name. But mine is  
gone and hope is cer-tain; Christ is mine for-ev-er-more. And mine are



hope in my Re-deem-er; though I fall, his love is sure. For Christ has  
peace that flows from heav-en, and the strength in times of need. I know my  
ar-mor for this bat-tle, strong e-nough to last the war; and he has  
keys to Zi-on ci-ty, where be-side the King I walk; for there my



paid for ev-'ry fail-ing; I am his for-ev-er-more.  
pain will not be wast-ed; Christ com-pletes his work in me.  
said he will de-liv-er safe-ly to the gol-den shore.  
heart has found its trea-sure; Christ is mine for-ev-er-more.

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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

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### Musicians for this week:

**Maddie Lee** – piano  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Sam Miller** – violin  
**Jennifer Mixon** – vocals

**Hannah Perry** – vocals  
**Fred Verwoerd** – vocals  
**Chapman Whitted** – guitar

**Celebrating the baptism** of Edmund Boaz Gambrell at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Christy and Dave Gambrell, and his grandparents, Barb and Dan MacDougall and Kathleen and John Gambrell.

**Celebrating the baptism** of George Theodore Montgomery at the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Bekah and Kurtis Montgomery, his grandparents, Joyce and Herb Politano, Linda and Mark Nicoson, and Leslie and Mike Montgomery, and his great-grandparents, Diane and Jim Williams.

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BUILD-A-BAG ENDS TODAY!** Please return your bag to the Small Conference Room for the Salvation Army food collection. Volunteers are needed to help load filled bags onto the truck on Tuesday, September 13; meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Small Conference Room if you can help.

**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.

**THE SEPTEMBER VIP EVENT** will be held on Monday, September 19 in the Jane Harris Youth Building. Join us for trivia and an ice cream social beginning at 6:30 p.m. Form a team of 5-6 people, or join a team when you arrive. Earn two additional points for your team by bringing an umbrella to donate to Shepherd's Arms Rescue Mission. Cost is \$5; please register by September 16 on Realm. If you need help, please call the church office.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A HEDGEHOG GROVE** event on Friday, September 23 from 5:15 to 9:00 p.m. Hedgehog Grove is a ministry that provides an evening of fun and care for children with special needs and their siblings. If you are interested in serving as a buddy to a child with special needs or their sibling, please contact Emily Brown at [emily@lmpc.org](mailto:emily@lmpc.org).

**COLLEGE LUNCHEON:** All college students are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, September 25, at 12:15 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building.

**THE NEXT WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS** are on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Choose the book and dinner destination you would like to attend and register on Realm. Book options are *The Screwtape Letters*, *Everything Sad is Untrue*, and *Liturgy of the Ordinary*.

**THE 2022 WOMEN'S RETREAT** will be held November 4-6 at Lake Guntersville State Park. These retreats happen every three years in the life of our church and are a great time of fellowship, growth, and rest. Susan Tyner will speak on the topic of contentment. You will not want to miss this! Registration is now open in Realm, and the deadline is October 24. Cost is \$230.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit [lmpc.org/news](http://lmpc.org/news)*

## **EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE**

Beginning Sunday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m., our evening communion service will take place in the sanctuary on the third Sunday of every month, and will combine the beauty of the sanctuary with the instrumentation of the fellowship hall. Our pastoral staff will preach a series through 2 Timothy, and we will celebrate communion in a manner similar to our Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week. Nursery will be provided. We encourage everyone to attend, including small groups that meet on Sunday nights, that we might enjoy the unifying and nourishing power of the Lord's Supper together.