



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 16 , 2022 | **Sanctuary Service**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

Fugue in G Minor
J. S. Bach

Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

Instrumental meditation

"Be Still, My Soul"
(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #689)

* **Call to worship**

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

Leader: All glorious God, we give you thanks, for in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

All: You chose us, before the creation of the world, to be your people, holy and blameless in your sight. In love, you predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: You have made known to us the mystery of your will, to bring all things in heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All: All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

* **Hymn of praise 38**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

text by Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; music from Traditional Welsh hymn melody, JOANNA (or ST. DENIO)

* Prayer of adoration

New member vows

Call to confession

James 1:23-26

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. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Chancel Choir

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the Kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church that we
may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

text by Martin Luther, 1483-1546; arr. David von Kampen, 2022

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

taken from Colossians 2:10, 13-14

We have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. When we were dead in our sins and in the uncircumcision of our sinful nature, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

* **Hymn of assurance**

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
Make our love, O God, more faithful, let us take you at your word;
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.
text by Frederick William Faber, 1862; music by John Zundel, 1870, BEECHER

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

Offertory

“Grace”

Chancel Choir

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch, a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found;
I once was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and that same grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already safely come;
this grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and surely grace will lead me home; I shall go home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than since the day we first begun,
than since the day we first begun.

text adapted from John Newton; traditional celtic melody, arr. Mark Hayes, 1993

* **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 Isaiah 63:7-19**

Wil Nettleton

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

¹⁵Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and beautiful habitation. Where are your zeal and your might? The stirring of your inner parts and your compassion are held back from me. ¹⁶For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. ¹⁷O LORD, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. ¹⁸Your holy people held possession for a little while; our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary. ¹⁹We have become like those over whom you have never ruled, like those who are not called by your name.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Renewed Hearts"

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

True renewal in the hearts of God's people comes as we:

1. recount God's covenant love and mercy in salvation. (vv. 7-9)
2. lament our rebellion and embrace the kindness of God's discipline to bring us to repentance. (vv. 10-14)
3. cling to his covenant promises and cry out for his mercy in our failure. (vv. 15-19)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 521**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
text by Edward Mote, 1834; music by William B. Bradbury, 1863, SOLID ROCK

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

*** Postlude**

Postlude in D
Henry Smart

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director, piano

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Cabell Clancy Doster, born to Caroline and Cross Doster on October 8.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN RESPONSE to the devastation caused by Hurricane Ian, the Home Missions Committee has given a gift towards Mission to North America's Disaster Relief work in Florida. If you would like information on how to give or the work being done, please email Stephanie Young in the missions office, stephanie@lmpc.org.

AS WE PREPARE TO SERVE ALONGSIDE WIDOWS HARVEST FOR SERVE THE CITY, we will be collecting various items for distribution (find list at lmpc.org/serve-the-city). Leave donations in the marked box in the fellowship hall lobby near the coat rack no later than Wednesday, October 26.

A NEW ADULT ELECTIVE will run from October 19 to November 16 on Wednesday nights in the Upper Room at 6:00 p.m. Taught by Robert Row, "Discovering Jesus as a Person" is a seminar that will renew your love for the center of our faith.

THE BRIDGE is a gathering of women of all ages coming together to fellowship. Join us in the fellowship hall this Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner provided for \$10. Please register via Realm Connect by tomorrow, October 17.

THE FIRESIDE/REDEEMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will begin a new series on October 23 at 9:30 a.m., taught by Jim Richter. How can we live with joy in lives where circumstances are often unclear or confusing, and where death and judgment await us? The book of Ecclesiastes addresses these issues with stark reality.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 is the final day to register on Realm Connect for the 2022 Women's Retreat at Lake Guntersville State Park, November 4-6.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Tuesday, October 25 from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall to eat together and hear a word of encouragement. Invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come along with you.

THE TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL is Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga. Nursery will be provided; please email Grace, grace@1stpresbyterian.com, if you have need of it.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING will take place on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Please attend if you volunteer in a ministry with minors or are simply interested in learning our policies and procedures.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS AN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT TIME for those grieving a loved one. Find support and encouragement at the GriefShare seminar, Surviving the Holidays, on Saturday, November 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Reception Room. Please register on Realm Connect.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals were recently received by the Session into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Hendley Badcock
Chris and Jim Blankenship
Kyra Brower
Nellie and A.J. Cheek
Robert Clark
Evie Conrad

Sarah and Mark Ellis
David Fray
Lee Ann and Doug Glidewell
Dustin Hayes
Rachel and David Kaufmann
Patricia and Larry Nagle

Jan and Spencer Owen
David Phillips
Jeanne Phillips
Sandy Pierce
Margaret and Tom Stewart
Fern and Charles Woods

SERVE THE CITY: OCTOBER 29, 2022, 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Registration is now open on Realm Connect for Serve the City, LMPC's annual day of service to our Strategic Partner Ministries. We will visit, serve, and learn more about our partner ministries before returning to LMPC for a picnic lunch (provided).

Opportunities are available for individuals, families, and small groups and include packing and distributing food, assisting widows with yard work and house maintenance, and working in a community garden.

If you need assistance securing childcare in order to participate, contact Amy Horne at amy@lmpc.org no later than October 20.

The ministries we will serve alongside are: Amani ya Juu Chattanooga, Church of the First Born, Hope for the Inner City, Vision of Mercy, and Widows Harvest.

LMPC PRAYER LIST:

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office (423-821-4528) or email margaret@lmpc.org. Requests in the "Current Needs" sections will remain on the list for up to two weeks. If your need persists beyond that time, please call with an update or to request an extension. The prayer list is sent out by email each Friday to those who request to be on the PrayLMPC distribution list. Print copies of the prayer list are available each Sunday morning in the Narthex and fellowship hall lobby.