



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 23, 2022 | Fellowship Hall Service

\* *Congregation standing as you are able*

## Order of Worship

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Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

\* Call to worship

based on Isaiah 40

Leader: The sovereign LORD sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.  
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them  
out like a tent to live in. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:  
Who created all these?

**All: He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each  
by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one  
of them is missing.**

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting  
God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**All: He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can  
fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of  
the weak.**

\* Hymn of praise

“Come, People of the Risen King”

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev’ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from ev’ry land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world his people sing; shore to shore we hear them call  
the truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all.” *Refrain*

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## \* Prayer of adoration

### Call to confession

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

### Prayer of confession

based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Leader: Love is patient, love is kind.

**All: Lord, forgive us for our impatience with others and our unwillingness to wait for you. Forgive us for our harsh thoughts and actions toward others.**

Leader: Love does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

**All: Lord, forgive us for the sinful desires in our hearts that reveal jealousy toward our neighbor. Forgive us for our arrogance, self-centeredness, and self-reliance.**

Leader: Love is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

**All: Lord, forgive us for the condescending and spiteful manner in which we sometimes speak to others, and for pursuing our own desires above all else. Forgive us for being quick to respond to those around us in frustration and anger, and for holding on so tightly to the ways we have been wronged by others.**

Leader: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**All: Lord, form us into people who sincerely rejoice in the beautiful truth of who you are. Teach us to protect, trust, hope, and persevere as you shape us to be more like you through the precious blood of Jesus. Amen.**

### 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**                    “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Refrain:*     Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*  
text by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

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

**Offertory hymn**    “He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

*Refrain:*     He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;  
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.  
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*  
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\* **Scripture reading from Isaiah 64:1-12**

James Stevens

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your

presence. <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people. <sup>10</sup>Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. <sup>11</sup>Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. <sup>12</sup>Will you restrain yourself at these things, O LORD? Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?

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

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

**Sermon** "Longing for Renewal and Restoration"  
Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

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

1. earnestly long for God's unmistakable intervention. (vv. 1-5a)
2. honestly face our long-standing sins. (vv. 5b-7)
3. desperately cry out for God's restorative work. (vv. 8-12)

### **Pastoral prayer**

\* **Hymn of response** "O Church, Arise"

O church, arise, and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our captain; for now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; an army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure;  
and Christ will have the prize for which he died: an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.  
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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.**

**Renew update**

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**Musicians for this week:**

**Xaris Emmett** – violin  
**Maddie Lee** – piano  
**Hannah Lutz** – viola  
**Jennifer Mixon** – vocals

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

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOIN US THIS EVENING FOR AN UPDATE ON CRATES FOR UKRAINE** from Khrystyia and Clarke Norton of MTW Ukraine at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

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

**THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26** is the last day to register on Realm Connect for Serve the City. You will not want to miss this opportunity to serve alongside your church family and our Strategic Partner Ministries on Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**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](http://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.

**GUEST SPEAKERS PETE EVANS AND RALPH CUNNINGTON WILL JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY.** LMPC welcomes two of our church planting pastors from the United Kingdom Partnership to LMPC's pulpits, Sunday, October 30.

**THE TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL** is next Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. Join us at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga. Enjoy hymns and readings of the faith, congregational singing, and the combined choirs of LMPC and First Presbyterian, co-directed by Joy Gibbons and Darrin Hassevoort. Nursery will be provided; please email Grace, [grace@1stpresbyterian.com](mailto:grace@1stpresbyterian.com), if you have need of it.

**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.

**ADULTS AGES 23-40 ARE INVITED TO HAPPY HOUR** at Canopy, Lookout Mountain, TN, for an evening of food and fellowship on Tuesday, November 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Appetizers will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. Register on Realm Connect.

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

## **WORLD MISSIONS PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: THE UK PARTNERSHIP**

The United Kingdom Partnership (UKP) was established in 2013 by Reverend Ed Norton, Pastor of Global Outreach at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, and our own Senior Associate Pastor, Frank Hitchings.

The UKP seeks to help foster and fund indigenous church planters in the United Kingdom who hold to the tenets of the Reformed faith. The UKP has no paid staff or financial accounts, and there is no fee to join. It exists solely to connect Reformed US churches with Reformed UK church planters, primarily from the Free Church of Scotland, The International Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales, and The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

Since 2013, Reformed US churches in the partnership have given over \$3,000,000 for that purpose. There are currently 26 US partners and 22 UK planters. Though the financial support of US churches is a key component of the UKP, the partnership is about far more than money. It is about establishing relationships.

LMPC is privileged to support five church plants in the UK, including:

- Canada Water Church in London: Pastor Kruger de Kock
- City Church Manchester: Co-Pastors: Ralph Cunnington and Matt Waldock
- Christ Church Central in Leeds: Pastor Jonty Rhodes
- Trinity Church in Manchester: Co-Pastors: Malc Clark and Pete Evans
- Christ Church in Glasgow: Pastor Jonathan de Groot

## **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](mailto: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.