



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* **Call to worship**

taken from Psalm 9

Leader: We will praise you, O LORD, with our whole hearts; we will tell of all your wonders.

All: **We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: **Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

* **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 and the Lord's prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Offertory hymn

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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* **Scripture reading from Hebrews 12:1-2**

David Fowler

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

“Jesus, Our Fixation”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

As we face a new year and continue our race of faith, let us:

1. remember the cloud of witnesses. (v. 1a)
2. throw off all hindrances and entangling sin. (v. 1b)
3. run with persevering endurance. (v. 1c)
4. fix our eyes on Jesus. (v. 2)

Pastoral prayer

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Musicians for this week:

Ismael Bartolome – violin

William Darby – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Ellie Henry – vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. This celebration is a sacred time during which God's people enjoy communion with him and unity with each other. We believe that the Lord's Supper is meant for the body of Christ as a gathered, corporate reality and not merely for personal or individual edification. For this reason, the livestream is ending at the conclusion of the sermon and will not include the celebration of the sacrament.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN OUR WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS on January 26, 6:00 p.m. These fellowship dinners will be hosted in individual homes and are an opportunity to connect with women across various ages and stages of life. Invite your friends and neighbors; please register on Realm Connect. If you are interested in hosting one of our Winter Suppers, please email Caroline Scruggs, caroline@lmpc.org.

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