



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22, 2023 | Sanctuary Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”
arr. Michael Burkhardt

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Welcome and announcements

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

* Call to worship

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Hymn of praise 7

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise;
let the Redeemer’s name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.

text based on Psalm 117, by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of the law: the second commandment

Leader: What is the second commandment?

All: The second commandment is: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Leader: What does the second commandment require?

All: The second commandment requires us to receive, respectfully perform, and preserve completely and purely all the regulations for religion and worship that God has established in his Word.

Leader: What does the second commandment forbid?

All: The second commandment forbids our worshiping God with images or in any other way not established in his Word.

Leader: What are the reasons for the second commandment?

All: The reasons for the second commandment are that God totally rules over us, that we belong to him, and that he is eager to be worshiped correctly.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 49-52

Call to confession

taken from Romans 3:20-24

No one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Prayer of confession

Leader: O Lord, your law is perfect, making wise the simple. In your law, you have provided for us clear guidance concerning how we are to worship you.

All: Forgive us for the ways we have added to or subtracted from your commands. Forgive us for being indifferent, or even hostile, to your rule and reign in our hearts. Cultivate in us a deep desire for your Word that we might follow it in loving obedience.

Leader: Keep our actions and thoughts pure and true so that we rightly and reverently worship you alone.

All: Prevent us from attempting to re-shape you into the image of our own insecurities, imaginations, fears, and ideas. Enable us to know you as you have revealed yourself to us in your Word.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“God Be in My Head”

Chancel Choir Women

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking, and in my looking.

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking, and in my speaking.

God be in my heart; God be in my heart.
God be at my end and my beginning, and all days in between.
text adapted from the Book of Hours, 1514; music by Andrea Ramsey, 2010

Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

taken from Romans 5:6-8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* Hymn of assurance 308

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*
text by Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music by John T. Grape, 1868, ALL TO CHRIST

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

Offertory

"Think on These Things"

Chancel Choir

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just and pure, lovely, of good repute;
whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just and pure, lovely, of good repute;
if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, if there be any virtue,
think on these things, think on these things, think on these things.

And the God of peace, and the God of peace, and the God of peace
shall be with you, shall be with you.

Think on these things, think on these things. Amen.
text based on Philippians 4:8-9; music by Craig Courtney, 2013

*** 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 Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-10**

Wil Nettleton

¹And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them."

God said: ⁶"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

⁷"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁸“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁹You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ¹⁰but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“No Idols”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

In order to show us how to rightly worship the living God, God’s law provides:

1. a necessary corrective. (v. 8)
2. a sobering warning. (v. 9)
3. an encouraging promise. (v. 10)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 660**

“O God beyond All Praising”

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

text by Michael Perry, 1982; music from Gustav Holst’s The Planets, 1918, THAXTED

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals”
(A Victory Song of Israel)
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ, piano

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAKING DECISIONS AT THE END OF LIFE for ourselves and loved ones can be challenging. Our Care for the Caregiver Group will have a special guest presentation by Bill Davis on this topic on Tuesday, January 24 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Reception Room. No prior registration is required.

WOMEN'S WINTER SUPPERS will be on Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m., taking place in individual homes for the purpose of connecting with other women. Invite your friends and neighbors; please register on Realm Connect.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, January 29, at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building.

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 23 AND UP are invited to Canopy, Lookout Mountain, for an evening of food and fellowship on Friday, February 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Appetizers provided and drinks available for purchase.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE will be held on Tuesday evenings from February 14 until March 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 and dessert will be provided. Please register on Realm Connect by Sunday, February 12.

A DOMESTIC ABUSE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THREE SESSIONS on February 24-26. In an effort to assist our congregation with ongoing training, the LMPC Safeguarding Team invites you to a seminar presented by Darby Strickland based on her book, *Is It Abuse? A Biblical Guide to Identifying Domestic Abuse and Helping Victims*. For more information about each session, visit lmpc.org/domestic-abuse-seminar.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS will be held for youth in grades 6-12 interested in joining LMPC. The class will be March 3-5 and meet on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Email Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org for more information and to sign up; please include the student's name, grade, and age. The deadline to register is February 24. If you have a child younger than grade 6 asking about church membership, please contact Chad Middlebrooks; the process for elementary students is different.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR 2023 WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE, "By All Means: Reaching the Lost in the 21st Century," will be held March 15-19. Plan to join us as we explore missional themes such as Church Planting in the Post-Christian West, Scripture Engagement, Creative Access, and Empowering Nationals.

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

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