

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 29, 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

Psalm 96:1-9

- Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- All: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

* Hymn of praise "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia! Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *text by Francis of Assisi*, 1225; German tune, 1623

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of the law: the third commandment

Leader: What is the third commandment?

- All: The third commandment is: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
- Leader: What does the third commandment require?
- All: The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, qualities, regulations, Word, and works.
- Leader: What does the third commandment forbid?
- All: The third commandment forbids our treating as unholy or abusing anything God uses to make himself known.
- Leader: What is the reason for the third commandment?
- All: The reason for the third commandment is that the Lord our God will not allow those who break this commandment to escape his righteous judgment, although they may escape punishment from men.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 53-56

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.

Hymn of confession

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea. Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now. Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress. I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face. I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just, let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice. From my sins O hide thy face; blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true. Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me. Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart. *text from* The Psalter, *1912; music by Christopher Miner*, *1997*

Prayer of confession

- Leader: Our Father in heaven, you taught us to pray, "Hallowed be your name," yet our words and our actions reveal how little we think of you.
- All: Forgive us for so often speaking of you thoughtlessly, casually, and selfishly. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to represent you faithfully in every dimension of our lives.
- Leader: Teach us to truly know your character and love, that we might live in holy reverence and fear of you.
- All: Forgive us for using your name for our own personal advancement. Forgive us for placing your name on our lips flippantly when we worship you together. Your name is above all names. Strengthen us that we may lift your name high in all things and at all times.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

* Hymn of assurance "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: he has washed us with his blood (3x), he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: he has washed us with his blood (3x), he presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; when, through grace, in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: he who washed us with his blood (3x), has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky: "Thou hast washed us with thy blood (3x), thou art worthy, Lamb of God!" *text by John Newton*, 1774; *music by Laura Taylor*, 2001

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

Offertory hymn "Ch

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him. Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure. For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing; I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood. Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good. But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need. I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way. One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name. But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war; and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore. Come, rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward. Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore. And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk; for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore. *text and music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson* © 2016 *CityAlight Music ARR, UBP, CCLI Lic.*#152036

* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11

Linda Dacus

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.

¹¹"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Hallowed Be Your Name" Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

- 1. The heart of the command
 - Right reverence and gravitas when speaking of God
- 2. The breadth and depth of our command breaking
 - Associating with God's name with our lips but damaging his reputation with our lives
 - Using God's name in a profane and obscene manner
 - Swearing by God's name in an oath only to lie in testimony and vows

- Exploiting God's name for our own self-advancement and gain
- Worshipping in God's name casually and flippantly
- 3. Our hope in Jesus who perfectly keeps the command and pays the penalty for those who break it

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. *text by Robert Robinson*, 1758; *music by Asahel Nettleton*, 1825

* 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

Musicians for this week:

Seth Bergeron – vocals Xaris Emmett – violin David Henry – guitar, vocals Hannah Lutz – viola Anna Stroud – vocals Christina Sullivan – piano Christley Vaughn – vocals Sophia Wiersema – cello

The rosebud in the fellowship hall today is for the birth of Parker Dean Ledbetter, born to KK and Austin Ledbetter on January 23.

FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE OVERFLOW

The 9:30 fellowship hall service is now regularly reaching full seating capacity. We are grateful for those who frequent this service; here are two ways we are seeking to faithfully accommodate all who attend:

- We will now set up overflow in the Reception Room each Sunday, just as the sanctuary service has overflow in the chapel. This will allow for fewer distractions, keeping the fellowship hall lobby open for traffic flow.
- You may go upstairs to the sanctuary and attend that service as an alternative. The same sermon text and outline is used in both locations with commonality of liturgy, though different in musical style.

As always, please do not hesitate to seek assistance from one of our ushers, who will guide you to an open seat. Thank you for your patience as we seek to steward our growth to God's glory and to each of our good.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE for the 2023 budget, please do so by choosing the "Give" option on Realm Connect, visiting lmpc.org/give, or emailing pledge@lmpc.org.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to join us for lunch TODAY at 12:15 p.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building.

EVERY THURSDAY MORNING from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., the Thursday Morning Prayer & Bible group meets in the Reception Room. Come study God's Word together and pray. No registration required.

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.

VIPS, JOIN US FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH at STIR, located at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Meet at 11:30 a.m. for the meal before viewing *A Man Called Otto* at AMC Majestic Theater on Broad Street at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$20; register by February 10 on Realm Connect or by contacting the church office.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE will be held on Tuesday evenings from February 14 until March 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Strengthen your communication and grow your relationship during this video course. The cost is \$50 and dessert will be provided. 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 on 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.

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