



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 5, 2023 | Sanctuary Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

Prelude on “Brother James’ Air”
Searle Wright

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Welcome and announcements

Derek Halvorson, president of Covenant College

Call to worship

based on Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Open for us the gates of righteousness; we will enter and give thanks
to the LORD.

**All: We will give thanks, for you answered us and have become our
salvation.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD
has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn of praise 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*
text by Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923; music by William M. Runyan, 1923, FAITHFULNESS

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of the law: the fourth commandment

Leader: What is the fourth commandment?

All: The fourth commandment is: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Leader: What does the fourth commandment require?

All: The fourth commandment requires us to set apart to God the times he has established in his word—specifically one whole day out of every seven as a holy Sabbath to him.

Leader: What does the fourth commandment forbid?

All: The fourth commandment forbids failing to do or carelessly doing what we are supposed to do. It also forbids treating the day as unholy by loafing, by doing anything in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thinking, talking about, or working on our worldly affairs or recreations.

Leader: What are the reasons for the fourth commandment?

All: The reasons for the fourth commandment are these: God allows us six days of the week to take care of our own affairs; he claims the seventh day as his own; he sets the example; and he blesses the Sabbath.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 57, 58, 61, 62

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

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand.
 I can no longer voice one request or one demand.
 My cup of tears is empty; I can no longer cry.
 My lips have fallen silent; my prayer is but a sigh.

Refrain: Spirit, come and rest your ear upon my heart.
 O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea,
 and take them far away from me.
 Take them from this heart of mine, to the Father's heart divine.
 Speak in tones unknown to man, that God may hear and understand.

My voice is weak from calling to you both night and day.
 How long will you be silent? Why do you turn away? *Refrain*
text by Pamela Martin; music by Craig Courtney, 2006

* **Gloria Patri 735**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen, amen.**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-15**

Derek Halvorson

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.

¹²"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any

work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Sabbath: A Day of Rest and Gladness"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

The fourth commandment brings us into:

1. a new way of thinking about time. (vv. 12-14a)
 - Our time is not our own.
 - God has given specific directives for our joy and well-being.
2. a changed perspective on worship, work, and rest. (v. 14)
 - Worship: a celebratory invitation
 - Work: a corrupted gift
 - Rest: a communal blessing
3. a deepening understanding of our past, present, and future. (v. 15)
 - Remembering our redemption changes the rhythms of our lives.

Pastoral prayer

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.

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director
Gaelin Knight – piano

Joshua Knight – organ
Travis Knight – soloist

IN MEMORIAM

Robert "Bob" Marshall

September 17, 1937 – January 14, 2023

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME Brennan Griffin, who will be joining us as LMPC's new Director of Children's Ministry. Brennan earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Furman University, her master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Georgia, and her specialist degree in educational leadership and administration from Lincoln Memorial University. She has spent the last 20 years teaching in Walker County at Fairyland Elementary School. Brennan will join the LMPC staff full-time in June.

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT ELECTIVE from 4:30-5:30 p.m. will be postponed until further notice.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE will be held on Tuesday evenings from February 14 until March 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 and dessert will be provided. You and your spouse will be seated at a table to discuss the video course only with each other. Even a great marriage can be better! Register on Realm Connect by Sunday, February 12.

VIPS, JOIN US FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH on February 14 at 11:30 a.m. at STIR, located at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Cost is \$20; register by February 10 on Realm Connect or by contacting the church office. The VIP group is made up of mostly retired adults from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship.

A DOMESTIC ABUSE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THREE SESSIONS, from February 24 to 26, presented by Darby Strickland. 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.

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

