



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 12, 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 36:5-7 and Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

All: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. How priceless is your unfailing love!

Leader: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

* **Hymn of praise**

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

text by Henry Lyte, 1834; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

* Prayer of adoration

Affirmation of the law: the fifth commandment

Leader: What is the fifth commandment?

All: The fifth commandment is: Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Leader: What does the fifth commandment require?

All: The fifth commandment requires us to respect and treat others, whether above, below, or equal to us, as their position or our relationship to them demands.

Leader: What does the fifth commandment forbid?

All: The fifth commandment forbids being disrespectful to or not treating others as their position or relationship to us demands.

Leader: What is the reason for the fifth commandment?

All: The reason for the fifth commandment is the promise of long life and prosperity, if these glorify God and are for the good of those who obey this commandment.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 63-66

Call to confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of confession

Leader: O great God, you are three in one: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How gracious you are to grant us, as your image-bearers, the honor of reflecting your perfect authority and your Son's humble obedience in our homes and in our lives.

All: Lord, whether in private or in public, forgive us for dishonoring the authorities that you have allowed in our lives. Forgive us for our rebellion, both by refusing to honor those in authority over us and by refusing to honor those over whom we have authority.

Leader: Father of lights, infuse our daily routines in every sphere of life with love and obedience as we seek to serve each other in your name. Teach us to parent our children lovingly and faithfully, and to be children who delight to worship you by showing respect and honor to our parents.

All: Lord, forgive us for neglecting the fruits of your Spirit by treating our parents with impatience, unkindness, and even contempt. We ask that you would reshape our hearts and minds to honor you as our Eternal Father, despite the pain or confusion we have experienced from our earthly parents. And may our hearts be quick to forgive, as you have forgiven us.

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 "Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn;
in the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won;
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance; see his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath.
Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

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Sacrament of baptism

Sam and Woody Viveros bringing Emma Grace Viveros

*** Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:1, 6-8, 11-12, 16**

Mary Kaufmann

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.

¹⁶"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Honoring God-given Authority"
Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

1. **God's command:** Respectfully recognize those with authority.
2. **Our crisis:** We are rebellious children when given authority and when under authority.
3. **Our comfort:** We have an older brother, the perfect Son. (Hebrews 2:10-11)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response

"Here Is Love"

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of your mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Here is love like mighty rivers poured unceasing from above:
heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
and thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in you, my Lord.
Of thy fullness, thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee ever all my days;
let me seek thy Kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.
Here is love, Lord we remember; from our hearts we lift your praise,
raising high the living anthem all will sing through endless days.

text by William Rees, 1802-1883; music by Robert Lowry, 1876

* 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.**

Stewardship announcement

Musicians for this week:

Hannah Lutz – viola
Sam Miller – violin
Jennifer Mixon – vocals
Charlotte Reeder – vocals

John Reeder – piano
Fred Verwoerd – vocals
Chapman Whitted – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of Emma Grace Viveros at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are her parents, Sam and Woody Viveros, and her grandparents, Michele and Eric Davis and Debby and Juan Viveros.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT ELECTIVE from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will resume February 15.

A DOMESTIC ABUSE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THREE SESSIONS, February 24-26, presented by Darby Strickland. For more information on each session, visit lmpc.org/domestic-abuse-seminar.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICANTS CLASS will be held March 3-5 for youth in grades 6-12 interested in joining LMPC. Email Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org before February 24 for more information and to sign up.

WOMEN'S WINTER BOOK CLUBS will be held at various locations on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Choose your book and register on Realm Connect. Books include: *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller, *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan, and *Are My Kids on Track?* by Sissy Goff, David Thomas, and Melissa Trevathan.

MEN, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Shoulder to Shoulder: A Mountain Men Retreat. This in-town retreat will take place Friday night, March 10 and Saturday morning, March 11 at the Young Life Building, 757 E. MLK Blvd. You will not want to miss this opportunity to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ, deepen connection and friendship with other men, and experience refreshment. Enjoy sessions Friday night and Saturday morning, with optional fellowship activities Saturday afternoon. Please register on Realm Connect for \$45, which includes Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast. Speaker: Jim Coffield, Director of Adult Ministries and Counseling at Christ Covenant Church, Knoxville.

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