



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 16, 2023 | Fellowship Hall Service

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Aaron Tolson, pastor of youth ministry

* **Call to worship**

based on Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases, he redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion.

All: **He satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

All: **The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

* **Hymn of praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

text by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes, 1861

* **Prayer of adoration**

Call to confession

Romans 12:1-2a and Proverbs 28:13

I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

Hebrews 10:10b-14

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

* Hymn of assurance

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me;
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

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

Offertory hymn

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ‘til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.
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New member vows

Sacrament of baptism

Alexander Platt Boyd, Trudeau Holbox Wingfield

* Scripture reading from Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3

Tabitha Kopic

²²“These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. ²³And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders. ²⁴And you said, ‘Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live. ²⁵Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die. ²⁶For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? ²⁷Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.’

²⁸“And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, ‘I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. ²⁹Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever! ³⁰Go and say to them,

“Return to your tents.” ³¹But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.’

³²“You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. ³³You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

¹“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ²that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“A Mediator Between God and Man”

Wil Nettleton, pastor of mission & worship

1. The awe of God’s presence leads to the desire for a mediator. (vv. 5:22-27)
2. God treasures his people’s reverence and graciously grants a mediator. (vv. 5:28-31)
3. The mediator calls God’s people to an obedience that leans into the promises of God. (vv. 5:32-6:3)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent; Traditional Irish melody

* **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:

Amy Barham – vocals

Ismael Bartolome – violin

Mary Boyde Funches – vocals

David Henry – guitar, vocals

Hannah Lutz – viola

Kara Riley – piano

Chapman Whitted – guitar

Celebrating the baptism of Alexander Platt Boyd at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Mendy and Platt Boyd.

Celebrating the baptism of Trudeau Holbox Wingfield at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Lesley and Jackson Wingfield IV, and his grandparents, June and Jackson Wingfield III.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been received into the membership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church as of Sunday, April 16. We celebrate with them today and welcome them into our fellowship.

Kennedy Barber	Katie Kent	Wylie Shumate
Loni & Robert Barber	Knox Kidwell	Anna Strelchenko
R. J. Bascom	Deborah Kvale	Mary Strelchenko
Seth Bergeron	Joy & Trey Lannae	Vanya Strelchenko
Platt Boyd	Jake Lindquist	Anna Stroud
Caroline Carr	Katherine & Roy MacGregor	Sammy Tolson
Nya Christie	Lori & Greg May	Christley Vaughn
Emmy Cole	Rebecca & Michael McCracken	Allie Wakefield
Andrew Ewin	Adair & Justin Morse	Zeke Wharton
Jim Faulk	Spencer Paschall	Hank Wingfield
Mary Catherine & Tim Hewitt	Gali Phillips	Tru Wingfield
Elaine Mae Ireland	Jill Pulver	Atalia Wojick
Thomas Ireland	Jonathan Reinink	
Gabby Jackson	Emily Sherrod	

WELCOME JOHN MARK SCRUGGS

We are thrilled to announce that John Mark Scruggs will join the LMPC pastoral team this summer! John Mark was born and raised in Tupelo, MS. He graduated in 2008 from the University of Mississippi, where he was greatly impacted by the ministry of RUF. After graduation, he served as an intern at Lawndale Presbyterian Church, where he felt both encouraged and called to pursue full-time ministry. John Mark earned his MDiv from Covenant Seminary in 2013. It was in St. Louis that he met and married Caroline, who was also attending Covenant. In May of 2014, they moved to Chattanooga, where John Mark has served as the RUF Campus Minister at UTC for the past nine years. He is also currently pursuing his MA in Counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. John Mark and Caroline, and their three fun and busy kids—Mary Margaret, Jack, and Sam—joined us at LMPC in January of 2020, and are excited and thankful to continue to be a part of and to serve this church. John Mark will be our pastor of congregational care.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 GIVING UPDATE. The Lord has been faithful to provide over the years, using his people to fund our annual ministry needs. Through March 31, ministry expenses have exceeded giving by \$250,000. Please pledge and give toward our 2023 budget and be a part of what God is doing here at LMPC.

AS YOU EXIT THE SERVICE each week, please intentionally care for your bulletin in one of two ways: (1) take it home and continue to use the liturgy for prayer and reflection, or (2) hand your bulletin to an usher or place it into the provided wooden box. In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, we will reuse bulletins from the 9:30 services in the 11:00 services when possible, and we will recycle those returned at the end of the morning.

MANY IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY are mourning the tragedy that touched our sister congregation, Covenant Presbyterian Church (Nashville), on March 27. If you would like to donate toward the care of those affected at the church and school, you may give via the “March 27 fund” or through the PCA Foundation by visiting covenantpres.com.

WE WILL HOLD A WEDNESDAY EVENING CLOSING PICNIC on April 19 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Commons. Bring the whole family and enjoy hot dogs, slaw, chips, drinks, and cookies. In case of inclement weather, the meal will be held in the fellowship hall.

LMPC MEN, JOIN US FOR MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will share breakfast together and be challenged and encouraged by our special guest, Jonathan Ingraham. Jonathan is the director of the Chattanooga Fellows Program, which is part of Chattanooga Faith + Work + Culture. He has a passion for helping people see how the Gospel impacts all aspects of life. Please make plans to join us; no registration required.

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 23 AND ABOVE, meet at Canopy, Lookout Mountain for a spring social. We will enjoy an evening of food and fellowship on Thursday, April 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Appetizers will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 30, for the purpose of electing the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2026. A brochure about the candidates will be available electronically and in print closer to the date of the meeting.

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