



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 23, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

“All Glory Be to God on High”

arr. Timothy Albrecht

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #102)

Welcome and announcements

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

All: We will praise the LORD all our lives; we will sing praise to our God as long as we live.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the outsider and sustains the fatherless and the widow. The LORD reigns forever, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

* Hymn of praise 101

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

text anonymous, 1757; music by Felice de Giardini, 1769

*** Prayer of adoration**

New member vows

Call to confession

based on Daniel 9

Leader: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

All: Now, our God, hear our prayers. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive!

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 2 Timothy 1 and 2 Corinthians 8

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich.

*** Hymn of assurance 301, vv. 1, 2, 3**

“Join All the Glorious Names”

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth,
too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
by thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n,
of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone
and now it pleads before the throne.

text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

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

Offertory

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven "

Chancel Choir

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him! Praise the everlasting King.

Fatherlike 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 flows.

Angels in the height adore him! Ye behold him face to face;
saints triumphant bow before him, gathered in from ev'ry race.
Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.
text by Henry F. Lyte, 1834; music by Mark Andrews, 1930

*** 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 6:4-9**

Chad Middlebrooks

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

⁷"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Call to Complete Devotion"
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The mandate for complete devotion to the one true God (vv. 4-5)
 - Who is worthy of complete devotion? The single and supreme God (v. 4)
 - What is a worthy response? Allegiance, action, and affection in ALL things (v. 5)
2. The method for complete devotion to the one true God (vv. 6-9)
 - Truth of Scripture written on the heart (v. 6)
 - Truth of Scripture impressed within the family (v. 7)
 - Truth of Scripture set always before us (vv. 8-9)

Pastoral prayer

* Hymn of response 59, vv. 1, 2, 3

"Forever Settled in the Heavens"

Forever settled in the heav'ns, thy word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;
thy faithfulness shall never fail; the earth abides at thy command.

Thy word and works unmoved remain, thine ev'ry purpose to fulfil;
all things are thine and thee obey, and all as servants wait thy will.

I should have perished in my woe had not I loved thy law divine;
that law I never can forget; O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

text from Psalm 119:89-97, The Psalter, 1912; music by John Hatton, 1793, DUKE STREET

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

"Threefold Amen"

* **Postlude**

Final from Symphony No. 1
Louis Vierne

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – director

Joshua Knight – organ

Celebrating the baptism of Cabell Clancy Doster at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Caroline and Cross Doster, and his grandparents, Dianne and David Hensley and Corinne and Freeman Doster.

Celebrating the baptism of Knox Camo Kidwell at the 11:00 service in the sanctuary today are his guardian/foster mom, Haley Dempsey, and his grandfather figure, Don Bailey, Sr.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING communion service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

WE HAVE RECENTLY WELCOMED SEVERAL NEW STAFF MEMBERS to the LMPC team. Maddie Lee is Worship & Music Assistant, Lansing Bosgraf is Church Hostess, and Paula Plating is Assistant to Pastor Chad Middlebrooks and incoming Pastor John Mark Scruggs. Tucker Curtis and Peter Reichmann are Assistant Facilities Managers, and Sam Curtis is Facilities Assistant. We are thankful for the Lord's provision for these positions. View all staff at lmpc.org/staff.

THE MOUNTAIN MEN'S BREAKFAST is rescheduled for Saturday, April 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will share a meal together and be encouraged by our special guest, Jonathan Ingraham, director of the Chattanooga Fellows Program. No registration required.

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 where possible, and we will recycle those returned at the end of the morning.

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. Pick up a brochure with candidate info from the Narthex or fellowship hall lobby, or access it electronically at lmpc.org/officers.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF SCRIPTURE & SONG on Sunday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Great hymns and anthems of our faith will be led by our Chancel Choir and congregation. Nursery will be provided. A cookie reception will follow.

WIDOWED? HELP IS HERE and hope is possible. Discover reasons for hope and tips for coping with the death of a spouse in this GriefShare seminar. Please register on Realm Connect and join us on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Reception Room.

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

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