

The Lord's Day

February 5, 2012 — 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Please turn off all communication devices
and refrain from bringing beverages into the sanctuary. Thank you.

For meditation — from *The Psalter*, Psalm 89
Behold God's truth and grace displayed, he has faithful covenant made,
and he has sworn that David's son shall ever sit upon his throne:
"For him my mercy shall endure, my covenant made with him is sure;
his throne and race I will maintain forever, while the heavens remain."

+ **Prelude** David Friberg, organist

+ **Welcome and greetings** Don Kent, ruling elder

Call to worship from Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

+* **Hymn 302** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

* **Responsive Psalter reading and prayer** based on Psalm 72 & 89

Leader: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

All: He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

Leader: Almighty God, your throne has justice and righteousness for its cornerstone. It is surrounded with truth and love and boundless grace. You have made a covenant with your people and sworn that David's Son, Jesus Christ, will always sit on his throne so that your mercy will endure forever and ever.

+ *congregation singing* ALL SAINTS OLD
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, he has brought us nigh to God.

Leader: He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.

All:...he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

Please sing the hymn on the next page.

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+ 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, he presents our souls 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:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God."

Leader: All glory to you, O God, Jehovah, our help and shield. All praise and honor we give to you, our King and Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

All: Praise be to you, Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to your glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with your glory. Amen and Amen.

Worship in giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Thomson
Chancel Choir — Jim Magnuson, director

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name,
in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream;
he brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his way,
he leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death his presence is my stay,
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away;
his hand in site of all my foes doth still my table spread,
my cup with blessings overflows, his oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise;
there would I find a settled rest, while others come and go;
no more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.

+* **Doxology 731** OLD HUNDREDTH

* **Prayers of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Old Testament lesson from 1 Samuel 16:1-13** (p. 443 in pew Bible)
Brad Cobb (9:30) John Holland (11:00), readers

Sermon "An Unexpected Choice"
Joseph V. Novenson, senior teaching pastor

* **Hymn 311** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" AURELIA

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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Invitation to the table

Call to confession and silent prayers of confession

Distribution of the bread *Gluten-free bread is available in the narthex.*

Distribution of the cup organ meditation

Prayer of thanksgiving

* **Hymn 310** vv. 1, 3, 5 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response** "Threefold Amen" DANISH

* **Postlude** David Friberg, organist

+ Later arrivals may enter the sanctuary
* Congregation standing

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Children are welcomed as part of the family of God in every service. Parents with children are encouraged to bring their entire family to worship no matter the age of the children. God has put us in "his family," so clearly we should invite children to worship with us. There are children's worship sheets available in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary to help our children follow the context of the sermon. Please pick these up and feel free to borrow our crayons on your way into the sanctuary.

Please replace your hymn books in the pew racks and take your bulletin with you, or recycle it, either in the basket in the narthex or on the table next to the pulpit.

Elders meet to pray in Pastor Novenson's office at 10:30 each Sunday morning. If you would like them to pray for you and your specific needs, they welcome you to join them.

Missions prayer in the chapel – 6:00 p.m.

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Sermon Outline
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I Samuel 16:1-13

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 5

Sanctuary worship 8:10, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship hall worship, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship time, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.
Youth communicants' class, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
GriefShare group, 3:00 p.m.
Officers' training class, level 1, 4:00 p.m.
Jr. high small group, 4:15 p.m.
Children's choir grades 4-5, 5:00 p.m.
Evening prayer, 6:00 p.m.
Youth ensemble, 6:00 p.m.
Sr. high Super Bowl party, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 6

Ladies' prayer band, 8:45 a.m.
Monday AM Bible class, 10:00 a.m.
Executive committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7

Men's study on Romans, 6:20 a.m.
Mother's Day Out, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 8

Dead Theologians' at Parkridge Diagnostic, 6:30 a.m.
Sr. high Bible and breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
Women's Bible studies, 9:30 a.m.
Children's choir grades 1-3, 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship dinner, 5:45 p.m.
Prayer meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Jr. high youth group, 6:10 p.m.
Wednesday clubs for children, 6:15 p.m.
Chancel choir, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

Men's Bible study and breakfast, 6:30 a.m.
Mother's Day Out, 9:00 a.m.
Prayer and Bible hour, 10:15 p.m.
Knitwits, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, February 10

Men's breakfast and prayer, 7:30 a.m.

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Our Vision

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and throughout the world.

Our Mission

For the glory of our triune God, by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and through the work of the Holy Spirit, Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church seeks to be a community of believers who:

- are responding to God's grace and glory in worship and wonder,
- are being transformed in their relationships with God and one another through large and small groups, and
- are participating in a Kingdom-building movement to change the world.

WELCOME TO LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH February 5, 2012

Welcome and greetings

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Call to worship

taken from Romans 1:16-17; Romans 3:22; Acts 4:12

Leader: I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

People: For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Leader: This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

People: Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

* Hymn of praise

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
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* Prayer of adoration

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

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Prayer of thanksgiving

* Hymn of praise

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest;
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.

* Benediction

Postlude

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Musicians for this week:

David Henry – guitar Dinah Steele – flute
Torcia Griffis – violin Stephen Bates – guitar, vocalist
Kellie Kent – vocalist

Offertory Hymn

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

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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!"

*** Scripture reading from 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Charles Aiken, 9:30
 Jack Webb, 11:00

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

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word**Sermon**

"An Unexpected Choice"
 Brian Salter, associate pastor of adult discipleship

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Hymn of response

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
 let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
 be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

(cont.)

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
 could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
 all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
 naked, come to thee for dress; helpless look to thee for grace;
 foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

Silent prayers of confession**Assurance of God's pardoning grace**

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Words of institution**Prayer of consecration****Distribution of the elements**

Songs for Meditation

"Nothin'"

Nothin' can wash away my sin, nothin', nothin',
 nothin' but the blood of Jesus.

Nothin' can make the devil run, nothin', nothin',
 nothin' but the blood of Jesus.

Nothin' can bring me peace with God, nothin', nothin',
 nothin' but the blood of Jesus.

Nothin' can lead me to your throne, nothin', nothin',
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