



## Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

*We are a faith family walking together to know Christ and to make him known by engaging in dynamic worship, pursuing spiritual wisdom, investing in deep relationships, and affecting social renewal.*

**AUGUST 12, 2018**

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING SONG

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*arr. Molly Ijames*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.  
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

People: **All of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

All: ***The LORD's name be praised!***

#### *\*How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.  
What more can He say, than to you He hath said;  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not! I am with thee! Oh, be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake;  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

#### *\*How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice! All the earth rejoice!  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me, "How great is our God!"  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

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### Welcome!

Those who love Jesus and those who are searching, welcome! We gather to hear from God, to learn from God, to talk to God, and to go out with God.

Visitors, we are eager to share with you the joy we have in knowing Jesus. Family members, it is a blessing to be with you once again. May we all grow in knowledge and love of Christ as we worship.

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

*Please sign the friendship pads located at the end of each pew.*

### The Kingdom of God is Here!

We gather to worship because with Jesus Christ the Kingdom of God arrived on earth and through him any who want to live under Almighty God's protection and blessings, both now and forever, may! If you want to know more about accessing this wonderful truth, please contact one of our Pastors or Elders, we would love to speak with you.

## How are tithes and offerings received at Longview EPC such that monetary giving is modeled for our children?

In congruence with scriptures such as 2 Kings 12:9 and Matthew 12:41 where tithes and offerings were collected in boxes as people came and went from the temple, we collect tithes and offerings through the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking an offering during the worship service enables visitors exploring the Christian faith to be present at worship without feeling obligated to contribute monetarily. Also, it reminds believers that giving is an extension of worship that may occur any day of the week and through a variety of means. Parents, we encourage you to discuss the importance of monetary giving with your children and provide them with repeated opportunities to either place your family offering in one of the boxes, or join you at the computer as you use the electronic giving option.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands.  
Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead three in one; Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names! Worthy of all praise!  
My heart will sing, "How great is our God!"

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ellen Adams

*Lord Jesus, we confess the presence of sin in our hearts that assumes insight into other people's motives and pronounces condemnation upon them. Our need to judge people is unseemly coming from hearts that themselves should be judged. You alone are judge and king of hearts. Give us not naive but gracious spirits that gives people the benefit of the doubt. In your merciful name we pray, amen.* (From Proverbs 16:2)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: "All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Acts 10:43

Pastor: Friends, know that in Jesus Christ God embraces you, strengthens you and equips you to live a new life!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are made new!**

### *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

O God, You are, You are our help. You are our helper.  
To all generations, You will be forever and ever  
Our Shield and our eternal hope, O Lord.  
You are the Ancient of Days, and worthy of our praise.  
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O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne, still may we dwell secure.  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone and our defense is sure,

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.  
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

You are the Ancient of Days, and worthy of our praise.

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## PROCLAIMING

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

### SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*\*Show Us Christ*

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.  
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.  
Plant Your Word down deep in us. Cause it to bear fruit.  
Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in Your truth.

Show us Christ. Show us Christ. O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word. Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord!

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## SERMON LESSON

Psalm 129 and 130

Doug Ashley

## SERMON

“The Long Way”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Blessings*

*Laura Story*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

**People: hear our prayer.**

## SENDING

## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

### *\*Because He Lives*

I believe in the Son.

I believe in the Risen One.

I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

Amen. Amen. I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen. Amen. Let my song join the one that never ends;

Because He lives.

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.

I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone.

I know He holds my life, my future in His hand.

Because He lives.

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*Walk By Faith*

*\*Please stand as able*

### **How is “Prayers of the People” different from personal prayer?**

The “Prayers of the People” is an occasion for speaking to God not as individual followers of Jesus Christ but as the unified body of Christ located in this space at this time. Our Pastor will take individual prayer requests, summarize the prayer, and speak the words “Lord in Your mercy” to which the congregation will respond, “Hear our prayer”. (Notice that it is singular rather than plural as together we are praying with one voice.)

## SUMMER...TIME CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 19!

One of the best parts of the summer is TIME. With school being out and vacations being taken, summer is the prime time for TIME. Time with friends, time with family, time to relax, time to play, time to simply *be*. In that spirit, this summer we are inviting our faith family and friends to take time to be together. Take the time after worship to gather in the foyer and enjoy coffee and snacks and visit with old friends and make new friends.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** We need your updated information in our church directory by the end of August. If you would like to submit a different photo or make changes to your information, please send any updated photos, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc. to [info@epclongview.org](mailto:info@epclongview.org).

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY AUGUST 26:

- 9:30 a.m. Worship service
- 10:45 a.m. Fall Highlights in sanctuary
- Lunch following in Trinity Hall

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m. - Praise Team rehearsal
- Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. - Choir rehearsal
- Sunday, Aug. 19 - 9:30 a.m. Worship
- Sunday, Aug. 26 - Celebration Sunday beginning 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 2 - 1st Sunday worship with communion
- Monday, Sept. 3 - Labor Day; church office closed
- Sunday, Sept. 9 - Sunday Classes begin

## NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you!

*Prayer Ministry:* Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing [prayerteam@epclongview.org](mailto:prayerteam@epclongview.org) or by using the cards located in the attendance registers. Current monthly prayer calendars are located in the foyer.

*Tithes and Offerings* are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, or checks mailed to the office, and electronically via the website. The website also offers a credit/debit card option.

*Sermons and bulletins:* Available on the website

*Parents and kids:* Don't forget the special activity bags in the foyer just for you! Each week there will be something new and special in them to help you learn more about God and have fun.

## SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Aug 12: Buck Birdsong & Bill Bankston

Aug 19: Keith Moyes & Buck Otis

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, Aug 12 — Infants: Mary LeTourneau & Kathie Ramey; Toddlers: Suzi White & Noe Nelson

Sunday, Aug 19 — Infants: volunteers needed

Toddlers: Noe Nelson & Jim Brun

*If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Northcutt at [childrensministry@epclongview.org](mailto:childrensministry@epclongview.org)*

## USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

August Head Usher: Rick Poland

August 12: Bill Bankston, Buck Birdsong, Dave & Melanie Donaldson

August 19: Michael McMahon, Keith Moyes, William McCluskey, Tres Bainter

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## Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

## Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

### RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18  
Ginia Northcutt '18  
Kathie Ramey '18  
Daniel Bond '19  
Michael McMahon '19  
Matt Yost '19  
Jim Brun '20  
Kerri Daugbjerg '20  
Eric Skoog '20

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