



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 26, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

O Come and Lift Your Voices

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: You who serve GOD, praise GOD!

People: Just to speak his name is praise, just to remember GOD is a blessing!

Pastor: Now and tomorrow and always, from east to west, from dawn to dusk;

All: we will keep lifting our praises to GOD! (Psalm 113:1-3)

*Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near.
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings; yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If, with His love, He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him.
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for all we adore Him.

*Word Of God

The Word of God is light in my darkness,
Hope for the hopeless, strong and true.
The Word of God is strength for the weary,
A shield for those who trust in You; a shield for those who trust in You

Ev'rything will fade. Ev'rything will fade.
The heavens and the earth will pass away.
But You will remain. Yes, You will remain always!

Jesus faithful Word of God, the anchor of my heart;
You're ev'rything You say You are.
Lord, greater than my deepest needs, the ground beneath my feet;
Your promises won't fail me now.

You will not fail us! You will not fail us.
You will not fail us O, Word of God.

Andi Rozier, Brenton Brown. 2012 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG)

Welcome!

Whether you are young or old; first time in a church or a long-time worshipper, full of questions and doubt or confidence and joy – or places in between all that - we are glad you are here!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Why all the standing and sitting?

Scripture, especially in the Psalms, highlights various postures of worship--physical positions of the body that are both symbols of our heart's inner disposition and aids in helping us focus amidst distractions. Standing is a posture of honor, fitting for things like singing hymns and hearing the Bible read. Sitting is one way to express reverence and submission, just as we would bow our heads or our whole bodies, and it is a fitting posture for things like confession and listening to teaching from the Bible.

Is This About You or Me? Have you ever had an experience where even though someone was supposed to be talking to you, about you; it felt like though they mentioned you, somehow they were still talking about themselves? The Prayer of Adoration is where we practice getting our eyes completely off ourselves and focus on God alone. Here we express to God our marvel, love, and adoration for who he is and what he has done – and that is all. We don't mention ourselves; we focus solely on him. Have you ever tried it? It may be harder than you think!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we confess the tendency to trust you for the forgiveness of sins while not trusting you for much more. We don't trust you are right about how to prioritize our lives, or we would adjust how we spend our time. We don't trust you are right about God being for us, or we would cease to worry about the future. Forgive us and change us, Lord. We trust, help our lack of trust. In your name we pray. Amen.

(Take a few moments for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Know that in Jesus Christ, God is making you new.

People: Thanks be to God!

Come and Make Us Free

I'm a doubter of Your grace, and my heart won't cease seeking love in every place but Your perfect arms of peace. Though I see that all my longings find their journey's end in You. Oft they wander in the byways, cheaply lured by every hue.

I'm a slave to lowly thoughts that I can not shake;
Lust of eyes and pride of life, hardened heart that ne'er will break.
Though I hear that You alone can make this stone a heart of flesh.
Oft in bitterness I linger, choosing chains, not freedom's rest.

All our hearts long for we find in You, O Lord.
Help us want You more than idols we adore
Give us eyes to see Your matchless beauty.
Shatter unbelief; come and make us free.

I'm addicted to the lie that my thirsty soul can be quenched by earth's supply,
Vainly seized by my control.
Though I know that You alone have living water's richest store,
Oft You find me savoring droplets out of cisterns cracked and poor

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PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

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 132

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“The King's Way”

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**The 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.

**You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You. In all I do I honor You.

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Celebrate Jesus

Worship Band

**Please stand as able*

Why come to church when I can listen to great sermons and music on line? It's true; there are some great preachers and amazing musicians out there. Can't we grow as Christians (learn more about God and how to live the gospel more consistently) simply through those means? Do we really need to gather with other believers on Sunday mornings? The testimony of Scripture is "Yes, we do!" We really do need to regularly gather with other believers. 2 Timothy 3 & 4 remind us that it is together we are to hear God's Word preached week in and week out, for it is together that God is at work in and through us. Hebrews 10 tells us that it is together we are to meet in order to encourage one another until that day that Jesus returns to take us home. And Galatians 6 states that as a church community we are to keep watch over each other, to restore one another and to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. For these reasons and more, God the Father calls his children to come to a family reunion once a week in order to receive his gracious provision for us, together. Skyp-ing in is okay if there is no other choice, but it's not the same as being together face to face!

CELEBRATION SUNDAY TODAY

Please have your children with you for the program following the worship service so all nursery workers teachers can participate as well.

You are welcome to use the Postlude time to pick up your children from the nursery.

For more details please see the announcement section of the bulletin.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY AUGUST 26:

- 9:30 a.m. Worship service
- 10:45 a.m. Program in sanctuary
- Potluck lunch following in Trinity Hall - Church is providing baked and fried chicken. Please bring a salad, relish, side or dessert. Plan to come enjoy our kick-off Sunday together - we always have plenty of food!

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

We are searching for people who are ready and willing to help our children grow in their knowledge and faith in Christ. We are specifically in need of those willing to teach and support Sunday School for ages Infant-5th grade. Wednesday night volunteers are also needed for ages PK4-5th grade. Just contact Carrie Northcutt childrensministry@epclongview.org or call 903-234-0032 and sign up! Thank you in advance as we walk together in leading our youngest ones.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We need your updated information in our church directory by the end of August. Check the foyer today for a copy to edit.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, Aug 26 — Infants: Victoria & Sarah
Toddlers: Noe Nelson & Kerri Daugbjerg
If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Northcutt at childrensministry@epclongview.org

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Aug 26: Cliff Hale & Wil White
Sept 2: Buck Birdsong & Fred Irwin

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum
August Head Usher: Rick Poland
August 26: Tres Bainter, Wil & Suzi White, ET Testerman
September Head Usher: William McCluskey
September 2: Buck Birdsong, Keith Moyes, Bill & Beth Franklin

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 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.

GRATEFUL FOR YOU! We are very thankful for your continued prayers, service and financial commitment - the earthly fuel of this creation. We continue to be encouraged by how God is creating a community of people committed to changing lives through his gospel. Please contact Finance Chair, Fred Irwin, or Treasurer, Gordon Northcutt, if you have any questions.

7/31/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (July)	\$ 53,406	\$ 56,173	\$0	\$ -2,767
Year to Date	\$413,061	\$498,307	\$4,450	\$-89,696

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$126,175

Capital Exp: A/C Unit replaced in sanctuary pd in June

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

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

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