



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

January 20, 2019

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Abide With Me

Music: William H. Monk; Arranged by Carol Tornquist
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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Praise God, everybody!
Applaud God, all people!
People: His love has taken over our lives;
Pastor: God's faithful ways are eternal.
All: Hallelujah! (Psalm 117:1-2)

* Hallelujah

Refrain: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Your love makes me sing.

Your love is amazing! Steady and unchanging!
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a myst'ry. How You gently lift me.
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me. [Refrain]

Your love is surprising. I can feel it rising.
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me.
Ev'ry time I see You all Your goodness shines through.
I can feel this God song rising up in me. [Refrain]

Yes You make me sing. Lord, You make me sing, sing, sing.
How You make me sing! [Refrain]

Lord, You make me sing.
How You make me sing!

Music and Lyrics: Brenton Brown, Brian Doerksen
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* How Great is our God

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

Welcome! We are here because we believe Jesus Christ is the only hope for true change. He is the only genuine hope for freedom from whatever enslaves us; healing from the many actions that harm us; deliverance from shame that belittles us; rescue from the evil that violates us. As well, we believe that only through Jesus Christ will the hopes hidden in our deepest desires truly be satisfied. So the main reason our church exists is so the presence of Jesus Christ and the way of Jesus Christ may be experienced in the lives of normal anxious, wounded, cautious, 'looking for more' people like you and me. So again, welcome; we're glad you're here.

Hearing devices are available in the foyer...ask an usher.

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

What is an "Invocation"? Often placed near the beginning of a gathering or the reading of God's word, in an invocation we "invoke" God by calling upon him or making a plea to him to make himself present to us. Of course, God is present everywhere, but in our invocation we acknowledge that God displays his presence in a unique and special way when his people gather together for worship. Our invocation reminds us that we do not worship by our own power. We are in need of the call of the Father, the blood of the Son, and the enlivening of the Holy Spirit to receive the bounty of God's revelation to us.

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Why Assurance? Because when we entrust our very being to God in Jesus Christ we are no longer under the condemnation and enslavement of sin. The good news of the gospel is that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Using Scriptural words reinforces the truth that our assurance is based on God's words of promise, not merely on our own hopes and desires. This interplay between confession and assurance is the rhythm of gospel living; we realize the depth of our sin and rejoice in the extent of God's grace. Therefore we practice it as one body regularly to encourage us to live it as individuals daily.

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. [Refrain]

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

Music and Lyrics: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, et al.
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Lord Jesus, we are in awe of the way you love rebels and fools like us.
You were crushed so we could be free,
you were abandoned so we could be found,
you were killed so we could live in perfect harmony.
And yet, we still look over your shoulder for other, 'better' options.
Forgive us and continue to change our hearts to be more like yours.
In your powerful name we pray, amen.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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. O, be not dismayed.
For I am thy God. I will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flames 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 its foes.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Music: Traditional American Melody; Arranged by Fernando Ortega
Lyrics: Attributed to George Keith © 1998 MargeeDays Music

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

* Word of God Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words.
And the funny thing is it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard.
But to hear what You would say.

Word of God speak! Would You pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty?
To be still and know that You're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.

Word of God, speak.

Music and Lyrics: Bart Millard, Pete Kipley
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SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in the Triune God of the Gospel”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Holy Trinity

Music: Timothy R. Smith Lyrics: M.D. Ridge
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* 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 ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
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Music and Lyrics: Edward Perronet, John Rippon
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Music: from the "Geistliche kirchengesänge" Arranged by Carol Tornquist
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**Please stand as able*

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Why is it important to read Scripture publicly? 1 Timothy 4:13 says: *Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.* “Due to the powerful effect of public Scripture reading, [it was] a key practice in the Jewish faith. Even Jesus Himself participated in this practice, and it was during the weekly reading of Scriptures that He first launched His mission. He read from the scroll of Isaiah and then told everyone that the words He read were written about Him. After this event, the timeline of public Scripture reading brings us back around to when Paul instructed Timothy in the importance of the practice. Of course, in Biblical times, few people knew how to read, meaning that unless the Scriptures were read aloud they would never hear them. Nevertheless, it's important not to underestimate the power that public Scripture reading still has for Christians today. Reading alongside other people guards us against distractions and provides us with fellowship. It's a practice that God's people have always done to remind themselves of who they are and what they have been called for, and it's still a powerful practice for us today.” (<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/public-reading-scripture/>).

Sunday, January 20, 2019 Announcements & Information

MANDATORY YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING TODAY 5:00—6:30 PM in Trinity Hall. Dinner will follow the meeting. This meeting is for anyone interested in going on Youth mission trips. At least one parent should attend with any interested Youth. Please bring laptop, insurance card and deposit/payment. Sr. High = \$50, Jr. High = \$100.

OUR CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! Would you be willing to serve the children and parents of our faith family? Grab a friend and help us fill in the gaps.

Nursery & Toddler Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers to serve in both the nursery and the toddler rooms during worship. So many unexpected blessings come from spending time with the youngest children of our faith family! Sign up in the foyer or visit our children’s page at longviewepc.org to sign up online.

KidMin: Digin! Wednesday Night Meals: The spring semester of Bible Study and fun has started! We love having the opportunity to minister to our working parents and build relationships with our children by serving a light meal at 5:15. **Would you be willing to sign up and provide a meal for the children of our church and our community?:** If you are unable to bring a meal, but would like to serve in other ways or contribute towards our Wednesday Night Meal fund that would also be greatly appreciated. Sign up in the foyer or visit our children’s page at longviewepc.org to sign up online.

THIS WEEK:

Today — 5:00 p.m.— Mandatory Youth Mission Trip Meeting
 January 23 at 5:15 p.m. Kidmin: Digin!
 Youth Bible Studies
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 January 24 at 6:00 p.m.—Praise Team

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27: The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service next Sunday for the purpose of electing three Ruling Elders for the Class of 2021 and one Ruling Elder for one year of an unexpired term. The Ruling Elder candidates for the Class of 2021 are Buck Birdsong, Kathy Diamond, and Lisca VanZyl. The Ruling Elder candidate for the unexpired term is Gena Bunn. Thank you for praying for our Ruling Elder candidates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN:

Children Pre-K through 5th Grade meet in Trinity Hall Room 105
 Youth meet in Trinity Hall Room 108 & 109
 Adults Classes Larry Frazier’s Class—Room 106
 Shelley Kral’s Class—Room 107
 Leonard Wiley’s Class—Room 106 will begin Jan. 27

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Go to longviewepc.org for most info. Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

Tithes and Offerings: Boxes at each entrance. For credit/debit cards and electronically via the website—Serve/Giving.
Sermons and bulletins: Available on the website. You can listen to today’s sermon following the service.
Parents and kids: Don’t forget the special activity bags in the foyer just for you!
Guest WiFi: EPCGuest Password: Guestttt

UPCOMING:

February 3 at 9:30 a.m.— Communion followed by Potluck
 Time TBD —Youth Super Bowl Party
 March 6 at 5:30 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Supper & Service

Financial Report to our Faith Family— We are very thankful for your continued prayers, service and financial commitment. 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.

12/31/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (Dec)	\$97,940	\$60,490	\$0	\$37,450
2018 Revised Budget	\$689,070	\$774,914	\$4,450	\$-90,294
2018 Actual Year End	\$731,437	\$774,390	\$4,450	\$-47,405
2019 Budget	\$672,564	\$672,564	\$0	\$0

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$168,971

Capital Exp: A/C Unit replaced in Sanctuary in June

NURSERY :

Jan 20: Infants: Nancy Hale & Carolyn Hale
 Toddlers: Lauren Stoddard
Jan 27: Infants: Victoria Ratliff & volunteer needed
 Toddlers: Sarah Harder & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum
 This Week’s Head Usher: William McCluskey
January 20: Michael McMahon, Buck Birdsong, Kyle Ashley, Landon Ashley
January 27: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong
 Nico Fourie, Ralph & Kathy Diamond

SAFETY TEAM:

Jan. 20: Michael McMahon & Fred Irwin
Jan. 27: Buck Birdsong & Nico Fourie

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn ‘18
 Ginia Northcutt ‘18
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