



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

*Coming together  
to know Christ and to make him known.*

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## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Music: Steven Scott, Based on AZMON by Carl G. Gläser, Lyrics: Charles Wesley  
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## WELCOME & \*INVOCATION

Doug Ashley

**Pastor:** Blessed are the people who know the passwords of praise,  
who shout on parade in the bright presence of GOD.

**People:** **Delighted, we dance all day long; we know  
who you are, what you do—we can't keep it quiet!**

**Pastor:** Your vibrant beauty has gotten inside us—

**People:** **You've been so good to us! We're walking on air!**

**All:** **All we are and have we owe to GOD, Holy God of Israel, our King!**  
*(Psalm 89:14-18, The Message)*

### \* My Lighthouse

**Refrain:** My Lighthouse! My Lighthouse!  
Shining in the darkness;  
I will follow You.  
My Lighthouse! My Lighthouse!  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea. *[Refrain]*

In the silence You won't let go.  
In the questions Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea. *[Refrain]*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Fire before us! You're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms. *[Refrain]*

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**Welcome!** Whether we are old or young; whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers; whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

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

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

**What is a Choral Call to Worship?** The Choral Call to Worship, like spoken calls, is provided to call us out of our daily world and into the presence of God's people gathered before him to worship him. It is the time we stop visiting with our neighbors, still our hearts and minds and begin to listen for who God is and what he wants to tell us during our time together. It is a wonderful practice and we encourage you to try it: when you hear the choir begin, still your voice and mind and begin listening for the voice of God and his mind!

## Why Confession is Vital to Authentic Christian Community.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book, "Life Together," provides a wonderful answer: "Confess your faults one to another" (Jas. 5:16). He who is alone with his sin is utterly alone. It may be that Christians, notwithstanding corporate worship, common prayer, and all their fellowship in service, may still be left to their loneliness. The final break-through to fellowship does not occur, because, though they have fellowship with one another as believers and as devout people, they do not have fellowship as the undevout, as sinners. The pious fellowship permits no one to be a sinner. So everybody must conceal his sin from himself and from the fellowship. We dare not be sinners. Many Christians are unthinkably horrified when a real sinner is suddenly discovered among the righteous. So we remain alone with our sin, living in lies and hypocrisy. The fact is that we are sinners!" If you want to find freedom, find Christians with whom to confess.

### \* Chain Breaker

Refrain: If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.  
If you feel lost, He's a way maker.  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison shaking Savior.  
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker.

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us.  
We are careless with our words, saying things we don't mean,  
things that are hurtful to our family, friends or co-workers.  
Also, we are so busy with our lives that we forget our every breath depends on you.  
While we waste time on meaningless activities, we fail to recognize moments of grace  
throughout our day. Forgive us so that we may glorify you in all we think, say, and do.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is sheer mercy and grace;  
not easily angered, he's rich in love.  
He doesn't endlessly nag and scold,  
nor hold grudges forever.  
He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve,  
nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.  
As high as heaven is over the earth,  
so strong is his love to those who fear him. (*Psalm 103:8-11 The Message*)

**Pastor:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### Let Your Kingdom Come

Refrain: Let Your kingdom come.  
Let Your will be done  
so that ev'ryone might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth  
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done.  
Let Your kingdom come.

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us, so we pray, "Your kingdom come." [Refrain]

Give us Your strength O God; and courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.  
Lord, use us as You want; whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath. [Refrain]

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## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

# 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.

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## SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

Shelley Kral

## SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in the Breadth of the Gospel”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Lord, Here am I

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord in your mercy...

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

### \* Facing a Task Unfinished (We Go to All the World)

Refrain: We go to all the world with His kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ The Lord.

Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees;  
a need that undiminished rebukes our slothful ease.  
We who rejoice to know Thee; renew before Thy throne  
the solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known. [Refrain]

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway,  
where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today;  
with none to heed their crying for life and love and light,  
unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night. [Refrain]

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those  
who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.  
Ours is the same commission; the same glad message ours.  
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee, we yield our powers. [Refrain]

O Father, who sustained them; O Spirit who inspired.  
Saviour, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired.  
From cowardice defend us. From lethargy, awake.  
Forth, on Thine errands, send us to labour for Thy sake. [Refrain]

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Why preaching still matters.** We live in an age where authority is suspect and tolerance is a supreme virtue. This would seem to squeeze out any notion of “preaching.” (Who wants to be preached at?) However, as Christians, we do acknowledge a higher authority—God—and we also submit ourselves to how he’s chosen to articulate his authority over our lives—through the Bible. Preaching is the act that opens up, explains, and applies the Scriptures to us, and it is one of the means through which God has chosen to use for our growth and spiritual nourishment. So we willingly choose today to be counter-cultural by submitting ourselves to God and His Word, and we receive the preaching of the Bible with open, hungry, and teachable hearts.

### **Congregational Meeting Today:**

The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of electing three Ruling Elders for the Class of 2021 and one Ruling Elder for one year of an unexpired term. Please have all of your children with you for the meeting so all nursery workers and Sunday School 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.

# Sunday, January 27, 2019 Announcements & Information

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY:** The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service today for the purpose of electing three Ruling Elders for the Class of 2021 and one Ruling Elder for one year of an unexpired term.  
*Elder Class of 2021*—Buck Birdsong, Kathy Diamond, Lisca VanZyl  
*Elder Candidate for the Unexpired Term*—Gena Bunn

**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](http://longviewepc.org) to sign up online.

**KidMin: Dign! 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](http://longviewepc.org) to sign up online.

**FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK FEBRUARY 3:** Super-bowl potluck foods of sub sandwiches, hot wings and chili dogs are provided by our Fellowship Team and we can bring salads, relishes, sides, chips and dips & desserts. All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK:

Today — Congregational Meeting after Service  
at 10:45 a.m.—Sunday Classes  
at 5:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship  
January 30 at 5:15 p.m. Kidmin: Dign!  
Youth Bible Studies  
at 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
January 31 at 6:00 p.m.—Praise Team

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

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 104  
Shelley Kral's Class—Room 107  
Leonard Wiley's Class—Room 106

**NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Go to [longviewepc.org](http://longviewepc.org) for most info. Please pick up a mug in the foyer.**

**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 friendship pads. Monthly prayer calendars are available 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!

**Blankets are available** on the table by the sanctuary entrance if you or your little ones get cold during the service.

**Guest WiFi:** EPCGuest Password: Guestttt

**The LCM "Souper Bowl" Food Box Needs Your Help!** See food collection barrels in sanctuary foyer and Trinity Hall or bring to the office through Potluck, February 3rd. **Non Perishable Items:** cereal or cereal bars; peanut butter (11-18 oz jars); mac & cheese (boxed); instant mashed potatoes; dry pinto beans (1—2 lb); rice (1—2 lb); pasta (1—2 lb); drink boxes; fruit cups; snack items. **Canned Items:** canned meat; green beans; potatoes; corn; mixed vegetables; spinach; soups; beans; black eyed peas; tomatoes; fruit.

## 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

## NURSERY :

**Jan 27:** Infants: Victoria Ratliff & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Sarah Harder & Leslie Carlisle

**Feb 3:** Infants: Chad & Liz Johnson

Toddlers: Tammy Moyes & Suzi White

## USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum  
This Week's Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

**January 27:** Nico Fourie, Ralph & Kathy Diamond

**February 3:** Head Usher: Buck Birdsong  
Larry Northcutt, Larry Fraizer & Aidan Fraizer

## SAFETY TEAM:

**Jan. 27:** Buck Birdsong & Nico Fourie

**Feb 3:** Buck Birdsong & Larry Northcutt

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

## RULING ELDERS

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