



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

January 6, 2019

PRELUDE

WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Jim Taylor

Leader: Shout out praises to the LORD, all the earth!
Worship the LORD with joy!

People: **We enter his presence with joyful singing!**
We acknowledge that the LORD is God!
He made us and we belong to him;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give him thanks!

People: **We praise his name!**
For the LORD is good.
His loyal love endures,
and he is faithful through all generations. [Psalm 100]

* Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Refrain: 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away. (Washed away)
Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us;
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Come have Your way among us!
We welcome You here Lord Jesus!

Praise is rising. Eyes are turning to You.
We turn to You. Hope is stirring.
Hearts are yearning for You. We long for You. [Refrain]

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You.
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new.
You make us new. [Refrain]

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Music and Lyrics: Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown
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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 foyer...ask an usher.

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

Singing as Prayer. While some make a strong demarcation between singing and prayer, the Bible repeatedly presents the unity of song and prayer (for example, the entire book of Psalms). So when we engage in congregational singing we are engaging in a form of true prayer. And those prayers often range across a spectrum of praise, petition, thanksgiving, intercession, confession, Scripture-recitation, etc. In some Christian traditions, to highlight the fact that singing is prayer, they would end a congregational hymn or song with a standard cadence, singing "Amen." So know that when we sing together, we pray together!

Why have children in the sanctuary for all of worship? Our children are members of the covenant community (the church) so it is appropriate for them to be included in this primary activity of covenant worship (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 10:24-25). As they are, they will be present in the midst of Christians of all ages and see that it isn't their parents alone who believe, who alone worship through singing, prayer, sacraments and listening to God's word; but that there is a wonderful gathering of all kinds of people who meet week after week for this central activity. Likewise it counters the fragmenting of families so prevalent in our culture that separates us by age and robs us of intergenerational teaching. How many of us at one time or another have learned more from a child than an adult, or understood the children's lesson better than the sermon? Finally, having children in worship prepares them for the rhythms of church life, so as they grow older they can participate more freely because they understand the 'language' being spoken.

** Rescue*

Refrain: 'Cause I need You, Jesus, to come to my rescue.
Where else can I go? There's no other name
by which I am saved. Capture me with grace. I will follow You.

You are the source of life and I can't be left behind.
No one else will do. And I will take hold of You. *[Refrain]*

My heart is Yours for life I need Your hand in mine.
No one else will do. I put my trust in You. *[Refrain]*

I will follow You. This world has nothing for me.
I will follow You. This world has nothing for me. *[Refrain]*

I will follow You.

Music and Lyrics: Jared Anderson
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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Taylor

We Three Kings (Kings of Orient)

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward, leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.

We three kings of Orient are. Bearing gifts, we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain; following yonder star. *[Refrain]*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain. Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *[Refrain]*

Myrrh is mine! Its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying; sealed in the stone cold tomb. *[Refrain]*

Music and Lyrics: John Henry Hopkins Jr.
Words: Public Domain, Music: Public Domain

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

** Speak O Lord*

Speak O Lord and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak O Lord till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Music and Lyrics: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
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SERMON LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Dan Smith

SERMON

“Who is King in 2019?”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Rescuer

Music and Lyrics: Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler, Rend Collective
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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Jim Taylor

* 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]*

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

Music and Lyrics: Brenton Brown, Brian Doerksen
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*BENEDICTION

Dan Smith

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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What does it mean to be in community with other Christians?

According to Pastor and author Eugene Peterson, one important component in Christian community is expecting God to be at work in our brothers and sisters. He writes, “A community of faith flourishes when we view each other with this expectancy, wondering what God will do today in this one, in that one. When we are in a community with those Christ loves and redeems, we are constantly finding out new things about them. They are new persons each morning, endless in their possibilities. We explore the fascinating depths of their friendship, share the secrets of their quest. It is impossible to be bored in such a community, impossible to feel alienated among such people.”
(From E. Peterson *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*)

Sunday, January 6, 2019 Announcements & Information

WELCOME DAN SMITH, GUEST PREACHER TODAY: Dan (or Daniel for those who knew him before college) Smith lives in Tucson, AZ with his wife Brittany and their kids Jonah and Penelope. He is ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church in America. After spending five years with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UT Tyler, Dan and Brittany are in their second year planting RUF at the U of Arizona. He holds degrees from OU and Covenant Theological Seminary. Dan loves learning how to grow fruit trees and flowers in the desert, poetry, and exploring the beautiful Arizona outdoors with his family. The Smiths are passionate about non-Christians and Christians both coming to a deeper grasp of God's grace through Jesus. The Southwest is gospel frontier and provides exciting opportunities for connecting students to God through His grace and connecting students to His Body the Church.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 13: WORSHIP WITH CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK. Church provides fried and baked chicken and all who are able can bring a side or dessert. All are welcome!

HELP NEEDED TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Please stay and help Tammy Moyes undecorate the trees. Buck Birdsong will be taking them down.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Go to 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 or by using the cards located in the fellowship pads in your pew. 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

THIS WEEK:

Today — Worship Service, no Sunday School

January 9— Youth Bible Studies Begin

6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

January 10 at 6:00 p.m.—Praise Team

UPCOMING:

January 13 at 9:30 a.m. — Communion followed by Potluck Lunch
5:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship

January 16 at 5:15 p.m. Kidmin: Digin! Begins

Youth Bible Studies

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

January 17 at 6:00 p.m.—Praise Team

January 20 at 5:00 p.m.—Mandatory Youth Mission Meeting

NURSERY :

Jan 6: Infants: Tammy Moyes & volunteer needed

Toddlers: volunteers needed

Jan 13: Infants: Mary LeTourneau & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Tammy Moyes & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

This Week's Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

January 6: Cliff Hale, Bob Linthicum & Tres Bainter

January 13: Head Usher: Rick Poland

Bill & Debbie Bankston, Clay & Cindy Brelsford

SAFETY TEAM:

Jan. 6: Buck Birdsong & Cliff Hale

Jan. 13: Bill Bankston & Clay Brelsford

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18

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