



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

November 11, 2018

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Will Give Joyful Thanks

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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

People: **We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power 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 every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

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* I Want to Know You

I've tried in vain a thousand ways, my fears to quell my hopes to raise;
But what I need, your word has said, is ever only Jesus.

You died, you live, you reign, you plead. There's love in all your words and deeds.
This weary heart finds all it needs in ever only Jesus.

I want to know you Jesus my Lord, King of the Heavens king of my soul.
I trade my treasure and all my rewards, Jesus to know you then know you more.

Though some should curse me for your name, I have no fear I have no shame.
You stand with me for all my days, my ever only Jesus.

I want to know you Jesus my Lord; King of the Heavens, King of my soul.
I trade my treasure and all my rewards; Jesus to know you then know you more.

Like wave after wave on the ocean, like all of the sand on the shore;
your beauty and glory are endless! O, Jesus I must know you more.

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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 Power of Christ's Love. We often sing about the amazing power the love of God brings into the lives of his people. Just how does that power make a difference day to day? Pastor Bryan Chapell writes "Real change – real power over seemingly intractable patterns of sin and selfishness – comes when Christ becomes our preeminent love. When that happens, all that pleases and honors him becomes the source of our deepest pleasure, highest aim, and greatest effort. We honor him not merely out of duty and resolve – or to keep our distance from an angry God – but because our greatest delight is pleasing the One we love the most. The result is that the joy of the Lord becomes our strength (Neh. 8:10)." (*Unlimited Grace*, Crossway, 2016.)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:18-19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* Luke 4:18-19

Heavenly Father, you sent Jesus to proclaim good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. Far too often, whether people are in spiritual or material distress, we do nothing. We don’t candidly see the poor, the captives or the blind. We are not deeply caring for them. We seldom ask about them. Convict us and restore us, Lord. Make us more than we are. Make us like you.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

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.”* Ps 103:8-11 The Message

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

O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (Ebenezer)

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth; changeth never, nevermore.
How He watches o’er His loved ones! Died to call them all His own.
How for them He intercedeth; watches over them from the throne.

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; Love of every love, the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing. 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep deep love of Jesus; 'tis a heaven of heavens to me.
And, it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

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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

1 John 5:1-5

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Know Faith”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

This I Believe (The Creed)

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Generosity Lives Here!

* Thrive

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry.

So living water flowing through; God, we thirst for more of You!
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire!

Just to know You and to make You known, we lift Your name on high!
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide!
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive; we were made to thrive!

Joy unspeakable! Faith unsinkable!
Love unstoppable! Anything is possible!

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Walk by Faith

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**Please stand as able*

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What is a benediction? “The benediction is not just a way of ending the meeting, but an action in which God himself, speaking through the human worship leader, pronounces his favor on the people. A biblical benediction is, in effect, a summary of the gospel: “and now may the love of God, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen.” Like a mother giving her child a kiss at the door before the child leaves for school, God says to his children as they leave the meeting, “I love you and will be with you as you go.” (John Jefferson Davis, *Worship and the Reality of God*, 103).

PROPOSED NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE (NCS). QUESTIONS?

Elders are available for questions on the NCS following worship in the **Carlton Room** today. The NCS documents are available in the foyer or at www.longviewepc.org on the LEADERSHIP webpage (under Connect). Please submit feedback verbally to an Elder or in written form to session@epclongview.org by today.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: Orders must be placed today. The youth are selling beautiful poinsettias for our annual Christmas season fundraiser for summer mission trips. The cost per poinsettia is \$12.00 for a (6") or \$30.00 for (10"). We will deliver the poinsettias to your home and/or business. Also, we are selling poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary or to be delivered to our homebound members. These poinsettias can be purchased at the table set up in the sanctuary narthex. Thank you for your support!!

BUCKNER CHRISTMAS MARKET TREE IN FOYER: See insert.

VETERANS DAY TODAY: Military Regulations now allow and encourage the wearing of medals, ribbons, other awards and decorations on civilian clothes for special holidays such as this.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you! Go to longviewepc.org for most info.

Tithes and Offerings: Boxes at each entrance. Text 903-484-1002 for credit/debit cards and electronically via the website.

Parents and kids: 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.

New Guest WiFi: EPCGuest Password: Guestttt

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 FOR

NEWGATE MISSION: Volunteers are needed on 3rd and 5th Tuesdays. No cooking or lifting. Volunteers would need to arrive at 11:15 a.m. Three servers needed.

PLAYERS NEEDED: Are you interested, or have a family member who would be interested, in playing in our Christmas Eve orchestra? We currently need a flute and a trombone player. However, if you play an instrument and would like to participate, please contact David Luna. Music will be distributed on December 1st. Playing level is moderately easy (no fast, virtuosic type passages) and there will be two rehearsals prior to the worship service on December 24th. For further details and to schedule an audition, please call David Luna at 903-812-4002, or email dluna@epclongview.org.

THANKSGIVING EVENT AT BELCHER: Nov. 12 at 7:00 PM LeTourneau University will present "A Festival Concert of Thanksgiving" at the Belcher Center on campus. The theme of thanksgiving will be expanded to include giving thanks for Creation, the Cross, and the Resurrection and Reign of Christ. Scripture readings will alternate with anthems sung by both the LeTourneau Singers and the Longview Civic Chorus accompanied by orchestra. A cross between a worship service and a concert, this event is free of charge and no offering will be received; this is LETU's gift to the community to stimulate us to thanksgiving as Thanksgiving Day approaches. For more information contact Dr. Jim Taylor at JimTaylor@letu.edu or (903) 233-3379.

THIS WEEK:

- **Today:** Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal—4 p.m.
Youth Fellowship— 5 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** EPC KidMin—Dig In! — 5:15 p.m.
Choir rehearsal — 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Studies
- **Thursday:** Praise Team rehearsal—@ 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Service of Remembrance—November 28 at Noon
Confirmation Sunday—December 2
Children's Musical—December 2 at 5:00 p.m.
Hanging of the Greens —December 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Lunch Bunch—December 12 at 11:30 a.m.
Cards & Carols—December 16
Family Service—December 24 at 4:30 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Service—December 24 at 6:30 p.m.

NURSERY :

Nov. 11:

Infants: Nancy Hale & Mary LeTourneau

Toddlers: Jim Brun & Kerri Daugbjerg

Nov. 18:

Infants: Lauren Stoddard & Leslie Carlile

Toddlers: Matt & Karen Yost

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

November Head Usher: William McCluskey

November 11: Larry Frazier, Aidan Frazier,

Bill Bagley & Rick Poland

November 18: Michael McMahon, Buck Otis,

Bill & Beth Franklin

SAFETY TEAM:

Nov 11: Jon Kral & Bill Bagley

Nov 18: Michael McMahon &

Buck Otis

Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18

Ginia Northcutt '18

Kathie Ramey '18

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Kerri Daugbjerg '20

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