



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

**November 18, 2018**

## GATHERING MUSIC

Christian McNeal

## WELCOME & \*INVOCATION

Leader: The LORD is God and he has delivered us.

**People: You are my God and I will give you thanks!  
You are my God and I will praise you!**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**All: His loyal love endures forever!** (From Psalm 118)

Jason Hubbard

**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 foyer...ask an usher.*

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

### \* Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising! Eyes are turning to You; we turn to You.  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You.  
We long for You.

'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.

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

Hosanna! Hosanna!

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### "Hosanna" in November?

Normally we associate the expression "Hosanna!" with Palm Sunday. However "hosanna" was used by the Jewish people toward Jesus as a way of indicating that all the expectations of what God would do through the Messiah were about to be realized in him. It was an exclamation of praise of God for his generosity and healing. What may have started on Palm Sunday certainly extends to every day. So what will it be for you this morning?

### \* Brokenness Aside

Will Your grace run out if I let You down?  
'Cause all I know is how to run.

'Cause I am a sinner, if it's not one thing it's another;  
caught up in words, tangled in lies.  
But You are a Savior and You take brokenness aside  
and make it beautiful, beautiful.

Will You call me child when I tell You lies?  
'Cause all I know is how to cry.

You make it beautiful. You make it beautiful.  
Oh, You make it beautiful, beautiful. Oh, You make it beautiful, beautiful.

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"I'm singing it or praying it, but I'm not feeling it." Do you ever feel 'dishonest' or 'disconnected' when the songs or prayers don't seem to describe 'where you are'? Your current emotional frame just isn't reflected by what's happening in worship? For instance you are happy and full of energy and the song is a slow lament about the difficulties of life. Or the corporate prayer is about the joy of living for Jesus everyday when you know you don't live for Jesus every day? Worship leader, composer and Reformed theologian Zac Hicks writes: "Just because some voiced feeling isn't actually felt doesn't make it unprofitable to say it. It just might be that it's setting up some training wheels on you so that when the waves of joy or difficulty hit, you're not whipped over on your side. It just might be that the repetitious voicing of joy might best prepare you to experience true moments of joy in the most deeply human and most fully Christian fashion. It just might be that 'going through the motions' of sorrow will prepare you to repent in the best fashion in the moment when you actually blow it big. Emotional formation is a complex thing. We shouldn't discount the 'numb' or disjunctive moments as being inconsequential." So go ahead, be honest about where you are and at the same time allow God to prepare you for where you may be. (<http://www.zachicks.com/blog/2015/3/25/is-it-okay-to-be-singing-in-worship-about-feelings-i-dont-ha.html>)

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:27-39

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, we want the lasting joy that eternal life holds. We want it so much we hunt it. Yet so often it eludes us and we wonder why. We confess it is because we are hunting in the wrong woods. We search for eternal life in profession, position, power or people rather than in your love. Forgive us. Change us. Enable us to want more than anything to live in your love, and so live out your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Christian, can anything separate you from the love of Christ?  
**People:** **No! Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 8:39)

### Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

## 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 5:6-13

Shelley Kral

## SERMON

“Know Life”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Carried to the Table*

*Music and lyrics by Leeland*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***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

Generosity Lives Here!

### \* All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same; in need of mercy.  
To be forgiven and be free;  
it's all you got to lean on,  
but thank God it's all you need!

And all the people said "Amen!" (Whoa!)  
And all the people said "Amen!"  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.  
And all the people said "Amen!"

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know, love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall;  
and He so loved the world,  
He sent His son to save us all.

And all the people said "Amen!"

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

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**The Apostles' Creed** is one of the oldest statements of the Christian faith. The apostles didn't write it, but it expresses the gospel truths that they taught from the very beginning. Creeds are never meant simply for head knowledge. They are reminders of important truths about who God is and what he has done that drive us to worship him with greater awe, deeper joy and increased passion. As all of us (children, youth and adults!) recite this creed this morning, let's allow the words and ideas behind them stir the affections of our hearts to pour out praise!

# Sunday, November 18, 2018 Announcements & Information

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADER:** We are so delighted to have guest worship leader, Christian McNeal to lead us in worship this morning! Christian is from Longview and is a member of One Hope Presbyterian Church where he currently leads music several Sunday's a month. He grew up in the church and after discovering an ability and enjoyment for music, he began to serve local churches immediately. Christian has served in this capacity for 10 years. He has attended East Texas Baptist University for the past four years, where he has studied many subjects but has focused primarily on English. Christian is the son of Jan and Al McNeal and has five siblings. He is very thankful for the opportunity to come and worship with us this morning.

**"GOD WITH US" DECEMBER 2 AT 5:00 PM:** Come join us as the children tell God's big story of grace through our Savior's presence. All are welcome! Reception to follow. Invite your friends!

**GENEROSITY LIVES HERE!** In order for us to complete the proposed budget for 2019 in a timely way, it is extremely helpful for you to return your commitment cards. Blank cards may be found in the church foyer or you may pledge online if you prefer. Completed cards may be mailed or placed in offering box.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** Wednesday, November 28 at noon, there will be a simple Service of Remembrance in the sanctuary to honor the lives of those we have lost as we care for those grieving in our church family. If you would like the name of your loved one read, please email [info@epclongview.org](mailto:info@epclongview.org) or call the office at 903-234-0032 with the name(s) before November 27.

**Financial Report to our Faith Family—The Finance Committee would like to express their appreciation of your generosity.** 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.

10/31/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (Oct)	\$68,488	\$49,941	\$0	\$ 18,546
Year to Date	\$588,453	\$665,462	\$4,450	\$ -77,009
Budget thru 10/31/18	\$619,359	\$668,047	\$5,000	\$ - 48,688

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$139,147

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

**NURSERY :**

**Nov. 18:** Infants: Lauren Stoddard & Leslie Carlile

Toddlers: Matt & Karen Yost

**Nov. 25:** Infants: Chad & Liz Johnson

Toddlers: Tammy Moyes & Noe Nelson

**USHERS & GREETERS:**

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

November Head Usher: William McCluskey

**November 18:** Michael McMahon & Buck Otis

**November 25:** Buck Birdsong, Clay Brelsford,

Wil & Suzi White, E.T. Testerman

**SAFETY TEAM:**

**Nov 18:** Michael McMahon & Buck Otis

**Nov 25:** Buck Birdsong & Clay Brelsford

**HANGING OF THE GREENS DECEMBER 5 AT 5:30 PM:** Light supper and cookie decoration (for dessert or to take home). We gather in the sanctuary to prepare our hearts for the wonder of the incarnation and the joy that it brings as we celebrate together and decorate!

**BUCKNER CHRISTMAS MARKET TREE IN FOYER:** This year we are hosting a Giving Tree to help Buckner families bring joy to their children this Christmas season. The trees in the foyer are decorated with items for children of all ages, separate cards for teens and Christmas meal gift card opportunities. Please pick a "card (s)" you would like to fulfill and please SIGN the List with the Card number. Reminder, due in early December.

**THIS WEEK:**

- *Today:* Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal—4 p.m.  
Youth Fellowship— 5 p.m.
- *Wednesday:* No activities, Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- *Thursday—Friday:* Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

**RULING ELDERS**

Gena Bunn '18

Ginia Northcutt '18

Kathie Ramey '18

Michael McMahon '19

Matt Yost '19

Jim Brun '20

Kerri Daugbjerg '20

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