



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

November 25, 2018

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

We Gather Together

Netherlands Folk Hymn - Arranged by Hal Hopson
1994 Hope Publishing

WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Jason Hubbard

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: **and all your saints shall bless you!**

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

* Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be;
You were the King of kings. Yeah, You were; yeah, You were.
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things.
Angels and saints cry out! We join them as we sing,
"Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God forever!
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God forever!"

Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name all my days; all my days.
So let my whole life be a blazing offering;
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King.

Take my life, and let it be all for You and for Your glory.
Take my life and let it be Yours.
Take my life, and let it be all for You and for Your glory.
Take my life and let it be Yours.

Music and lyrics by Steve Fee, Vicky Beeching
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* All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam;
O praise Him. O praise Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless! And worship Him in humbleness!
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him. O praise Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Why sing of God's glory together? It is far too easy to think of public worship as something nice, but unnecessary; or to make it a spectacle for consumer consumption. Psalm 66 is a wonderful corrective to these common errors. It invites us as God's covenant people to "make God's praise glorious" or give God "glorious praise". What does that mean? "Glory has connotations of weightiness, dignity, magnificence, and beauty. Glorious worship is exuberant, never halfhearted. It is attractive, not off-putting. It is awesome, never sentimental. It is brilliant, not careless. It points to God, not to the speakers. It fits its great object – it seeks to be as glorious as the one it praises. (from *The Songs of Jesus* by Tim & Kathy Keller) May glorious praise be a fitting description of our corporate worship each Sunday morning!

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Remember Your Baptism. As we participate in today's baptism with our vows and affirmation, allow it to be a time of recommitment to the Lord. If you were baptized as an infant, think about how your baptism was a picture of your utter helplessness before God—how He found you, loved you, and clothed you with righteousness, even before you were able to choose and respond to Him. If you were baptized as an older child or adult, think about how your baptism was a conscious public profession before people that you would follow Christ. Allow God's covenant to be renewed in your life today!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
O praise Him. O praise Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Music and Lyrics by St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper
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PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Shelley Kral
Ruling Elder Kerri Daugbjerg
Matthew 28:18-20

Michael Wayne Smith
Son of Eric and Melanie Smith

Questions of Faith

Do you, with God's help, abandon all evil and powers in the world and in yourself that rebel against God's righteousness and love and separate you from him?

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

Will you, with God's help, be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

Do you promise to do all you can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen your love and commitment to Jesus by sharing faithfully in the life of the church, honoring and submitting to its authority, and do you join with the people of God in doing the work of the Lord everywhere?

Question of Commitment

Do you, the members of this faith family, and in the name of the visible church of our Lord Jesus Christ, take responsibility for the continued Christian nurture of Michael Smith, promising to set a godly example by your own life, and to pray for Michael in this new life of faith?

People: We do.

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 Words by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley
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SERMON LESSON

1 John 5:18-21

SERMON

“Know Confidence”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jesus, Thank You

Music and lyrics by Pat Sczebel

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, for these good gifts

People: We give you thanks and praise.

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

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* Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King.
Through eternal ages let His praises ring!
Glory in the highest! I will shout and sing
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises, I cannot fall.
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call;
Resting in my Savior as my All in All.
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior.
Standing, standing; I'm standing on the promises of God.

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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Prayers of the People Remix.

"Prayers of the People" is an occasion in our worship in which we address God as intercessors for each other and the world at large. This morning rather we will be intercessors of praise, thanking God for the many gifts he gives to us and to the world at large. Toward this end as people share something they are thankful for we will use the litany response: Pastor: Lord, for these good gifts, People: We give you thanks and praise!

Sunday, November 25, 2018 Announcements & Information

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 or call the office at 903-234-0032 with the name(s) before November 27.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND FIRST SUNDAY COMMUNION DECEMBER 2: No potluck lunch, Sunday classes at 10:45 a.m.

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.

"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!

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!

LUNCH BUNCH: Save the date for Wednesday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall for the next meeting of the Lunch Bunch. Everyone is invited!

"CARDS & CAROLS" EVENT DECEMBER 16: Do you desire to spread joy? Join your EPC family December 16th at 10:45 a.m. in Trinity Hall to create small floral arrangements and cards that can be delivered with caroling in small groups to individuals in residential care. We hope to reach those who may not receive a visitor throughout the holiday season.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Our 2018 Advent devotional booklets are available to pick up in the church foyer or in Trinity Hall.

COMMITMENT CARDS STILL ACCEPTED: 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.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Go to longviewepc.org for most info.

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 located in the foyer.

Sunday classes: Children meet in room 105 in Trinity Hall at 10:45 a.m. Adults, please ask an usher or see the hall bulletin board for class options.

Sermons and bulletins: Available on the website. You can listen to today's sermon immediately 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.

New Guest WiFi: EPCGuest Password: Guestttt

THIS WEEK:

- **Wednesday:** Service of Remembrance at 12:00 p.m.
KidMin: Dig In! at 5:15 p.m.
Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday:** Praise Team at 6:00 p.m.
- **Saturday:** Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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

NURSERY :

Nov. 25: Infants: Chad & Liz Johnson

Toddlers: Tammy Moyes & Noe Nelson

Dec. 2: Infants: Victoria Ratliff &

Mary LeTourneau

Toddlers: Sarah Harder & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

November Head Usher: William McCluskey

November 25: Buck Birdsong, Clay Brelsford,

Wil & Suzi White, E.T. Testerman

December 2: Rick Poland, Bill & Debbie

Bankston, Bill Bagley & Keith Moyes

SAFETY TEAM:

Nov 25: Buck Birdsong &

Clay Brelsford

Dec 2: Bill Bankston &

Bill Bagley

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18

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