



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

The Gift of Love

Music: American Folk Tune Arr.: Hal H. Hopson Lyrics: Paraphrase of I Cor. 13 by Hal H. Hopson
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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Shelley Kral

Pastor: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,
People: Come worship King Jesus in whose kingdom the hungry are fed.
Pastor: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,
People: Come worship King Jesus in whose kingdom compassion and justice reign.
Pastor: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,
People: Come worship King Jesus whose kingdom settles for nothing less than world peace.
Pastor: In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,
All: Come worship King Jesus whose grace and love know no end.

* Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength.
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with all my mind, and with all my strength.
With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord
with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength.
I will love You. (I will love You.) I will praise You. (I will praise You.)
I will serve You. (I will serve You.) I will trust You, Lord (I will trust You.)
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength.
I will love You Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind and with all my strength.

Music: Lincoln Brewster Lyrics: Matthew 22:37, Paraphrased and added lyrics by Lincoln Brewster
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Welcome! To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

Why the Call to Worship is so important. A couple of thoughts: first, we live in a society that teaches us to think highly of our own ability. Americans are a fiercely independent, self-motivated people. The Call to Worship re-orient us to our dependence of God. We come to worship because God has a summons on our lives. We come to worship because God initiates with us (not the other way around). So the Call to Worship reminds us of God's sovereign reign over us. Second, in the Bible the earliest word used to describe the Church was *ekklesia*. (It's where we get our words "ecclesiastical" and "ecclesiology.") Its root is the Greek word *kaleo*, which means, "to call." The people of God, as the *ekklesia*, are "the called-out ones." When we hear the Call to Worship, we are being reminded of our identity as those called out and set apart by God for His holy purposes. We are reminded that we are not our own. We are reminded that we are "resident aliens" in this world. We are reminded that we are treasured and loved by God!

Eyes: Closed or Open? Those who visit us, who may not have been to many Christian worship services, might think it's a bit odd to look around and see eyes closed during the singing or eyes open during the praying. We close our eyes in worship because it's a way of acknowledging that we worship a God who is unseen (Romans 1:20; 1 Timothy 1:17). In addition, because we are such a visual people, worshiping God may be more focused and easy with closed eyes because we are less distracted by the things and people around us. At the same time, there is great warrant for keeping our eyes open. Worship is not something we do in a vacuum. It's corporate (Ephesians 5:19-20). When we open our eyes and look around, it's a chance to affirm that we are called into a community of believers, not simply a private life with God. Open eyes may invite us to a more communal worship experience. So, because there are both vertical and horizontal dimensions to worship, the answer to "Eyes: Closed or Open?" is, "Yes!"

* *Joy of the Lord*

Refrain: The joy of the Lord is my strength! The joy of the Lord is my strength!
In the darkness I'll dance. In the shadows I'll sing.
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise. My song will rise to You.
Though my heart may fail, my song will rise. My song will rise to You.
While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You Lord.

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes. I'll lift my eyes to You.
When the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes. I'll lift my eyes to You.
While there's hope in this heart I will praise You Lord. [Refrain]

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You.
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You.
God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord.

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light. I feel alive with You.
In Your presence now I come alive. I am alive with You.
There is strength when I say, "I will praise You Lord!" [Refrain]

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me.
Always You remain like courage in the fight. I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming.
Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light. [Refrain]

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MORNING PRAYER

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it; mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

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.

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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 Lyrics: Bart Millard, Pete Kipley
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SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in the Love of the Gospel”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

All for Love

Music and Lyrics: Mia Fieldes
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling; joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling. All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion. Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation. Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit. Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning. Alpha and Omega be!
End of faith as its beginning; set our hearts at liberty.

Come Almighty to deliver. Let us all Thy grace receive.
Suddenly return and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing; serve Thee as Thy hosts above.
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing; glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation. Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory 'till in heaven we take our place.
'Till we cast our crowns before Thee; lost in wonder, love and praise.

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Music: Martin Smith
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**Please stand as able*

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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).

Sunday, February 24, 2019 Announcements & Information

WE NEED YOUR DEACON NOMINATIONS: Forms are available in the foyer to use, explaining all of the details. Please continue to pray for our Church Officer Nominating Committee as they are in the process of guiding us in the selection of six Deacons. You can leave your written forms in the box in the foyer or place them in the offering boxes. Also, you can email or drop them off at the office. There are some copies of the updated directory on the foyer table if you wish to look through it or take one. Also, our current directory is available online at www.epclongview.org/about/directory.

NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS: Spots are available to serve in March and April! Visit <http://www.epclongview.org/connect/children> to sign-up online.

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP AT LONGVIEW EPC? We are forming a class that will meet on a Sunday after Sunday school classes in late March. Lunch will be provided. Contact Pastor Doug at dashley@epclongview.org for more information.

1ST SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Put March 3 on your calendars for our next celebration of communion followed by Sunday classes.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: Light Supper at 5:30 pm followed by Worship Service at 6:30. A disciple, in Scripture, is one who hears the call of Jesus Christ and lives in active response to him by repenting, believing the gospel and following Jesus. The Church is the community of disciples Jesus promised he would build. It's where Christ is publicly confessed and where we find spiritual support and nourishment as the home base for serving others in Jesus' name. The purpose of Ash Wednesday is for disciples to begin the season of Lent by stopping our normal routine and meditating on our mortality, sinfulness and need of Savior.

LENT DEVOTIONALS will be available in the foyer for pick up on March 3.

Today at 5:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship
February 27 at 5:15 p.m. Kidmin: Digin!
Youth Bible Studies
at 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
February 28 at 6:00 p.m.—Praise Team

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Go to longviewepc.org for most info. Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

Fellowship Coffee and Cookies available in the foyer and in Trinity Hall.

Prayer Ministry: Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing prayerteam@epclongview.org or by using the cards located in the friendship pads.

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- *The Gospel Project* taught by Leonard Wiley - Room 106
- *Christian Thought* taught by Larry Frazier - Room 104
- *Faith in Life* taught by Shelley Kral - Room 107

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- *Ages PK4-5th grade—Teach Me to Worship - Gather in Room 105*
- *Toddlers 2's & 3's—Play-n-Worship—Room 2*
- *Infants & Babies—birth-24 months—Room 1*
- *Junior High—Room 108*
- *Senior High—Room 109*

LIFE GROUPS— We have a place for you! More information in the foyer. Also you can email Doug, Shelley, or Mary LeTourneau. (See card in foyer for details.)

UPCOMING:

March 3 at 9:30 a.m.—Worship with Celebration of the Lord's Supper
at 10:45 a.m.—Sunday Classes
March 6 at 5:30 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Supper & Service

NURSERY :

Feb 24: Infants: Abby Baker & Kathie Ramey
Toddlers: Jim Brun & Kerri Daugbjerg

Mar 3: Infants: Abby Baker & volunteer needed
Toddlers: Sarah Harder & Amelia Spencer

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

February 24: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong
Bill Bagley, Kyle Ashley & Landon Ashley

March 3: Head Usher: Bill Bankston
Michael McMahan, Bill & Beth Franklin

SAFETY TEAM:

Feb 24: Buck Birdsong & Bill Bagley

Mar 3: Bill Bankston & Michael McMahan

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

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