



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together  
to know Christ and to make him known.

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## GATHERING MUSIC

Glory to God Forever

Music and Lyrics: Steve Fee, Vicky Beeching  
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## WELCOME & INVOCATION

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,  
our hearts are ready!

People: **We will sing and make melody!  
We will awaken the dawn!**

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

All: **For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

### \* Praise To The Lord The Almighty (Lobe den Herren)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise Him! For He is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near. Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth;  
shelters thee under His wings. Yea, so gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do; if, with His love, He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore Him.  
All that hath life and breath come now, with praises before Him.  
Let the amen sound from His people again! Gladly for all we adore Him.

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### \* In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This Gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,  
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for every sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Music and Lyrics: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend  
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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.*

**Lenten prayers prepare our hearts for Easter.** "The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lengten," which simply means "spring" — when the days lengthen and new life springs forth. It is a time in which we anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. It is, to borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis, a season of a kind of "happiness and wonder that makes you serious." It is our prayer that as you... [journey through Lent] to Easter, you would be reminded of the reality of our broken humanity, but as days grow brighter, you would experience with greater abundance the reality of God's redeeming grace. And so, just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' death and resurrection." ([http://www.redeemer.com/learn/resources\\_by\\_topic/lenen\\_devotionals/](http://www.redeemer.com/learn/resources_by_topic/lenen_devotionals/))

## All Creatures Worshipping

**God.** Author and missionary Elisabeth Elliot once said "A clam glorifies God better than we do, because the clam is being everything it was created to be, whereas we are not. As we sing this morning may we rejoice that all creatures are made to worship, and be inspired to, like clams, honor God by being the 'me' I have been re-created through Christ to be.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, because the work of the cross is complete and the tomb is empty, we don't have to pretend about our condition or feign heart contrition. Hear our confession, grant us grace and deepen our repentance. For the ways this past week we lived more out of fear and pride than faith and humility;

**People: Father, forgive.**

**Leader:** For giving the approval of people more power over our hearts than the truth of the gospel;

**People: Father, forgive.**

**Leader:** For using anger to get our way, flattery to manipulate others, and shame to control our children;

**People: Father, forgive.**

**Leader:** For doubting your love, avoiding your grace, and withholding your mercy;

**People: Father, forgive.**

**Leader:** With humble confidence we pray, in the name of your Son and through his Spirit. Amen. (Scotty Smith, *Prayers for Every Season*)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

### King of My Heart

**Refrain:** You are good, good, oh! You are good, good, oh!  
You are good, good, oh! You are good, good, oh!

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run;  
the fountain I drink from. Oh, He is my song!

Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,  
the ransom for my life; oh, He is my song! [Refrain]

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails;  
the anchor in the waves. Oh, He is my song!

Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins;  
the echo of my days. Oh, He is my song! [Refrain]

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down!  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down!  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down!  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down! [Refrain]

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.  
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Music and Lyrics: John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan  
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## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

## SONG OF ILLUMINATION

### \* Show Us Christ

**Refrain:** Show us Christ. Show us Christ.  
O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word;  
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Prepare our hearts O, God. Help us to receive.  
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.

Plant Your Word down deep in us. Cause it to bear fruit.  
Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in Your truth. [Refrain]

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SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in Gospel Justice”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Courageous*

*Music and Lyrics: Mark Hall, Matthew West*  
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## INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDER

**Questions of Ruling Elder Gena Bunn**

**Questions of the Congregation**

Are you, the members of this faith family ready to install Gena as Ruling Elder for another one year term?

Do you promise to submit to her as part of the Session in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth?

Do you promise to support her with your prayers, to give encouragement and assistance in every way as she seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?

**Laying on of Hands, Prayer & Declaration**

## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*\* Immortal Invisible God Only Wise (St. Denio)*

Immortal, invisible God, only wise.  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.  
Almighty! Victorious! Thy great name we praise.  
  
Unresting, unhasting and silent as light.  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above;  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory! Pure Father of light!  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render. O, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand as able*

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# Sunday, March 17, 2019 Announcements & Information

**LENT DEVOTIONALS—A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT:** Published by Redeemer Presbyterian Church, a 40-day devotional “Reflecting on Christ’s Sacrifice for Us” is available as a photocopy on the foyer table.

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 30:** We need you! Come one, come all for an all church work day scheduled for Saturday, March 30th at 8:00 a.m. until completed. **We will have jobs for all ages and ability, outside and inside.** More details to come closer to the date. If you have anything specific you wish to be added to the to dos or want to help coordinate, please contact Leslie Carlile at 903-315-6030.

**NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS:** Spots are available to serve in March and April! Visit [www.epclongview.org](http://www.epclongview.org), click the Connect tab and select the Children’s Ministry page to sign-up online.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 13 11-12:30

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** It’s time to start preparing and we need your help! Click the home page button labeled “Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer Sign-Up” or sign up in the foyer. Please contact Carrie Northcutt at [childrensministry@epclongview.org](mailto:childrensministry@epclongview.org) for further information on how you can serve.

**CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED:** We need bags of individually wrapped candy - (no nuts please). Containers for your candy are in the foyer and in the Trinity Hall. Please bring by April 7.

### THIS WEEK:

Today 5:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship  
March 20 5:15 p.m.—Kidmin: Digin!  
Youth Bible Studies  
6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal  
March 21 6:00 p.m. —Praise Team

**NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please pick up a mug in the foyer.** Fellowship Coffee and Cookies available in the foyer & Trinity Hall.

**Prayer Ministry:** Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing [prayerteam@epclongview.org](mailto:prayerteam@epclongview.org) or by using the cards located in the friendship pads. March 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.

**Parents and kids:** Special activity bags in the foyer just for you! **Blankets are available** for your comfort.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

**Christian Thought** led by Larry Frazier. Come Study Galatians! Beginning March, this class will be studying Paul’s letter on embracing the grace filled gospel message of the crucified Messiah. The class is discussion based but don’t let that stop you from coming if you’re a “non-talker”. Everyone is welcome. Room 104  
**The Gospel Project** Leonard Wiley is leading discussion in the New Testament this spring. Room 106  
**Faith in Life** Shelley Kral’s class is digging into the book of Proverbs. 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! For more information contact Doug, Shelley, or Mary LeTourneau.

### UPCOMING:

March 30 8:00 a.m.—All Church Work Day  
March 31—Class for Exploring Membership  
April 7 9:30 a.m. — Communion followed by Potluck Lunch  
April 13 11:00 a.m.—Community Easter Egg Hunt

### NURSERY :

**Mar. 17:** Infants: Jim Brun & Caroline Burlingame

Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & Tammy Moyes

**Mar. 24:** Infants: volunteers needed

Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & volunteer needed

### USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

**Mar. 17:** Head Usher: Rick Poland

Cliff Hale, Wil White & ET Testerman

**Mar. 24:** Head Usher: Bill Bankston

Keith Moyes, Ralph & Kathy Diamond

### SAFETY TEAM:

**Mar. 17:** Cliff Hale & Wil White

**Mar. 17:** Bill Bankston & Keith Moyes

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

### RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn ‘19  
Michael McMahon ‘19  
Matt Yost ‘19  
Jim Brun ‘20  
Kerri Daugbjerg ‘20  
Eric Skoog ‘20  
Buck Birdsong ‘21  
Kathy Diamond ‘21  
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