



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

April 28, 2019

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ We Live

*Music and Lyrics: John L. Bell
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*WELCOME

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

People: **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven - Jesus, the Son of God - let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!**

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

People: **Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!** (Based on Hebrews 4:14; Revelation 5:10, 12)

*Cry Holy

Every sun and moon and star all declaring who You are;
we fall silent in amazement.
Every word and deed of man, every sea and grain of sand;
all creation speaks and now, we sing to proclaim Your majesty!

Let the earth rejoice!
Singing with one voice, let the people cry, "Holy, holy Lord!"
Every creature sing praises to the King!
All creation cry, "Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord!"

Every song sung on the earth will never capture all Your worth.
We fall silent in amazement.
Let every humble heart now see the beauty of Your majesty.
All creation speaks and now we sing to the King above all kings.

Holy! Holy! Holy Lord, God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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* Crown Him with Many Crown (Diademata)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Love! Behold His hands and side.
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright.

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 Narthex.

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

Where is God during worship?

God is as close as the air we breathe. We don't need to ask God if we can come into His presence during worship (or invite Him into a situation causing us distress; or to be with us as we enter our work place or school on Monday morning). Jesus said, "I am with you, even to the ends of the earth" (Matthew 28:20); this means God is already here – wherever our 'here' may be! So rather than praying for God to come to us, let us pray that God enables us to recognize and applaud Him for where He is already. Will you consider starting now?

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Do you ever wonder if the gospel has truly penetrated your heart?

One way to tell is to look at your prayers of confession. As author Jerry Bridges says: "The gospel, applied to our hearts every day, frees us to be brutally honest with ourselves and with God. The assurance of His total forgiveness of our sins through the blood of Christ means we don't have to play defensive games anymore. We don't have to rationalize and excuse our sins. We can say we told a lie instead of saying we exaggerated a bit. We can admit an unforgiving spirit instead of continuing to blame our parents for our emotional distress. We can call sin exactly what it is, regardless of how ugly and shameful it may be, because we know that Jesus bore that sin in His body on the cross. With the assurance of total forgiveness through Christ, we have no reason to hide from our sins anymore." Jerry Bridges *The Discipline of Grace*

Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways.
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ellen Adams

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour,
The Hope of Nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures;
fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in,
now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see;
we're singing, for the glory of the risen King.

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Speak O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds.
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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SERMON LESSON

Acts 1:6-12, Luke 24:50-52

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“The Asension: When Loss is Gain & Less is More”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Alive in You

Jordan Frye, Kim Walker-Smith et al.
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Jesus Culture Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

NEW MEMBERS

Jonah Kral, Dallas & Allie Maher

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Gordon Northcutt

*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!

*Build Your Kingdom Here

Refrain: Build Your kingdom here! Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere! Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth. [Refrain]

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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The Lord at Work. During this part of our service we are reminded that while on Sundays we exist as 'the church gathered', the rest of the week we exist as 'the church scattered'. God is alive and at work through each of us as we journey with God in our daily lives. By highlighting important events in the life of our faith family, we seek to connect all that goes on throughout the week to the Living God working in and through all who are part of our worshipping community.

Sunday, April 28, 2019 Announcements & Information

YOUTH SUNDAY AND SENIOR LUNCHEON: May 5 is our annual Youth Sunday when we will be led by the youth of our church in worship. During our Senior Convocation, we will be honoring graduating high school seniors: **Landon Ashley, Sophie Bunn, Daniel Fourie, Cameron Foy, Hope Jehorek, Wren Knapp, Lauren Stoddard, Zoie Taliaferro and Blaine Wright.** Reservations for the catered lunch are helpful and can be made on the friendship pad, by calling the church office or email frontoffice@epclongview.org. There is a link in The Good News and on the home page of the web site.

VBS ROAR ! "Life is wild - God is good": June 10 - 14, 9 am - noon, for children entering 4K-5th grades. Please have your children join us for this fun-filled week of exploring more about God's goodness and in celebrating a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Register by calling the church office or email childrensministry@epclongview.org. Take a card this Sunday for friends, neighbors, and co-workers! Registration also available on our website home page www.epclongview.org for participants and volunteers.

MEN'S SOCIAL, MAY 11, 5:00 - 7:00 PM: Gentlemen, please join us for hamburgers at Buck Birdsong's hay barn on Hamby Road. Reservations are needed (so we know how many hamburgers to cook) and can be made on the friendship pad, by calling the church office at (903) 234-0032, or email frontoffice@epclongview.org. Let us know if you need directions.

MUSIC SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: The committee membership is complete! The committee members are as follows: Colin Gipner (Chair), Buck Birdsong, Sheri Burlingame, Jeanneen Jewell and Doug Ashley. If you would like share a resume, please email them to musicsearch@epclongview.org. Job descriptions are located on our website. Thanks for your continued prayers for this search process!

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION CHOIR: C'mon, Men! Let's do it again!! Meet us in the choir loft on Sunday, May 12, at 8 a.m. and sing to the moms of the church that morning. Don't worry, we will dismiss you mid-service to sit with your special lady. We will also have donuts and coffee for your trouble. Can't read music? Don't sing well? We gotcha covered! See you there!!

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC?

Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

Fellowship Today in Trinity Hall. For more information, please see the "Get Connected" flyer near the coffee.

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

Tithes and Offerings: are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, or checks mailed to the office, and electronically via the website. The website also offers a credit/debit card option.

Parents and kids: Special activity bags in the foyer.

Blankets are available in the rear of the Sanctuary for your comfort.

Quarterly Financial Report to our Faith Family - 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.

3/31/19	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Net (+)	Capital Expenses, (-)
ACTUAL Monthly	\$80,763	\$54,274	\$26,489	\$0
BUDGET Monthly	\$56,048	\$56,048	\$0	\$0
ACTUAL YTD	\$199,293	\$154,653	\$44,640	\$0
BUDGET YTD	\$168,141	\$168,141	\$0	\$0

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$211,311

NURSERY :

Apr. 28: Infants: Victoria Ratliff & volunteer needed
 Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & Sarah Harder

May 5: Infants: volunteers needed
 Toddlers: volunteers needed

USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

Apr 28: Head Usher: Rick Poland

Buck Otis & Brian Daugbjerg Family

May 5: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Kyle Ashley, Hayes Daugbjerg,

Marshall Daugbjerg, Aidan Frazier

SAFETY TEAM:

Apr. 28: Buck Otis & Brian Daugbjerg

May 5: Fred Irwin & Chad Johnson

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '19
 Michael McMahon '19
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