



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

September 2, 2018

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Carl G. Glaser

## WELCOME & \*INVOCATION

Jason Hubbard

Pastor: I will thank the LORD with all my heart!  
**People: I will tell about all your amazing deeds!**  
Pastor: I will be happy and rejoice in you!  
**All: I will sing praises to you, O sovereign One!**

### *\*This Is Amazing Grace*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty, and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love!  
That You would take my place; that You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free;  
Oh Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory!  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave .  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy, worthy!

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## \*MORNING PRAYER

### *\*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your Name In the land that is plentiful where  
streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
when I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your glorious name.

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## Welcome!

"There is a Grace that embraces you before you prove anything, and after you've done everything wrong, and says you can come with nothing. And he will love you through everything."

-Ann Voskamp

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

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

### Why “Blended” Worship?

Many of us have come from varying different styles of worship and we run the risk of being divided over musical tastes and the “right” way to worship. While these risks are real and even daunting at times, there are many things that lead us to believe that a blended service is important and here are a few reasons:

1) There is no “one, perfect way” to worship. Jesus bids us to come and worship him just as we are. This is because it is Jesus, not us, who perfects our services to be holy and pleasing to God. Every human expression, no matter how excellent, is fallible and partial to our own experiences. The blended worship style remembers it is not our musical tastes that we worship, but Jesus, who perfects human endeavors to come and have fellowship with him and each other.

2) The love of God compels us to seek unity. From the very beginning churches were divided over culture. We see this in Acts 6 where Luke records that Hellenistic Jews and Hebraic Jews vied for priority within the local church. We also see this in the book of Galatians, where Paul rebuked Judaizers for trying to convert Gentile believers into the norm of Jewish culture, not to the gospel of Jesus. Differing opinions are not new. From the 1st century onward, Christians had to, in faith, come to terms with those who have different cultural takes on things. This is precisely why Jesus prayed that our oneness with each other will be like that of Him and the Father (John 17:21). It is the will of our Lord Jesus that Christians seek unity through the gospel, in spite of our personal differences. This is especially true in how we worship. Blended services aim to draw us closer to that unity.

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Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, you give and take away;  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name.  
You give and take away, you give and take away;  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name.

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## SONG OF ILLUMINATION

### \*Show Us Christ

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.

Show us Christ. Show us Christ. O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word. Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord!

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## SERMON LESSON

Psalm 133 and 134

Doug Ashley

## SERMON

“The Blessed Way”

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

### Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to forsake your sin, you are welcome to take Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, this time is still for you. Rather than coming forward to take the elements, please remain seated and contemplate taking Christ himself. The prayers that follow are supplied for your consideration.\*\*

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

### Prayer of Confession

***Dear Heavenly Father, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We praise you for your welcoming heart, daily mercies, and gospel riches.***

***Forgive what our lips struggle to name, what our hearts can no longer hide, and what our hands cannot change. Set us free from the lingering shame from our past; meet us in the present reality of our need; and grant us hope in the future you have secured. We trust in the finished work of your Son and the ongoing work of your Spirit. In Jesus’ name we make our prayer. Amen.*** (Smith, Scotty. Every Season Prayers)

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Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

*Wash Me Away* by Karen Marroli

David and Ellen Luna

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,*

*for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

\*Passing of the Peace

*The Solid Rock (On Christ the Solid Rock)*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand!

All other ground is sinking sand.

All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

**THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC**

*\*Thrive*

Oh!

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died;

Like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.

So, living water flowing through; God we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.

Just to know You and to make You known, we lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive; We were made to thrive.

Into Your Word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart.

Into the world we're reaching out to show them who You are.

So, living water flowing through; God we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare on "Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*\*Please stand as able*

...3) Moments of discomfort cause us to stretch in our ability to love God and others. Jesus said "A new command I give you: Love one another." (John 14:34). One cannot help but have preferences in worship styles (this is normal to the human experience and not a bad thing in itself). However, we must make room for, and also grow in, our ability to love and value those who don't think, act, live, or worship just like us. How deep will our love for one another go? Today we gently exhort you to pray for, and extend love to, brothers and sisters who worship differently from you. When it is hard, remember that Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

**OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!**

We are searching for people who are ready and willing to help our children grow in their knowledge and faith in Christ. We are specifically in need of those willing to teach and support Sunday School for infants and toddlers. Wednesday night volunteers are also needed for ages PK4-5th grade. Just contact Carrie Northcutt [childrensministry@epclongview.org](mailto:childrensministry@epclongview.org) or call 903-234-0032 and sign up! Thank you in advance as we walk together in leading our youngest ones.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** We need your updated information in our church directory. Check the foyer today for a copy to edit.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16:**

There will be a Congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, September 16 for the purpose of electing three members of the congregation to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. Please be praying about and acting on nominating someone. The Session-elected elders are ---- Matt Yost, chair, and Jim Brun, chair-elect. Nominees must be members who are not currently serving as active Session members. Prior consent to serve must be obtained from any nominee before their name is presented at the Congregational meeting on September 16.

**NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9:**

What Do I Know? Tested by John.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:-**

**Sunday, Sept 2 —**

Infants: Jenny Hubbard & volunteer

Toddlers: Noe Nelson & Lauren Gipner

**Sunday, Sept 9 —**

Infants: Lizelle Fourie & Victoria Ratliff

Toddlers: Glenda Bayes & Sarah Harder

*If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Northcutt at [childrensministry@epclongview.org](mailto:childrensministry@epclongview.org)*

**USHERS & GREETERS:**

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

September Head Usher: William McCluskey

September 2: Buck Birdsong, Keith Moyes, Tres Bainter, Rick Poland

September 9: Brian Daugbjerg family, Michael McMahon, Bob Linthicum

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL 2018:**

- *The Gospel Project* in Room 106
- *Christian Thought* in Room 104
- *Faith in Life* in Room 107 Classes will be Starting soon. See card in foyer for more information.

**CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9:**

- *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*

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF**—Sunday September 9—more information will be mailed and emailed next week.

**EPC KIDMIN: DIG IN! BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:**

Pre-K4—5th Grade—Registration link in the Good News next week and more information available on the card in the foyer. (See card in foyer.)

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- *(Time Change)* Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. - Choir rehearsal
- *(Time Change)* Thursdays @ 6 p.m. - Praise Team rehearsal
- Monday, Sept. 3 - Labor Day; church office closed
- Sunday, Sept. 9 - Children & Youth Sunday School begins
- Youth Kick Off September 9 at 5 pm
- Confirmation Class begins Wednesday, Sept. 12
- Youth Bible Studies begin Wednesday, Sept. 12
- Sunday, Sept. 16—Congregational Meeting
- EPC KidMin—Dig In! begins Wednesday- September 19
- Sunday, October 7—1st Sunday—Communion & Potluck
- Save the Date—Family Movie Night—October 14
- Save the Date—Pumpkin Stomp—October 27

**SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:**

Sept 2: Buck Birdsong & Fred Irwin

Sept 9: Todd Parks & Brian Daugbjerg

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Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

**RULING ELDERS**

Gena Bunn '18

Ginia Northcutt '18

Kathie Ramey '18

Michael McMahon '19

Matt Yost '19

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