



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Sing The Mighty Power of God

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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Doug Ashley

Pastor: My heart is confident in you, O God;
no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart!

People: Wake up, lyre and harp!
I will wake the dawn with my song.

Pastor: I will thank you, LORD, among all the people.
I will sing your praises among the nations.

People: For your unfailing love is higher than the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

* *May The People Praise You*

May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise; may praise the Name of Jesus.

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love, and deepest joy; With endless life.

All the earth is Yours, and all within; each harvest is Your own.
and from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us, for those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
to every nation, tribe, and tongue; your church proclaims!

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious name.

May praise the Name of Jesus.
May praise the Name of Jesus.

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* *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

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 Narthex.

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

"Hosanna" is a word we often hear in the church and a word which is especially used on Palm Sunday, because that is what the crowds cried as Christ came into Jerusalem in what has been called His "Triumphal Entry" (e.g. Mark 11:9). But Hosanna isn't just a Holy Week word! "Hosanna" is a Hebrew expression, meaning, "Save!" It became an expression of praise for God's people during ancient times, and it is still used among Christians today.

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What does it mean to be a Christian? One way of thinking about what it means to be a Christian is that you have moved from knowing about God to knowing God. You have received the love of God in such a way that your status is changed - your sins are wiped out and you know he accepts you as perfectly righteous in his sight, which also renews you on the inside. Knowing God occurs when the truth overflows your mind into all the rest of you. It's when the truth about God, or the truth about who you are as a Christian, or the truth about Christ all of a sudden makes your rationality go crazy so that your rationality can't handle it anymore and it just bubbles up and flows out... it goes ballistic in your life so you can't keep it contained just to your mind anymore. It flows out into your feelings. It flows out into your will. It flows out into every part of you. (Adapted from "Beholding the Love of God" sermon by Tim Keller, 1995)

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Texts: Charles Wesley
Tune: Easter Hymn, Public Domain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that rather than disadvantaging ourselves to advantage the community, we disadvantaged the community to advance ourselves. We fudged on the truth, we pretended to not notice those who needed our help, we took credit for that which was not our doing. Through the grace of the gospel, forgive us and change us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.*

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit." Psalm 32:1-2

Pastor: Friends, know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are free!**

Good Good Father

You're a Good Good Father.
It's who You are. It's who You are. It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You.
It's who I am. It's who I am. It's who I am.

I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.
Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think.
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
as You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Music and Lyrics: Keith Getty
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SERMON LESSON

1 John 2:28-3:3

Shelley Kral

SERMON

"Know Childhood"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Our Father

Words and Music: Marcus Meier
Forerunner Worship (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* Days of Elijah

Behold! He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call!
So, lift your voice. It's the year of Jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses; righteousness being restored!

And though these are days of great trials; of famine and darkness and sword.
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

And these are the days of Ezekiel; the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest; the fields are as white in the world.
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord.

There is no god like Jehovah!
Who was, and Who is and Who is to come!

Music and Lyrics: Robin Mark
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Will Give Joyful Thanks

**Please stand as able*

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest statements of the Christian faith. The apostles didn't write it, but it expresses the gospel truths that they taught from the very beginning of Christianity. It is a creed that is used in churches of many denominations all around the world. Some are confused by the idea of Jesus "descending into hell." But many helpfully define a biblical understanding of hell as, at its core, eternal separation from God. When we see it in this light, we can certainly understand that at the cross, Jesus Christ experienced such separation when the sin of the world was thrust upon him. Also, the word "catholic" is being used here as a generic adjective, meaning "worldwide" or "universal" not as a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

Sunday, September 30, 2018 Announcements & Information

SUNDAY OCTOBER 7— First Sunday Worship Service with Celebration of the Lord’s Supper and Potluck - (no Sunday classes that day). Church will provide the chicken. Please bring a side, salad or dessert if able. If not, please come.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS Sunday October 7: Want to know more about Longview EPC? Our class will be in Room 104 following the potluck lunch. Please contact Pastor Doug at dashley@epclongview.org or 903.234.0032 if you are interested. Childcare will be available by reservation. Please contact frontoffice@epclongview.org or 903.234.0032 by **October 4** to reserve a spot for your children.

WANT TO HELP? At KidMin - Dig In please sign up to bring a meal. We are feeding around 25 on Wednesdays at 5:15. Visit our children’s page at longviewepc.org to sign up. Also sign up sheet in the foyer or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EAFAD2FA1FA7-kidmin> Contact Carrie Northcutt for more information.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSAL
Join us Sunday, October 7th at 4:00pm in the sanctuary as we begin to rehearse for our upcoming Christmas musical, God with Us. We would love to have your child participate!

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

- *Today:* Youth Fellowship—5:00 p.m.
- *Wednesdays:* EPC KidMin—Dig In! — 5:15 p.m.
Confirmation Class—5:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal — 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Studies
- *Thursdays:* Praise Team rehearsal—@ 6 p.m.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you! 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 friendship folders in your pew. Monthly prayer calendars are located in the foyer.

Tithes and Offerings are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, The website Serve/Giving tab also offers a credit/debit card option.

New giving option: **TEXT 903-484-1002** for credit/debit cards follow the prompts or call 903.234.0032 and we will help.

Sermons and bulletins: Available on the website
Parents and kids: Don’t forget the special activity bags in the foyer just for you! Each week there will be something new and special in them to help you learn more about God and have fun.

HURRICANE FLORENCE EMERGENCY RELIEF: The EPC has launched an emergency relief fund to help churches in the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. To donate online, go to www.epc.org/emergencyrelief.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these Dates!

Potluck—October 7
New Member Class—October 7
Children’s Christmas Musical Rehearsal—October 7
Family Movie Night—October 14
Lunch Bunch—October 24
Pumpkin Stomp—October 27
Children’s Musical—December 2

GRATEFUL FOR YOU! . We are very thankful for your continued prayers, service and financial commitment - the earthly fuel of this creation. We continue to be encouraged by how God 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.

8/31/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (Aug)	\$57,533	\$ 62,784	\$4,450	\$ 5,251
Year to Date	\$470,594	\$562,120	\$4,450	\$-95,976

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$122,149

Capital Exp:A/C replaced in sanctuary in June

NURSERY :
Sunday, Sept 30 —
Infants: Mary LeTourneau & Nancy Hale
Toddlers: Jim Brun & Kerri Daugbjerg
Sunday, Oct 7 —
Infants: Allie Maher & Victoria Ratliff
Toddlers: Liz Johnson & Sarah Harder

USHERS & GREETERS:
Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum
September Head Usher: William McCluskey
September 30: Buck Birdsong, Keith Moyes, Bill and Beth Franklin
October Head Usher: Buck Birdsong
October 7: Bill Bankston, Michael McMahon, Bob Linthicum, Tres Bainter

SAFETY TEAM:
Sept 30: Bill Bagley
Wil White
Oct 7: Bill Bankston
Michael McMahon

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn ‘18
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