



## Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

We are a faith family walking together to know Christ and to make him known by engaging in dynamic worship, pursuing spiritual wisdom, investing in deep relationships, and affecting social renewal.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING SONG

*Behold Our God*

*Baird, Altrogge*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beau Sullivan

**Pastor:** Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**People:** **We will praise God with all our heart  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

#### *\*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 worthy worthy

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#### *\*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly 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 through 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 His wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.

#### Welcome!

May each person who enters through our church doors this morning find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together. Welcome to all of you today!

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

*Please sign the attendance register located at the end of each pew.*

**The back-story to "Crown Him with Many Crowns".** This traditional hymn reaches back into the 1800s, a time when there was serious tension between the Catholic and Anglican churches. The song was originally written by Matthew Bridges, a convert from Anglican to Catholic. He wrote six stanzas based on Revelation 19:12 "...and on his [Jesus'] head were many crowns." Godfrey Thring, an Anglican clergyman, wanted to use the popular hymn but without the Roman Catholic theology; so he wrote six stanzas of his own! The 12 stanzas have been mixed and matched over the years with the most popular hymnals today containing six stanzas: three of Bridges' and three of Thring's. We will not be singing all 6 verses this morning, but in typical order 1, 2 and 4 are from Bridges with 3, 5 and 6 from Thring.

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**Is This About You or Me?** Have you ever had an experience where even though someone was supposed to be talking to you, about you; it felt like though they mentioned you, somehow they were still talking about themselves? **The Prayer of Adoration** is where we practice getting our eyes completely off ourselves and focus on God alone. Here we express to God our marvel, love, and adoration for who he is and what he has done – and that is all. We don't mention ourselves; we focus solely on him. Have you ever tried it? It may be harder than you think!

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.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;  
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*, DIADEMATA. Mathew Bridges, 1851, George Job Elvey, 1868 Public Domain

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## PROCLAIMING

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

Shelley Kral

### SONG OF INVOCATION

*\*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

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### SERMON LESSON

Exodus 12:1-13

Doug Ashley

### SERMON

“Set Us Free: Enough Is Enough”

### 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.*

*The Passover Song*

*Sean Carter and Caroline Cobb  
Robert Lowry*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Shelley Kral

## SENDING

## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*\*Build Your Kingdom Here*

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

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

We seek Your kingdom first we hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize

To see the captives' hearts released

The hurt the sick the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause

We are Your church we pray revive this earth

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## \*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

## \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

"Prayers of the People" is an occasion in our worship in which we address God as intercessors for each other and the world at large. We pray not just for our own faith family and for the people we know; we also intercede for those in authority, for those suffering oppression, for those who are poor, hungry or sick, for those who have no one to pray for them. It is also appropriate to offer prayers of thanksgiving for who God is and how we have witnessed Him at work in our world. This morning our Pastor will take individual prayer requests, summarize the prayer and speak the words "Lord in Your mercy" to which the congregation will respond "Hear our prayer".

**FIRST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1:** Worship with the Lord's Supper; Fall-themed potluck lunch immediately following worship. Please bring salads, relishes, sides, and desserts. Fellowship team will provide the main dish. Everyone is welcome!

**PRAYER PARTNERS:** We would like for each child in our faith family, from birth to 5th grade, to be given an adult prayer partner who will commit to praying for this child for the rest of his or her life. What a blessing that will be for the praying adult and for each child. Contact Emily Holloway to sign up.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** We will be having a membership class on October 15 in room 106 of Trinity Hall immediately following Sunday school for anyone who would like more information about joining our church. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Beau Sullivan to sign up.

**LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS:** Wednesday, October 11, 11:30 a.m. will be the next meeting of the Lunch Bunch. Reservations are helpful. Everyone is invited!

**SUNDAY'S COOL FALL 2017: PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE GATHER FIRST IN TRINITY HALL ROOM 105**

<u>Age/Grade</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Infants	room 1	Victoria Ratliff & Sarah Harder
Toddlers	room 2	Noe Nelson & Bertu Van Zyl
PreK/K	101	Carrie & Nate Salmon
1st/2nd	102	Ray Wei, Jim Taylor, Shawn Frazier, Nicole Bush, Mary White
3rd/4th/5th	103	Tad & Mary Grace Carlisle Rob & Emily Holloway
Jr Hi 6th-8th	108	Josh Newsham & Gena Bunn
Sr Hi 9th-12th	109	Jason Hubbard

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL 2017:**

*Christian Thought* (studying Andy Crouch's "Strong and Weak" before studying Calvin) meets in Trinity Hall room 106 and is led by Larry Frazier.  
*Digging Deeper* (a study of the book of John) meets in the Sanctuary and is taught by Beau Sullivan.  
*Faith in Life* (study of Revelation) meets in Trinity Hall room 107 and is taught by Shelley Kral.  
*Grace-Based Parenting* (applying grace to parenting children into a life of freedom in Christ) meets in Trinity Hall room 104 and is led by Doug and Julie Lynn Ashley.  
*The Gospel Project* ("Exile and Return" - a Bible survey course) meets in the Carlton room in the sanctuary building and is taught by Leonard Wiley.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES HAVE BEEN MAILED:**

There are a few 2017 directories in the foyer if you need an extra copy.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

**Sunday, September 24** — Infants: Sarah & Victoria; Toddlers: Denise & Pat Frederick  
**Sunday, October 1** — Infants: Chad & Liz Johnson & Victoria; Toddlers: Cindy Brelsford & Sarah

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sundays at 5 p.m.—Youth dinner & fellowship
- Wednesday, September 27—Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir and Worship Team rehearsals
- Friday, October 6— Mom to Mom 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 11—Lunch Bunch returns! 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall

**GRATEFUL FOR YOU!** At Longview EPC we continue to be encouraged by what God is doing: creating a community of people committed to changing lives through his gospel. We are very thankful for your continuing prayers, service, and financial commitment—the earthly fuel of this creation. As a reminder, financial giving can be made via 1) the tithe and offering boxes in the sanctuary, 2) electronic giving (automatic withdrawal or credit/debit card), 3) hard mail. Please contact Treasurer Gordon Northcutt or Finance Deacon Henry Salmon if you have any questions.

8/31/17	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (Aug.)	\$ 115,636	\$ 68,321	-0-	\$47,315
Year to Date	\$569,510	\$579,224	\$29,596	\$-9,714

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$212,034

**Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45**

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