



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.

OCTOBER 8, 2017

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: O God, you are our God;
We earnestly search for you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you;
our whole bodies long for you
in this parched and weary land
where there is no water.**

Pastor: We have seen you in your sanctuary
and gazed upon your power and glory.

**People: Your unfailing love is better than life itself;
how we praise you!
We will praise you as long as we live,
lifting up our hands to you in prayer.**

**All: You satisfy us more than the richest feast.
We will praise you with songs of joy. (Psalm 63:1-5)**

**How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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.

Why do we glorify God? Scripture often tells us God the Father seeks worshippers, that he demands we praise him. That rubs some of us wrong. We don't like people who demand praise, they are some of the last people we want to be around. We ask ourselves, "Why would I want to follow a God who demands the same?" The difference is that the worship of God, the ability and desire to praise God, unlocks the human ability to become a person of praise. Rather than being someone who nearly always has a critique to make, we become a person who nearly always has a praise to give. Because we are able to give God the true worth he is due, we begin to see the true worth of things throughout his creation and give them their due. When you get around people like that, who are quick to praise you rather than critique you, don't you enjoy it? God presses us to praise him not because he needs it, but because we need it. (Adapted from Tim Keller, *Lessons in Worship*, John 4:15-30, 1991)

What is prayer? While prayer may be described in many ways, one important way to think of it is as an encounter with God in which we share not just our ideas (what we want) but also ourselves. Just as conversation with people is how we develop human friendships, so conversing with God (listening as well as speaking) is how we develop divine friendship with God. Because our friendship with God is both individual and corporate, so we pray both individually and corporately.

Tithes and Offerings at Longview EPC. Jesus calls us to give our 'first fruits' (the best and first of our resources - be they financial, intellectual, physical or relational) to God for his glory and the furthering of his kingdom. In so doing we live the gospel of Jesus Christ by enacting our conviction that everything we have is a gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14) and that he will take care of all our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Regarding financial giving, we practice in congruence with scriptures such as 2 Kings 12:9 and Matthew 12:41 where tithes and offerings were collected in boxes as people came and went from the temple. Longview EPC collects tithes and offerings in the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking a monetary offering during the worship service is in hopes of enabling visitors exploring the Christian faith to be present at worship without feeling obligated to contribute monetarily. Also, it reminds believers that giving is an extension of worship that may occur any day of the week and through a variety of means. Towards this end, electronic giving is available at <http://www.epclongview.org/serve/giving>

**At Your Name*

At Your name the mountains shake and crumble
At Your name the oceans roar and tumble
At Your name angels will bow the earth will rejoice Your people cry out
Lord of all the earth we shout Your name shout Your name
Filling up the skies with endless praise endless praise
Yahweh Yahweh we love to shout Your name oh Lord
At Your name the morning breaks in glory
At Your name creation sings Your story
At Your name angels will bow the earth will rejoice Your people cry out
There is no one like our God we will praise You praise You
There's no one like our God we will sing we will sing
There is no one like our God we will praise You praise You
There's no one like our God we will sing
Lord of all the earth we'll shout Your name shout Your name
Filling up the skies with endless praise endless praise
Yahweh Yahweh we love to shout Your name oh Lord

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Worship Team

Heavenly Father, forgive us for being a people hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. We waywardly seek to convince ourselves:

- *that our wrongdoings aren't all that wrong.*
- *that we don't need to open ourselves up to one another in community*
- *that church attendance, charitable giving, or biblical knowledge is proof of Christian maturity.*

*Forgive us and restore us through your never ending grace.
Hear now our silent confession.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. (based on Rom. 8; 2 Cor. 5)

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Brokenness Aside

Will Your grace run out if I let You down 'cause all I know is how to run

('Cause) I am a sinner If it's not one thing it's another

Caught up in words tangled in lies (oh yeah)

But You are a Savior and You take brokenness aside

And make it beautiful beautiful (oh yeah)

Will You call me child when I tell You lies 'cause all I know is how to cry

You make it beautiful You make it beautiful

You make it beautiful You make it beautiful

Oh You make it beautiful beautiful

Oh Lord You make it beautiful beautiful

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PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Doug Ashley

SONG OF INVOCATION

**Word of God Speak*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard but to hear what You would say

Word of God speak would You pour down like rain washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know that You're in this place please let me stay and rest in Your holiness
(Word of God speak)

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SERMON LESSON

Exodus 16:2-5, 27-35

Beau Sullivan

SERMON

“Set Us Free: Life Lessons in Liberation”

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Doug Ashley

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.

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Enough*

All of You is more than enough for all of me for ev'ry thirst and ev'ry need
You satisfy me with Your love and all I have in You is more than enough

You're my supply my breath of life still more awesome than I know
You're my reward worth living for still more awesome than I know

You're my sacrifice of greatest price still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King You are ev'rything still more awesome than I know

More than all I want more than all I need You are more than enough for me
More than all I know more than all I can say You are more than enough

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*BENEDICTION

Beau Sullivan

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Are tithes and offerings the same thing? No. Scripture teaches that tithing is a means of teaching us to put God first in our lives, trusting that He will take care of all of our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Generally, a tithe (which literally means 'tenth' or 'ten percent') is the first ten percent of a person or family's income given to the all-purpose work of the Lord. An offering is financial giving above the tithe to a specific cause. An example of an offering received at Longview EPC is the **Mercy Fund**. This fund was established in response to Scriptures such as Galatians 6:10 which says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (See also Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 5:3,16). This fund enables us to come alongside a brother or sister who is facing significant hardship by providing confidential financial assistance for short-term, emergency situations or unforeseen circumstances that may require long-term assistance. Designated donations to this fund may be made at any time. To apply for funds contact a Pastor or a Ruling Elder.

Congregational Meeting Today

The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the next class of Ruling Elders and Deacons. Please have all of your children with you for the meeting so all nursery workers and Sunday School teachers can participate as well. You are welcome to use the Postlude time to pick up your children from the nursery. For more details please see the announcement section of the bulletin.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following worship today, October 8, for the purpose of electing the next class of Ruling Elders and Deacons. The nominating committee has offered the following:

Class of 2020 Deacons—Congregational Care, Sandra Shipp; Connections, Lauren Bagley; Prayer, Suma Jayakar; Youth, Lauren Byrd.

Class of 2019 Deacon (to fill an unfilled vacancy from last year) - Fellowship, Susan Pope.

Elder Class of 2020—Jim Brun, Kerri Daugbjerg, Eric Skoog

LUNCH BUNCH: Wednesday, October 11, 11:30 a.m. Reservations are helpful Sign up on the fellowship pad as it is passed. Main dish will be chicken spaghetti; we will need a few sides or desserts. Brush up on your knowledge of the Bible so you can enjoy Bible Trivia! Everyone is welcome.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: There will be 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.

2017 YOUTH FOR MISSION PUMPKIN STOMP:

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.—3 p.m. at Enoch's Stomp. Fun for the whole family! Admission is free. Tickets may be purchased at the gate for games, food, and activities including hayride, pumpkin patch, carnival games, prizes, paintball target shooting, pumpkin painting, and fair-style food. This is a major fundraiser for our youth mission trips. Sponsorship forms are available in the church foyer if you would like to sponsor one of the events mentioned above. Forms must be returned by October 20. For more information, please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jason Hubbard.

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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, October 8 — Infants: Mary Goll & Victoria; Toddlers: Kaye Ratzlaff & Sarah

Sunday, October 15 — Infants: Sarah & Victoria; Toddlers: Rob & Emily Holloway

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you!

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in Trinity Hall each Sunday morning.

Prayer Ministry: Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing prayerteam@epclongview.org or by using the cards located in the attendance registers. Current monthly prayer calendars are located 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.

Sermons and bulletins: Available on the website

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sundays at 5 p.m.—Youth dinner & fellowship
- Wednesday, October 11—Lunch Bunch returns! 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall
- Wednesday, October 11—Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir and Worship Team rehearsals
- Sunday, October 15—New Member Class
- Friday, Oct. 20—Mom to Mom
- Saturday, October 28—Pumpkin Stomp

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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