



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 22, 2017

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

*Put on the Grace
(Ode 20)*

John Andrew Schreiner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: In God's kingdom, weakness becomes strength.

People: Loneliness finds companionship.

Pastor: Fear grows into courage.

People: The foolish learn wisdom.

Pastor: The wise learn sacrifice.

People: The great are humbled

Pastor: The humble are lifted up.

People: In God's kingdom, all things are made whole.

All: Receive, O God, our songs of thanksgiving!

**Bless the Lord*

All who gather in the holy place, bless the Lord;
All who call upon the God who saves, bless the Lord;
If your sins have been washed away, bless the Lord;
If you stand only by his grace, bless the Lord.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul; bless the Lord, oh my soul; and let ev'rything within me,
Let ev'rything within me, let ev'rything within me, bless the Lord.

We'll sing an anthem to his beautiful name, bless the Lord;
Join the heavens and the earth proclaim, bless the Lord;
His mercy is great and his love endures, bless the Lord.
Our faith is strong and our hope is sure, bless the Lord.

At all times, at all times I will bless the Lord.
At all times, at all times I will bless the Lord.

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**Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our people in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Welcome!

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

What is Grace? Around here you will hear us use the term 'grace' often. What do we mean? The essence of biblical grace is God providing for people what they could not provide for themselves. God's grace bestows on those who entrust themselves to Jesus Christ forgiveness for attitudes and actions that separate us from God (sin) and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to live godly lives. Grace does not mean ignoring sin or rewarding poor behavior; neither of those actions would be loving or just. Jesus' perfect life and voluntary death on behalf of his people pays the penalty incurred for sin and provides the blessings Jesus sinlessness earned. No one can merit this action, it is what we receive in God's mercy; it is grace. Grace is available to all people and, when properly understood and received, changes how one views the world and motivates devotion to Jesus.

DEACON SPOTLIGHT: We are blessed with an amazing Youth Deacon Team headed by Jon Kral and teamed with Matt Yost, Susan Shea, Sheri Burlingame, Bailey Salmon, and Lauren Byrd. Youth are at a pivotal point in moving from knowing about God to knowing God. The Youth Team engages our students in that process by overseeing youth Church School teachers, Bible Study leaders, Fellowship leaders, and other volunteers. Their hope is to encourage all involved in the youth ministry to experience God wherever they are: at church, school, home, and in the community. What a joy it is to see students grow in faith as they are guided by this team. We are thankful to them for their commitment.

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 26.

CELEBRATION OF 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMATION DAY TO BE HELD OCTOBER 31 AT LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY: Classes will be canceled for the day, and a conference will be held beginning at 9 AM exploring the Protestant Reformation and its legacy. Beginning at 3:30, Jim Taylor will conduct a musical program including a hymn festival. Information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/LETUreformation500/>

1ST SUNDAY OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER AND NEXT POTLUCK LUNCH: Put November 5 on your calendars for our next celebration of communion followed by a potluck lunch.

COATS FOR KIDS: Donate and drop off gently used (or new) coats through October 31 at the following dry cleaners free of charge: Alpine, McClendon, Dry Clean Super Center, Sno-White, Village, or Super Center. Free coat day will be Saturday, November 11 at Broughton Recreation Center from 8 a.m.—2 p.m.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, October 22 — Infants: Bonnie Howell & Victoria; Toddlers: Sandra Skoog & Sarah

Sunday, October 29 — Infants: Leslie Konvalin & Kathie Ramey; Toddlers: Tad & Mary Grace Carlisle

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.

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 25—Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir and Worship Team rehearsals
- Saturday, October 28—Pumpkin Stomp 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5—1st Sunday Communion; no church school; potluck lunch

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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Confession & Assurance: Rehearsing the Gospel. There are many reasons we choose to make explicit the Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon. One of the principle reasons is to “rehearse” the Gospel. The Gospel—the good news of what Jesus Christ has done on — is not merely something that we believe one time and are then ‘good to go.’ The truth that we are simultaneously more sinful and more loved than we can imagine is a perpetual, life-changing reality that we must seek to embrace at deeper and deeper levels. Put another way, we might say that growing more mature in our faith and becoming more like Jesus involves one principle reality: believing the Gospel at deeper and richer levels. The regular practice of Confession (I am more sinful) and Assurance (I am more loved) molds our soul into a “Gospel shape” such that the pattern of the liturgy, over time, “becomes” us, as we begin to relate to God through the Gospel in our day to day lives.

**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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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Shelley Kral

Forgive us, Father, for how we often miss our sin completely; in your grace reveal our wrongdoing.

Forgive us, Father, for how in our hardness of heart and pursuit of misplaced loves, we ignore what you reveal.

Forgive us Father, for how in the face of our sin we cannot ignore, we deny or minimize it. We are grieved by our rebellion and ask you to transform our lives.

Speak to us now, Holy Spirit, that we may be renewed through the receipt of your revelation and mercy shown to us in Jesus Christ.

(Please take a few moments for silent meditation and ask the LORD to reveal to you that which you need to see or to confess this morning.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Create for me a pure heart, O God!
Renew a resolute spirit within me!
Do not reject me!
Do not take your Holy Spirit away from me!
Let me again experience the joy of your deliverance!
Sustain me by giving me the desire to obey! Psalm 51:10-12 (NET version)

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Create in Me a Clean Heart O God
Psalm 51:10-13

Carl Mueller

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN’S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

*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 19:2-8; 20:1-3

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Set Us Free: Getting It Right”

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.*

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Beau Sullivan

DEACON SPOTLIGHT

Jon Kral, Youth Team

**Beautiful Things*

All this pain I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change at all

All this earth could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground at all

You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us

All around Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new (REPEAT)

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*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray. Jesus was not just a master at prayer, he was The Master. No one ever prayed like Jesus. So it is no wonder the disciples asked him to give them insight into how to pray. Jesus taught them (and us!) to begin by reminding ourselves of God's care and grandeur (Pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name"). Next he says to move into big requests that echo the heart and desires of God ("Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"). Then come the more personal aspects as we don't presuppose that the necessities of life will come to us naturally, but from the hand of God ("Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation.") Finally church tradition attaches a closing reminder of humble acknowledgement of God's control over all things. ("For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.") We do well to remember this model and allow it to guide us into meaningful conversation with God.