



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Longview EPC is 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.

MAY 6, 2018

Youth Sunday & Senior Convocation

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

All the People Said Amen Matt Maher, Paul Moak
Trevor Morgan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brett Parks

Leader: My friends, why are you here?

People: To glorify God and enjoy him.

Leader: What do you need?

People: Power to live an authentic life. Freedom to be honest. Joy to communicate. Hope to begin again. Daring to become involved in the wounds of the world.

Leader: These are gifts to be discovered in the giver of life himself. He is here as he promised. Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

**My Lighthouse*

Rend Collective

In my wrestling, and in my doubts; In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea;
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea;
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise;
You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea;
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Fire before us, You're the brightest; You will lead us through the storms.

**Your Grace Is Enough*

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people; remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God
Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me,
Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love, Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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Welcome!

This morning we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you have not professed faith in Christ or if you are hearing the gospel for the first time, though you will not be partaking of the sacrament, it is our privilege to welcome you here. Perhaps what you experience will raise questions for you. After the service, we will be eager to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration in our life together. If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, we are honored to be worshipping with you this morning!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Today is Youth Sunday! So much of our American culture tries to teach us that students and children should be relegated to only certain places in society. We see this in what is so often glorified in film and television: the good life is the one where youth get to remain immature. "Kids will be kids," it says, as our culture tries to keep our youth in perpetual adolescence. But the Bible teaches something different, something more along the lines of: "Boys will be men" and "Girls will be women." And as they grow into those roles they have much to teach people of all ages. Today is a day we celebrate this. We declare that our youth are important in all aspects of life; they are our peers and sometimes even leaders in the faith of Christ. So let's listen, worship, and rejoice in what God is up to in us through our Youth Ministries.

***MORNING PRAYER**

Nicolai Van Zyl

At the Cross

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
 There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide.
 Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross. I surrender my life.
 I'm in awe of You. I'm in awe of You.
 Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
 I owe all to You. I owe all to You, Jesus

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless;
 Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;
 Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood comes flowing down.

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.
 Here I bow down. Here I bow down
 Here arms open wide; here You saved my life.
 Here I bow down; here I bow down.

At the Cross by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin, Matt Armstrong, Matt Redman. Countless Wonder Publishing; CCLI License # 1108166

PROCLAIMING

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

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-3

Josh Taylor

FAITH JOURNEY

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Nicolai Van Zyl

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Doug Ashley

Invitation Those who have placed their trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. If you have not yet done so, 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 meditation.**

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.

**Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you created all things as good and you are restoring all things to their goodness. This includes us, our families, our relationships, and our world. Forgive us when we think there is part of our lives beyond your restoring power. Forgive us when we fail to live into the truth that you are right here, right now, in our midst to walk with us toward healing. Come, Lord Jesus and continue to make all things new through the power of Holy Spirit and our cooperation with him. In your name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

Amazing Grace

Tom Fettke adapted by David Luna

Aidan Frazier, trumpet, and Lauren Stoddard, French horn

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Brett Parks

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

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts. We bend our knees. Oh Spirit, come make us humble.

We turn our eyes from evil things. Oh Lord, we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands! Give us pure hearts. Let us not lift our souls to another.

And, Oh God, let us be a generation that seeks; that seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.

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SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Jason Hubbard

**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.

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.

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.

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

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*BENEDICTION

All Seniors

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

Is there an appropriate response when receiving the Communion elements (bread and juice)? Yes! When the words "This is Christ's body, given for you" and "This is Christ's blood, shed for you" are spoken, it is appropriate to simply receive the elements in silent prayer or to respond with words such as "Thanks be to God" or "And also for you". It is up to you which response you prefer.

YOUTH SUNDAY AND SENIOR BANQUET TODAY

- Convocation honoring our graduating high school seniors: J. D. Fuhrman, Keelan Hammer, Kason Kienzle, Brett Parks, Harrison Scantling, Logan Spence, Joshua Taylor, Nicolai Van Zyl
- Graduating seniors and their family are our honored guests for lunch in Trinity Hall following today's worship service.
- Catered lunch is for everyone - extra food is always available! We are requesting a \$5 donation per person with a family max of \$20 (children 5 and under eat free).

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION CHOIR: Men! Meet us in the choir loft next Sunday, May 13, at 8 a.m. We need you to sing to the moms of the church that morning. Don't worry, we will dismiss you mid-service to sit with your special lady. We will also have donuts and coffee for your trouble.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC ?

Please take one of our navy blue mugs and brochure. You are welcome to stay for lunch today. No Sunday classes today because of our Senior Convocation and lunch.

CALLING ALL EPC KIDS!

Join us Sunday, May 20, from 12:30 – 2:00pm at KidsView Park for our End of Year Celebration. The Children's Committee will serve Pizza and Cookie Cake, and you can play, play, play! Remember to bring your mom or dad

“SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS”

VBS JUNE 11-15, REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

At VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. “Ship-wrecked” is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life! Plus, we will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life! All children ages 3 (fully potty-trained, please) through 5th grade, please join us for this fun-filled week of learning more about how God rescues us!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS

We are gathering gear for VBS, and there are many ways you can help. In the foyer is a bulletin board filled with items needed to make this VBS successful. Each tag on the board is for a specific item and is labeled with Jenny Hubbard's contact info, along with where and when to deliver the item. Do not toss this tag in the trash! Please – when you do deliver your donation, **tape the tag to the item.** They are **color coded to help the VBS leadership team know exactly where each item will be used.** This will greatly help VBS leaders' preparations!

USHERS & GREETERS:

Sunday morning openers—Bob and Barbara Linthicum

May Head Usher—Rick Poland

Sunday, May 6 — youth

Sunday, May 13 — Rick Poland, Dave & Melanie Donaldson, Buck Birdsong

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, May 6 — Eric Skoog & Wil White

Sunday, May 13 — Rick Poland & Larry Northcutt

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, May 6 — Infants: Lizelle Fourie & Nancy Hale;

Toddlers: Kerri Daugbjerg

Sunday, May 13 — Infants: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED;

Toddlers: Daniel & Jenny Bond

ADDITIONAL NURSERY HELP NEEDED:

We are looking for helpers for the nursery. Sarah and Victoria, our helpers from LeTourneau, finished school this week and will not be able to continue to help as planned. If you can help with keeping our youngest children during worship services, please contact Annette in the church office.

“SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS”

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Ahoy, Helpers! You are needed as we set sail for this year's Vacation Bible School! We will need volunteers to lead crews (hang out with some cool kids), teach Bible stories, make snacks, welcome kids at the registration table, play some amazing games, make crafts, building fun gizmos, sing, and have an amazing week! This is our church's chance to minister to around 100 kids from our own church and the surrounding community! Please contact Jenny Hubbard @ hubbardnw@yahoo.com or register under kids' ministries on our website www.epclongview.org. A sign-up list to volunteer is located in the foyer today.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, May 9:** Youth Bible studies; Adult Choir rehearsal at 6:45 pm
- **Saturday, May 12:** Men's Fellowship Dinner
- **Wednesday, May 16:** Last Youth Bible studies; Adult Choir rehearsal at 6:45 pm
- **Sunday, May 20:** EPC Kids End of Year Celebration 12:30-2 pm at KidsView Park
- **Sunday, June 3:** Commissioning Sunday and lunch
- **June 11-15:** VBS “Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus”

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18
Ginia Northcutt '18
Kathie Ramey '18
Daniel Bond '19
Michael McMahon '19
Matt Yost '19
Jim Brun '20
Kerri Daugbjerg '20
Eric Skoog '20

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