



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.

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GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today John Robson Sweney
Arr. David Luna

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beau Sullivan

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: and all your saints shall bless you!

Pastor: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful
Where streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

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**Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

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 registers located at the end of each pew.

"Blessed Be Your Name" is one of the best congregational songs written in recent times. Why? Because it fights against the stereotype often associated with modern worship music—that it is shallow, superficial, and overly "happy." Each verse poses a contrast, saying "Blessed be your name, when..." The first half of each verse speaks of good times—seasons of blessing. The second half speaks of the difficult times—seasons of suffering and hardship. The message is, "Lord, may Your name be praised in all times." The bridge ("You give and take away") is a quote from the mouth of Job, the Bible's most famous sufferer, apart from Christ. If you are going through trials today, this song is for you. And if you find life pleasant at the moment, this song is also for you!

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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>.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

MORNING PRAYER

Beau Sullivan

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

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.

SERMON LESSON

1 Corinthians 13

Shelley Kral

SERMON

Growing Up

Happy the Home When God Is There
Daniel Bond, soloist

Henry Ware

*Happy the home when God is there, And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer, And one their heav'nly rest.*

*Happy the home where Jesus' name Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early speak His fame, And parents hold Him dear.*

*Happy the home where prayer is heard, And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred Word And all its wisdom prize.*

*Lord, let us in our homes agree This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee, And love to all will reign.*

The Lord at Work. During this part of our service we are reminded that while on Sundays we exist as 'the church gathered', the rest of the week we exist as 'the church scattered'. God is alive and at work through each of us as we journey with God in our daily lives. By highlighting important events in the life of our faith family, we seek to connect all that goes on throughout the week to the Living God working in and through all who are part of our worshipping community.

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Doug Ashley

**Jesus Paid It All*

I hear the Saviour say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in Me thine all in all".

Lord, now indeed I find thy power, and Thine alone,
can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all! All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim.
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete;
"Jesus died my soul to save", my lips shall still repeat.

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*BENEDICTION

Shelley Kral

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH LUNCHEON: Life group Fellowship Salad Luncheon on Thursday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m. at Debbie Bankston's home (1704 Clarendon, Longview 903.235.1251). A time of fun and fellowship for all of the women in the church. Everyone please bring something for potluck lunch - appetizer, salad, veggie, dessert, etc.?

“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!

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Ahoy, VBS Helpers! We will need volunteers to lead crews, 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.

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

ADDITIONAL NURSERY HELP NEEDED:

Sarah and Victoria, our Children's Dept. interns from LeTourneau University, have finished their semester and will return in the Fall. **SUMMER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** If you can help with keeping our youngest children during worship services or if you know of someone who would like to help, please contact Annette in the church office.

EPC YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, May 22, Bubba's 33 restaurant (located at 200 E. Loop 281) will donate 10% of your check to our youth group when you present their flyer (available in church office or link in Good News and church website youth page). Funds will go toward summer mission trips.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, May 13 — Infants: Nancy & Carolyn Hale;

Toddlers: Daniel & Jenny Bond

Sunday, May 20 — Infants: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED;**

Toddlers: Suzi White and volunteer needed

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, May 13 — Rick Poland & Larry Northcutt

Sunday, May 20 — Nico Fourie & Cliff Hale

USHERS & GREETERS:

Sunday morning openers—Bob and Barbara Linthicum

May Head Usher—Rick Poland

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

Sunday, May 20 — Mike McMahon, Tres Bainter, ET Testerman

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 3

COMMISSIONING SUNDAY

Lunch & info on Summer Mission Trips following morning worship service!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday, May 20:** EPC Kids End of Year Celebration 12:30-2 pm at KidsView Park
- **Tuesday, May 22:** EPC Youth Group Fundraiser at Bubba's after 4 pm
- **Thursday, May 24: 11:30 am** lunch at Bankstons' for women of the church
- **Sunday, May 27:** No Sunday School
- **Monday, May 28:** Church offices closed for Memorial Day
- **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

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