



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

What a Beautiful Name Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has done wonderful deeds.

**People: His right hand has won a mighty victory;
his holy arm has shown his saving power!**

Pastor: Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break out in praise and sing for joy!

**People: Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!
Let the hills sing out their songs of joy before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**All: He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with fairness.**

**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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**I Love to Tell the Story*

I love to tell the story. 'Twill be my theme in glory;
To tell the old old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story of unseen things above;
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

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Welcome!

Whether you are young or old; first time in a church or a long-time worshipper, full of questions and doubt or confidence and joy – or places in between all that - we are glad you are here!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

How is corporate worship connected to everyday living?

"If we think of the world as a body, then the church is the vehicle within it through which God chooses to carry His life-giving gospel. In this circulatory system of "gospel transport," worship is the heart, the central propulsion chamber where the gospel is given to the people of God, fueling and pressurizing us to be sent out. Mission, then, is the network of veins and arteries that take the gospel out, reaching further into the body for the purposes of gathering more regions of the world back in and under the life-giving influence of its center and heart. Just as the blood in arteries and veins follows a circular pattern away from and back to the heart, so mission goes out and gathers in, to be "repumped" by worship. Together, worship and mission operate as one unified system... Just as a heart has no purpose without veins and arteries, and just as those veins and arteries are useless without a heart, so worship is inherently missional and mission is essentially doxological." (Hicks, Zac. *The Worship Pastor*. Kindle. p 98)

The Mercy Fund is Longview EPC's response to commands 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). Our prayer is that, through this fund, God will work in and through us as we come alongside of a brother or sister who is facing significant hardship by providing confidential financial assistance for short-term, emergency situations in addition to unforeseen circumstances that may be long-term. To apply, forms are available from a Pastor or a Ruling Elder. Designated Donations to this fund may be made at any time. Brochures with more information are available in the foyer.

I love to tell the story. More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story. It did so much for me.
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee

I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story. For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new new song,
'Twill be the old old story that I have loved so long.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shelley Kral

Lord Jesus, we confess spending far more time concerned with what the world tells us we need than with what you tell us we need. We spend far more time concerned with our wants, than the needs of others. We spend far more time ensuring we are not marginalized, than helping the oppressed. We spend far more time in prayer asking for a better life, than in praise and adoration of your greatness. No wonder, then, we long for the world more than we long for you. Forgive us and teach us how to set our heart on you in prayer and worship until we experience awe and wonder before you, and your love for others becomes our own. In your powerful name we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news!

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love! What depths of peace; when fears are stilled when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All. Here, in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till, on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth, in glorious Day, up from the grave, He rose again!
And, as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me!
For I am His and He is mine,; bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life. No fear in death. This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Shelley Kral

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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SERMON LESSON

Luke 14:12-24

Doug Ashley

SERMON

Social Renewal: Knowing Others

Facing a Task Unfinished (We Go to All the World) Frank Houghton & Samuel Wesley
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, Fionan De Barra

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Doug Ashley

**Let Your Kingdom Come*

Your glorious cause O God engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us, so we pray, "Your kingdom come!"

Give us Your strength O God; and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord use us as You want; whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel 'till our dying breath.

Let Your kingdom come! Let Your will be done,
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name .
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
'Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done;
Let Your kingdom come!

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*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

*POSTLUDE

What a Beautiful Name

**Please stand as able*

The Importance of the Scripture Reading. Have you ever wanted to hear from God? Have you ever said, "I just wish God would speak to me clearly and in an audible voice"? We sometimes forget that the Bible is the chief way God has chosen to speak to His people. If we want to hear from God, the first answer is to go to the Scriptures. So what does this mean for the times in our worship when the Word of God is read publicly in our worship? This means that we should be attentive and eager, because we are hearing the very words of God fall on our ears. Especially in our day and age of short attention spans, TV sound bites, and quick-clicking as we surf the internet, attentiveness requires focus and intentional concentration. It's helpful to visualize in your mind what is being said and pray silently during the reading, "Spirit, give me ears to hear this."

ROSEBUDS ON PEDESTAL TO CELEBRATE

- Harper Faye Ferrell, infant daughter of Ryan and Heather Ferrell of Elysian Fields and granddaughter of Mary Ferrell, was born May 11, 2018. Proud brother is Jaxon.
- Jaxson Kelly Goll, infant son of Taylor and Whitney Goll, grandson of Scooter and Mary Goll, and brother of Myles, was born May 17, 2018. Uncle and aunt are Josh and Cayla with cousin Brooks; also aunts Allison and Makenzie Goll.

CALLING ALL EPC KIDS! Join us today from 12:30 – 2:00 pm 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 .

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.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH LUNCHEON: 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. Please bring a salad, bread/crackers, finger sandwiches, or dessert.

THANK-YOU RECEPTION FOR EMILY HOLLOWAY

Please join us on Sunday, June 10th in Trinity Hall following the worship service to thank Emily Holloway for her service as our Children’s Director. Emily has faithfully served our faith family in this role and we are thankful for her! Please bring cards and notes that day as together we shower her with gratitude and love!

WELCOME JENNY BOND AS SUMMER CHILDREN’S

DIRECTOR: Jenny Bond is stepping in to serve as our Summer Children’s Director. She will be coordinating Nursery and Toddler teams, setting up teaching plans and teams for the Fall, and refreshing our classrooms throughout the summer. Thanks to Jenny for stepping in to serve our faith family in the interim as we search for a new Children’s Director.

“SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS”

VBS JUNE 11-15, REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

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!

Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for items needed to make VBS a success. Just follow the directions there to help out.

Volunteers are still needed for many roles.

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.

SUMMER...TIME! One of the best parts of the summer is TIME. With school being out and vacations being taken, summer is the prime time for TIME. Time with friends, time with family, time to relax, time to play, time to simply *be*. In that spirit, this summer we are inviting our faith family and friends to take time to *be* together. Instead of offering summer school lessons, we are offering Summer...TIME! Take the time after worship to gather in Trinity Hall and enjoy coffee and snacks and visit with old friends and make new friends. Spend a half hour as families, catching up and reaching out. Use the time to plan get-togethers with people you know, people you want to know better, and people you don’t know at all! Invite someone to lunch, offer to make someone dinner, ask people to come along with your family to the movies. We are providing this TIME to help you make TIME for others. Who knows what the Lord will do as we make ourselves available to one another!

COMMISSIONING SUNDAY, JUNE 3: Come join us for our TEXAS ROUNDUP! This summer’s mission teams will be serving in Texas and beyond. The first Sunday of June we will worship with celebration of the Lord’s Supper and then head over to Trinity Hall for a chance to learn about our mission adventures and have a Texas Hamburger and Hotdog lunch together. Our Mission Team is planning the event and our Fellowship Team is assisting with the meal. Otto Mendez, our faithful youth mission trip leader, is coming all the way from Florida to prepare the burgers! We need 10 volunteers to bring desserts. ALL are welcome.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, May 20 — Infants: Rob & Emily Holloway;

Toddlers: Suzi White & Tammy Moyes

Sunday, May 27 — Infants: Jenny Hubbard & volunteer needed;

Toddlers: Jim Brun & volunteer needed

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, May 20 — Nico Fourie & Cliff Hale

Sunday, May 27 — Daniel Bond & Rob Holloway

USHERS & GREETERS:

Sunday morning openers—Bob and Barbara Linthicum

May Head Usher—Rick Poland

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

Sunday, May 27 — Bill & Debbie Bankston, Ralph & Kathy Diamond

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Tuesday, May 22:** EPC Youth Group Fundraiser at Bubba’s 33 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

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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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