



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

At Calvary

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song!

People: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Pastor: Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Announce every day how he delivers!

People: We will tell the nations about his splendor!

We will tell all the nations about his amazing deeds!

All: For the LORD is great and certainly worthy of praise!

**1000 Tongues*

We are a sea of voices. We are an ocean of Your praise.

We're Gathered under one name.

We are a tide that's rising. And we cannot be contained;

Gathered under one name

O, for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty!

O, to sing the Savior's praise! A triumph of His grace;

You are worthy, You are worthy God.

We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain.

We're Gathered under one name.

Where ev'ry chain is broken and ev'ry sorrow swept away;

Gathered under one name

With all Heaven sing, and all earth below.

One Holy King! One highest throne.

For a thousand tongues to sing your name,

To sound your praise, to sound your praise.

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**Holy, Holy, Holy (Nicaea)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

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Welcome!

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or long-time 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 registers located at the end of each pew.

Why these worship side bars?

In reading 1 Corinthians 14 we notice a large principle Paul is trying to draw for the church's worship, namely that our public worship is to be intelligible (or understandable) to all kinds of hearers. Worship side bars are an attempt to help us to understand why we do what we do and what certain elements signify and mean in our service. Whether you've worshiped with us for a while, or whether you're new; whether you're a Christian or don't consider yourself a follower of Jesus, our hope is that these notes help make this time informed and purposeful.

What is a Prayer of Illumination?

Often placed near the reading and preaching of God's word, in the Prayer of Illumination (which may be either spoken or sung) we ask God to illuminate his Word so that we may hear as he intends to be heard. Paul prays for the church in Colossae that they be "filled with the knowledge of [God's] will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." (Colossians 1:9) In the Prayer of Illumination we ask the same for ourselves.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, your mercy is a stream of running water flowing into our souls; so we make our confession before you and ask your forgiveness. Forgive us for wanting the affirmation of our friends and co-workers more than confirmation of your redeeming work in us. Forgive us for dwelling too much on what may go wrong and too little on how you set all things right. Forgive us for reliving how others have let us down more than the ways they have lifted us up. Forgive us for being quick to whine and slow to worship.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. (Eph 1:7)
The riches of God's grace have proven to be more than sufficient for the bankruptcy of our sin.

People: **Praise God! In Jesus Christ, our debt is paid!**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God; a Bulwark never failing.
Our Helper, He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient Foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate. On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide? Our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He!
Lord Sabaoth His name; from age to age the same. And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly pow'r, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever!

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PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

***SONG OF ILLUMINATION**

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

Hebrews 12:1-13

Doug Ashley

SERMON

A Word for Travelers

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

Steve Merkel

Ellen Adams, Gena Bunn, Ellen Luna; David Luna, piano

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

**The Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessing all mine, with ten thousands beside!

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

What is an "Affirmation of Faith?" A unison response to the Word proclaimed, in the affirmation of faith worshipers announce their belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ through speaking together a long-standing, orthodox creed of the church. Examples include The Apostle's Creed, The Nicene Creed, and excerpts from the Westminster Confession of Faith.

ROSEBUD ON PEDESTAL TO CELEBRATE

Safe arrival of Stella Callan Brelsford, infant daughter of David and Melanie Brelsford of Hurst, TX. Proud grandparents are Clay and Cindy Brelsford and great-grandmother is Louise Brelsford. Stella was born May 6, 2018.

WELCOME DAVID LUNA AS INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR:

The Search Committee has recommended and the Session has approved David Luna to serve as our Interim Music Director. David will continue to direct the choir and praise team. During this time, our Session will be prayerfully considering the next steps for our music ministry as we remain intentional about blended worship as a faith family. Please join us and thank David for his ongoing service to Longview EPC!

COMMISSIONING SUNDAY, JUNE 3: TEXAS ROUND-UP!

This summer’s mission teams will be serving in Texas and beyond. Next Sunday we will worship with celebration of the Lord’s Supper and then dismiss to Trinity Hall 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.

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!

VBS JUNE 11-15, REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

- * 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.
- * Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for items needed to make VBS a success. Just follow the directions there to help out.
- * Volunteer training will be after the lunch on June 3 and on Wednesday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m. All volunteers should attend one meeting. Both meetings will take place in Trinity Hall.
- * VBS workdays will be June 2 and June 4-9 from 10 a.m. to noon each day.

GRATEFUL FOR YOU! We continue to be encouraged by what God is doing: creating a community of people committed to changing lives through his gospel. We are very thankful for your continuing prayers, service and financial commitment - the earthly fuel of this creation. Please contact Treasurer, Gordon Northcutt, if you have any questions.

4/30/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (April)	\$ 50,740	\$ 72,472	\$0	\$-21,732
Year to Date	\$211,402	\$292,000	\$0	\$-80,599

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$134,909

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!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

- Sunday, May 27** — Infants: Jenny Hubbard & Emily Holloway; Toddlers: Jim Brun & Noe Nelson
- Sunday, June 3** — Infants: Tammy Moyes & Melissa Hudson; Toddlers: Carrie Salmon & Noe Nelson

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

- Sunday, May 27** — Daniel Bond & Rob Holloway
- Sunday, June 3** — Keith Moyes & Jason Hunt

USHERS & GREETERS:

- Sunday morning openers**—Bob & Barbara Linthicum
- May Head Usher**—Rick Poland
- Sunday, May 27** — Bill Bankston, Rick Poland, William McCluskey, Tres Bainter
- June Head Usher**—Clay Brelsford
- Sunday, June 3** — Keith Moyes, Shane Best, Bill & Debbie Bankston

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Monday, May 28:** Church offices closed for Memorial Day
- **Sunday, June 3:** Celebration of Lord’s Supper during worship service followed by “Texas Roundup” Commissioning in Trinity Hall and lunch
- **Sunday, June 10:** Reception for Emily Holloway following worship service

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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

STAFF

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