



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.

JANUARY 7, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

We Three Kings

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: In the beginning was the Word, Jesus, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Pastor: In him all things were made. Without him nothing was made that has been made.

People: In him was life, and that life was the light of humanity.

Pastor: Jesus is the light of the world!

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Indescribable*

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim You are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

You are amazing God

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomp'able unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God

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MORNING PRAYER

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. 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 register located at the end of each pew.

Why have children in the sanctuary for all of worship? Our children are members of the covenant community (the church) so it is appropriate for them to be included in this primary activity of covenant worship (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 10:24-25). As they are, they will be present in the midst of Christians of all ages and see that it isn't their parents alone who believe, who alone worship through singing, prayer, sacraments, and listening to God's word; but that there is a wonderful gathering of all kinds of people who meet week after week for this central activity. Likewise it counters the fragmenting of families so prevalent in our culture that separates us by age and robs us of intergenerational teaching. How many of us at one time or another have learned more from a child than an adult, or understood the children's lesson better than the sermon? Finally, having children in worship prepares them for the rhythms of church life, so as they grow older they can participate more freely because they understand the 'language' being spoken.

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

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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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SERMON LESSON

John 1:19-51

Beau Sullivan

SERMON

“Light Contact”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to for-sake your sin, you are welcome to take Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, 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 consideration.**

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

Doug Ashley

Almighty God, we confess that we have: envied what others possess, prided over who we think we are, sought revenge on those who have disrespected us, lusted after pleasures outside your will. And all the while, we have sat in judgment over those doing the same thing. Forgive us and change us by the power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

*There Is a Fountain
Keep My Heart*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Shelley Kral

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

Let Us Be Known By Our Love

Let us be known by our love in every word in every deed honor the Son
Let our light shine in every eye let us be known by our love

For the glory of the Father for the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit let us be known by our love (joy) (peace)

Let us be known by our joy in every home in every heart sing to the Lord
Let our life show goodness and hope let us be known by our joy

Let us be known by our peace in every town in every tribe Jesus is king
Let us go forth heal and restore let us be known by our peace

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SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Because He Lives (Amen)*

I believe in the Son I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen let my song join the one that never ends (Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

Because He lives I can face tomorrow because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life my future in His hand

Because He lives

***BENEDICTION**

Beau Sullivan

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as able*

Why do we "pass the peace" as part of the Communion liturgy?

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies a Christian's identity as peacemaker (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20). At the close of Communion we turn to our neighbors, extend our hands, look the person in the eye, speak the words "The peace of Christ be with you" and receive the response, "And also with you." In doing so we connect with Jesus who extended himself to us to make peace (Col. 1:20-21) and live into his call to extend that peace beyond ourselves into the community of which we are a part (Eph 4:3).

TODAY, JANUARY 7 – 1st Sunday: Worship with the Lord's Supper. Potluck lunch in Trinity Hall following worship. The church will provide the main dish—you provide the sides and a few desserts. Please join us for our first potluck lunch of 2018 even if you forgot to bring a dish!

PIONEER CLUBS RESUME JANUARY 17:

- * Meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 PM
- * For children 3 years-5th grade
- * Light supper served
- * Includes Bible study, games, singing, cooking, art, outdoor exploration, etc.
- * Contact Director Emily Holloway for more information
- * Register on church website (longviewepc.org)

ALLIES NEEDED: Buckner is having **two meetings on January 9th at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, and information on both classes will be shared at each meeting. See bulletin insert for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday, Jan. 14—All Sunday School classes and Youth Fellowship resume
- Wednesday, Jan. 17—Pioneer Clubs and Youth Bible studies resume
- Friday, Jan 19—Mom to Mom
- Sunday, Jan. 28—Ordination and installation of new church officers during worship

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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, January 7 — Infants: Terrye Hudson & Jenny Hubbard; Toddlers: Carrie & Larry Northcutt

Sunday, January 14 — Infants: Bonnie Howell & Victoria; Toddlers: Ann Werline & Sarah

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT WEEK:

Please join one of our Adult Classes!

Christian Thought led by Larry Frazier is considering writings by Andy Crouch and John Calvin. Meets in Trinity Hall 106

Digging Deeper taught by Beau Sullivan is studying the Gospel of John. Meets in the Sanctuary

Faith in Life led by Shelley Kral and Daniel Bond is reviewing "12 Christian Beliefs That Can Drive You Crazy: Relief from False Assumptions" by Drs. Cloud & Townsend.

Meets in Trinity Hall 107

The Gospel Project led by Leonard Wiley continues this Bible survey course. Meets in Carlton room in sanctuary building

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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