



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 21, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

1000 Tongues

Andi Rozier, Chris Tomlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beau Sullivan

Pastor: The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

People: we dwell in him and he in us.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

People: and speak of all his marvelous works.

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

People: who was and is and is to come!

**Cry Holy*

Let the earth rejoice, singing with one voice!

Let the people cry, "Holy holy Lord!"

Ev'ry creature sing praises to the King!

All creation cry, "Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord!"

Ev'ry sun and moon and star all declaring who You are;

We fall silent in amazement .

Ev'ry word and deed of man, ev'ry sea and grain of sand,

All creation speaks and now we sing to proclaim Your majesty.

Ev'ry song sung on the earth will never capture all Your worth.

We fall silent in amazement.

Let ev'ry humble heart now see the beauty of Your majesty.

All creation speaks and now we sing to the King above all kings

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**Holy, Holy, Holy!*

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! Lord, God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

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Welcome!

Those who love Jesus and those who are searching, welcome! We gather to hear from God, to learn from God, to talk to God, and to go out with God.

Visitors, we are eager to share with you the joy we have in knowing Jesus. Family members, it is a blessing to be with you once again. May we all grow in knowledge and love of Christ as we worship.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Nicea) is a beloved hymn of the church. The text was written by Reginald Heber (1783-1826), a Bishop in the Church of England, in celebration of Trinity Sunday. After his early death at age 43 his wife found the hymn amongst his writings and passed it along. It found its way to noted musician John B. Dykes (1823-1876), who accepted the words and within thirty minutes composed the tune "Nicea" which would carry Herber's words to Christians throughout the world from generation to generation.

NICEA

Why Confession? Because Christians aren't perfect. In worship we confess our sins in order to remind us that, even though we have a relationship with Jesus that has set us right with God, we still struggle with doubt, unbelief, disobedience, hypocrisy, and rebelliousness. Jesus is without fault. We are guilty. Jesus is faithful. We are rebellious. Everything Jesus does is perfect. We (as the Anglican prayer says) "have sinned in thought, word, and deed...by what we have done and by what we have left undone." This is why we will never tire of confessing our sin and resting on God's grace alone. We're continually needing to acknowledge that, because of our imperfection, apart from Jesus Christ, we have no hope to be the people God's holy character requires, we have no hope to be the people our love for God desires. But with Jesus, all of that changes. So confession in worship will come in many forms. Sometimes it will be explicit. Sometimes it will be in a song or prayer. But because of who God is and who we are, we must do it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, forgive us for the way we talk about God being our first priority while our hearts remain more closely connected to success, reputation, and the way we want things to be, than they are to you. Like the Pharisees of old, we have a fine way of "setting aside the commands of God in order to observe our own traditions" and so "honor you with our lips and worship you in vain." This is not who we want to be. Please change us and grow us in your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news!

If you, O LORD, were to keep track of sins,

O Lord, who could stand before you?

But you are willing to forgive,
so that you might be honored...

O Israel, hope in the LORD,

for the LORD exhibits loyal love,
and is more than willing to deliver.

He will deliver Israel

from all the consequences of their sins. (Psalm 130:3-4,7-8)

People: Thank you, God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Lord I Need You

Lord I come. I confess; bowing here I find my rest.

And without You I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart .

Lord I need You. Oh, I need You.

Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God! How I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.

Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Shelley Kral

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

James 2:1-26

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Total Faith Workout: In Need”

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

How He Loves

John Mark McMillan

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

Jason Hubbard

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

**Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise.
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart.
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when vict’ry is won.
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

The Apostles’ Creed is one of the oldest statements of the Christian faith. The apostles didn’t write it, but it expresses the gospel truths that they taught from the very beginning of Christianity. It is a creed that is used in churches of many denominations all around the world. Some are confused by the idea of Jesus “descending into hell.” But many helpfully define a biblical understanding of hell as, at its core, eternal separation from God. When we see it in this light, we can certainly understand that at the cross, Jesus Christ experienced such separation when the sin of the world was thrust upon him. Also, the word “catholic” is being used here as a generic adjective, meaning “worldwide” or “universal” not as a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS:

Our worship service on January 28 will include our annual ordination and installation of new church officers during worship. Please plan to attend this milestone event in the life of Longview EPC.

INSPIRE & BE INSPIRED! On January 28 during the Sunday School hour we will hear from our Missionaries who serve in Africa with Overland Mission—**Jake & Hannah Magness** and **Brandon & Lauren (Konvalin) Bender**. Hear how they see the Lord Jesus on the move in the territories to which He has sent them. We will meet in the sanctuary at approximately 11:00am. Please don't underestimate the encouragement of your presence for Jake, Hannah, Brandon and Lauren.

JR AND SR HIGH MISSION TRIP MEETING: This evening from 5-6:30 in Trinity Hall (Dinner will follow the meeting.). This meeting is for anyone interested in going on Youth mission trips. At least one parent should attend with any interested youth. Please bring laptop, insurance card, and deposit/payment (Sr. High \$50; Jr. High \$75).

“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” FEBRUARY 4: To aid in the fight against hunger and poverty in Longview, we will be participating in Longview Community Ministries' 12th Annual “Souper” Bowl Sunday Food Drive. *Please bring canned goods and/or non-perishable foods items to our potluck on Sunday, February 4 and place them in the designated barrels in the entryway to Trinity Hall.*

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, January 21 — Daniel Bond & Jim Brun

Sunday, January 28 — Bill Bankston & Bill Burlingame

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please join one of our Adult Classes!

Christian Thought led by Larry Frazier is studying 1 Peter using the Wiersbe Bible Study Series Guide: How to Make the Best of Times Out of Your Worst of Times. 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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, January 21 — Infants: Emily & Rob Holloway; Toddlers: Tad & Mary Grace Carlisle

Sunday, January 28 — Infants: Mariana Sullivan & Victoria; Toddlers: Terrye Hudson & Sarah

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Today:** 5 p.m. Youth mission meeting—doors open at 4:45; supper at 6:30
- **Wednesday, Jan. 24**—Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies
- **Sunday, Jan. 28**—Ordination and installation of new church officers during worship
- **Sunday, Feb. 4**—Souper Bowl Sunday
- **Wednesday, Feb. 7**—Lunch Bunch

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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