



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 28, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

More Love, More Power

*PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Beau Sullivan

**How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

**Glory to God Forever*

Before the world was made before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings yeah You were yeah You were
And now You're reigning still enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out we join them as we sing

Glory to God Glory to God Glory to God forever
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Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise Your great and matchless name
All my days all my days
So let my whole life be a blazing offering a life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King

Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours

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*SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:11-16

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
Nothing can compare You're our living hope Your Presence
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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 register located at the end of each pew.

Why Sing? The worship of God is active, not passive. On Sunday mornings this means that the people up front are not "on stage" and the people in the chairs are not "the audience". The musicians are not singing to us or for us, they are leading us as we all sing to God and for one another. You see, the music of the church is a means by which we tell the world, and remind ourselves of the great gospel of Christ in all its richness. So we sing for God's glory and we sing for each other's benefit. You may think by not singing, or singing softly, you are saving your neighbor from having to listen to your less than stellar voice; but the opposite is true. You are depriving your neighbor of the beauty of corporate worship; of together making a joyful noise unto the Lord. So may we invite you this morning to set your self-consciousness aside, bless your neighbor, and SING!

Why do we pray in Jesus' name?

To pray in Jesus' name is not to recite an incantation or a formula which obligates God to listen to that prayer differently than he listens to prayers not offered in Jesus' name. Nor is it a matter of learning proper prayer etiquette (along the lines of teaching your children to be sure they say 'please' and 'thank you'). To pray in Jesus' name is to consciously offer prayer in accord with all that his name stands for. It is to pray recognizing that the only approach to God we enjoy is Jesus himself. It is to pray realizing that only because of what Jesus has done are we able to speak to the Father as Jesus himself did. It is to pray submitting our words and requests to the good and perfect will of Almighty God, as did Jesus Christ himself.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord Your Presence
Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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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

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SERMON LESSON

James 3:1-18

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Total Faith Workout: In Word”

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS, 2018

Elders: Jim Brun, Kerri Daugbjerg, Eric Skoog

Deacons: Laureen Bagley, Lauren Byrd, Suma Jayakar, Susan Pope, Sandra Shipp

Introductory Litany – *From Ephesians 4*

Pastor: There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

People: Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

Pastor: Christ appointed some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

People: Christ did this to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, and for serving a broken world.

Pastor: And so we come together in oneness of faith and in certain knowledge of the Son of God.

People: We come to bring glory to God, and to celebrate his gracious gifts to all.

In this spirit of unity and service, let us continue to worship God through this ordination and installation of the Ruling Elders and Deacons.

The Constitutional Questions of the Ruling Elders and Deacons:

Do you affirm Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? ***I do.***

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice? ***I do.***

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures? ***I do.***

Do you promise if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will on your own initiative make known to your Church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow? ***I do.***

Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of our Faith” without exception? ***I do.***

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church? ***I do.***

Elders, do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord? ***I do.***

Deacons, do you promise subjection to your fellow officers in the Lord? ***I do.***

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Ruling Elder or Deacon from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son? ***I have.***

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account? ***I do.***

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as (Ruling Elder, Deacon), whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer? ***I will.***

Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as a (Ruling Elder, Deacon), and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the Grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed? ***I will.***

Question of the Congregation

Do you, the members of Longview EPC, receive these persons as Ruling Elders and Deacons, and do you continue your promise to yield to them and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which the ordination as an officer entitles them, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church? ***We do.***

Laying on of Hands, Prayer, and Declaration

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Beau Sullivan

**Let Your Kingdom Come*

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

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

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*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

What is ordination/installation

all about? To some, ordination seems like a mere formality—a procedure accomplished similar to what happens in business when someone is promoted to a higher position or when a politician is sworn into office. However, ordination is much more than ritual and symbolism. In Numbers 8, we read about a ceremony which took place to set apart the Levites as the tribe of Israel that would be uniquely responsible for the care and leadership of the Israelite religion and religious practice. There was a time of communication with God (prayer) and then a “laying on of hands” to symbolize the setting apart of certain individuals to be God’s representative of His people. We see a similar ceremony happening in the selection of seven people to serve as deacons in the church (Acts 6). Thus we continue the practice today.

The word “ordain” means, most simply, to authoritatively order something to happen. By saying that a Deacon or Elder is being “ordained” into office, we are communicating that God has already set apart this person for the unique responsibility of leading and serving His people under Christ, the only Lord and Head of the Church. We also acknowledge that something profound occurs when elders lay hands on an individual to set him or her apart for such office been set apart.

Those individuals who are entering the office of Deacon or Elder for the first time are **ordained and then installed**. Those who have previously served in their office are not ordained but simply installed. Please regularly pray for these leaders; that God will give them his very own wisdom and power to guide our faith family in a way that pleases him.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS: Today's service of ordination and installation of the class of 2020 Ruling Elders and Deacons is held not only to recognize the incoming class but also to express our gratitude for the leadership of the Class of 2017: Elders Eric Skoog, Hilda Vale and Derick Van Zyl; Deacons Glenda Bays, Tammy Moyes, Mary Goll, and Jon Kral.

INSPIRE & BE INSPIRED! Today during the Sunday School hour we will hear from our Missionaries who serve in Africa with Overland Mission—**Jake & Hannah Magness** and **Branden & Lauren (Konvalin) Bender**. We will meet in the sanctuary at approximately 11:00am. Please don't underestimate the encouragement of your presence for Jake, Hannah, Branden and Lauren.

"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" FEBRUARY 4: 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 on Sunday, February 4 and place them in the designated barrels in the entryway to Trinity Hall.*

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:
Sunday, January 28 — Bill Bankston & Bill Burlingame
Sunday, February 4 — Tony Clemens & Brian Daugbjerg

GRATEFUL FOR YOU! At Longview EPC 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, or Finance Deacon, Henry Salmon, if you have any questions.

12/31/17	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (Dec.)	\$ 127,257	\$ 75,401	\$500.00	\$ 51,356
Year to Date	\$ 866,077	\$872,007	\$30,096	-\$36,026

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$216,374

LUNCH BUNCH BINGO: Wednesday, February 7, 11:30 a.m. will be the next meeting of the Lunch Bunch. Main dish will be chicken enchiladas. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert, but come anyway if you do not have time to prepare! Reservations are helpful. Everyone is invited!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
Sunday, January 28 — Infants: Mariana Sullivan & Victoria; Toddlers: Terrye Hudson & Sarah
Sunday, February 4 — Infants: Lizelle Fourie & Victoria; Toddlers: Kerri Daugbjerg & Sarah

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Today:** 5 p.m. Youth fellowship & dinner—doors open at 4:45; supper following
- **Wednesday, Jan. 31**—Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies
- **Sunday, Feb. 4**—Souper Bowl Sunday; celebration of Lord's Supper; Sunday School (no potluck lunch)
- **Wednesday, Feb. 7**—Lunch Bunch
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14**—Ash Wednesday light supper at 5:15 and service at 6 p.m.

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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