



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.

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC *From the East Unto the West* from the Odes of Solomon, Ode 26
Eddy Duhan, John Andrew Schreiner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!
Sing about the glory of his name!
Tell the world how glorious he is.

All: *Everything on earth will worship you;
they will sing your praises,
shouting your name in glorious songs.*

**To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

MORNING PRAYER

No Longer Slaves

You unravel me, with a melody You surround me with a song
Of deliverance, from my enemies till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

From my mother's womb you have chosen me Love has called my name
I've been born again into your family Your blood flows through my veins

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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. Perhaps what you experience will raise questions for you. After the service, we will be eager to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration in our life together.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Praise the Lord! Scripture commands us to praise God. What does that mean? It is far too easy to think of public worship as something nice, but unnecessary; or to make it a spectacle for consumer consumption. Psalm 66 is a wonderful corrective to these common errors. It invites us to "make God's praise glorious" or give God "glorious praise". What does that mean? "'Glory' has connotations of weightiness, dignity, magnificence, and beauty. Glorious worship is exuberant, never halfhearted. It is attractive, not off-putting. It is awesome, never sentimental. It is brilliant, not careless. It points to God, not to the speakers. It fits its great object – it seeks to be a glorious as the one it praises." (from *The Songs of Jesus* by Tim & Kathy Keller) May glorious praise be a fitting description of our worship each Sunday morning!

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it
All my fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me, so I could stand and sing I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God

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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

James 4:1-17

Beau Sullivan

SERMON

“Total Faith Workout: In Community”

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Shelley Kral

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

Eternal God, we confess that we often worship not your true self, but who we wish you to be. Likewise we too often ask you to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what you bless. Please forgive us and change us. Meet us here at your table and nourish us into loving you well. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

I Am the Bread of Life by Suzanne Toolan; text based on John 6:25, 44; 11:25
We Will Feast in the House of Zion by Joshua Moore and Sandra MacCracken

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Beau Sullivan

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 (peace)

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

Let Us Be Known By Our Love by Matt Armstrong, 2015 Wordspring Music; Used by permission CCLI #11081661.

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Shelley Kral

**Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*BENEDICTION

Beau Sullivan

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

Community and the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is deeply personal, but never private. It is a communal action of believers gathered in Christ. Together we celebrate the promises of God, first as we remember them in the words of institution and reception of the elements, second as we respond with thanksgiving through prayer and the passing of the peace of Christ to one another. As we receive this sacred nourishment of the Lord, we affirm the Holy Spirit's connection of ourselves with Jesus Christ and his church in all times and places.

Ash Wednesday - "Follow Me"

February 14, 2018

Light Supper @ 5:15 pm Worship Service @ 6:00

A disciple, in Scripture, is one who hears the call of Jesus Christ and lives in active response to him by repenting, believing the gospel and following Jesus. The Church is the community of disciples Jesus promised he would build. It's where Christ is publicly confessed and where we find spiritual support and nourishment as the home base for serving others in Jesus' name. The purpose of Ash Wednesday is for disciples to begin the season of Lent by stopping our normal routine and meditating on our mortality, sinfulness and need of Savior.

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!

CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED! Those in attendance last Sunday WERE inspired by the words of Jake and Hannah Magness and Lauren and Branden Bender as they spoke to us concerning their work with Overland Missions! They appreciate your interest, and we have their personal contact information if you would like to speak more with them or ask any questions. Their website for more information is <https://overlandmissions.com/donate/>. If you wish to support them, please, include their names. There is a form available to donate, if you wish not to use the online option.

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, February 4 — Tony Clemens & Brian Daugbjerg

Sunday, February 11 — Keith Moyes & Bill Franklin

Wednesday, February 14—Paul Szafran & Eric Skoog

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, February 4 — Infants: Sarah & Victoria; Toddlers: Daniel & Jenny Bond

Sunday, February 11 — Infants: Mariana Sullivan & Victoria; Toddlers: Terrye Hudson & Sarah

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Today:** 5 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party at the Yanceys'
- **Wednesday, Feb. 7**—Lunch Bunch; Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies
- **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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