



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 11, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Creation Sings

*Stuart Townend, Keith and Kristyn Getty
arr. Lloyd Larson*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beau Sullivan

Pastor: My heart is confident in you, O God;
no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart!

People: **Wake up, lyre and harp!**
I will wake the dawn with my song.

Pastor: I will thank you, LORD, among all the people.
I will sing your praises among the nations.

People: **For your unfailing love is higher than the heavens.**
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

All: **Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.**
May your glory shine over all the earth. (Psalm 108:1-5)

**Beautiful One*

Wonderful, so wonderful is your unfailing love;
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know
How glorious, how beautiful you are.

Beautiful One, I love you, beautiful one I adore;
Beautiful One, my soul must sing!

Powerful, so powerful, your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of your majesty awakes my heart to sing;
How marvelous, how wonderful you are.

You opened my eyes to your wonders anew;
You captured my heart with this love;
Because nothing on earth is as beautiful as you. (Repeat)

My soul, my soul must sing My soul, my soul must sing
My soul, my soul must sing Beautiful one

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**From the Inside Out*

A thousand times I've failed; still Your mercy remains,
And should I stumble again, still, I'm caught in Your grace.

Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.
In my heart in my soul, Lord, I give You control. Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace. To love You from the inside out.

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Welcome!

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

The Way of Praise In the Bible, "Praise the Lord" is a command like "Please take your seat". Christians are invited to carry out this command by acknowledging the beauty of God in sung and spoken words. As Rev. Dr. Mark Futato writes, "Praising God is acknowledging who he is and what he has done. Praising is confessing what God has done in the history of salvation. Praising is confessing what God has done in our lives. We carry out the command to praise the Lord by acknowledging and confessing who God is and what he has done, and in so doing, we render honor and glory to the One who is the object of our praise." (For an example of this, see Nehemiah 9:5-7). Let us praise God not just on Sunday morning, but throughout the week as well!

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) Likewise, in the Prayer of Illumination we ask the same for ourselves.

Your will above all else. My purpose remains -
The art of losing myself in bringing You praise.

Everlasting! Your light will shine when all else fades!
Never-ending! Your glory goes beyond all fame!
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise
From the inside out, Lord, my soul cries out!

In my heart in my soul, Lord, I give You control. Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace. To love You from the inside out.

Everlasting! Your light will shine when all else fades!
Never-ending! Your glory goes beyond all fame!
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise from the inside out,
Lord, my soul cries out! From the inside out, Lord, my soul cries out! Lord.

From the Inside Out by Joel Houston, Hillsong Publishing. CCLI #1582095

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beau Sullivan

*Lord Jesus, we confess that we have hearts which disdain correction.
When things go wrong, or we are confronted with our sin, our first reaction is to get defensive, blame others and self-justify.
Our spirits are far from being teachable.
Forgive us and help us to learn how to live differently.
Enable us to welcome the bracing love of correction in order that we may continue to grow into your image.
In your name we pray, amen.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news!

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17)

Know that in Jesus Christ God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a new life.

People: Thanks be to God!

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted You were condemned
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me because You died And rose again

Amazing love how can it be that You my King would die for me
Amazing love I know it's true it's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You

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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 5:1-11

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Total Faith Workout: In the Last Days”

**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

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

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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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Doug Ashley

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

**Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven feed me til I want no more
Feed me til I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

*BENEDICTION

Shelley Kral

*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. Creeds are never meant simply for head knowledge. *They are reminders of important truths about who God is and what he has done that drive us to worship him with greater awe, deeper joy and increased passion.* As all of us (children, youth and adults!) recite this creed this morning, let's allow the words and ideas behind them stir the affections of our hearts to pour out praise!

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.

LENT DEVOTIONAL—FOLLOW ME: PRAYERS OF OUR PEOPLE

Lent is the season in the church year given to reflection, repentance, and prayer. It extends from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday in preparation for our celebration of Jesus Christ on Resurrection Sunday—Easter! To aid in this process, we are providing a collection of prayers intended to assist us in our considering what it means to follow Jesus. Most of the prayers in the booklet were written by members of our own local body of Christ. Also included are prayers from a few of our forefathers and mothers in the faith who are currently in the physical presence of Jesus. There are 40 prayers—one for each day of Lent excluding Sundays. Some are prayers of confession, others of adoration, supplication and thanksgiving. The booklets are available in the gathering area of the sanctuary building. Please feel free to take one today. May God unite us in our following of Jesus Christ through the gift of prayer.

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, February 11 — Keith Moyes & Bill Franklin
Wednesday, February 14—Paul Szafran & Eric Skoog
Sunday, February 18 — Nico Fourie & Cliff Hale

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, February 11 — Infants: Sarah & Victoria;
Toddlers: Daniel & Jenny Bond
Sunday, February 18 — Infants: Sarah & Victoria;
Toddlers: Pat & Denise Frederick

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Today:** 5 p.m. Youth supper and fellowship
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14**—Ash Wednesday light supper at 5:15 and service at 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, Feb 18:** 5 p.m. Youth supper & fellowship

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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