



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Come, O Spirit, Truth Divine

Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!
Sing about the glory of his name!

**People: How awesome are your deeds!
Everything on earth will worship you;
they will sing your praises,
shouting your name in glorious songs.**

Pastor: Come and see what our God has done,
what awesome miracles he performs for people!

**People: Let the whole world bless our God
and loudly sing his praises.**

**All: Our lives are in his hands,
and he keeps our feet from stumbling.**

**Bless the Lord*

All who gather in the holy place, bless the Lord;
All who call upon the God who saves, bless the Lord;
If your sins have been washed away, bless the Lord;
If you stand only by his grace, bless the Lord.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul; bless the Lord, oh my soul; and let ev'rything within me,
Let ev'rything within me, let ev'rything within me, bless the Lord.

We'll sing an anthem to his beautiful name, bless the Lord;
Join the heavens and the earth proclaim, bless the Lord;
His mercy is great and his love endures, bless the Lord.
Our faith is strong and our hope is sure, bless the Lord.

At all times, at all times I will bless the Lord.
At all times, at all times I will bless the Lord.

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**You Are My King*

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

You are my King You are my King Jesus You are my King Jesus You are my King

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MORNING PRAYER

Doug Ashley

Welcome!

Whether you are young or old; first time in a church or a long-time worshipper, full of questions and doubt or confidence and joy – or places in between all that - we are glad you are here! Our desire is that no matter where in life you are, you feel welcome in this place. So, if there is any way we can be of help to you please see one of our ushers and we will do the best we can to make you feel at home.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

How do the 'days' work in Lent?

Lent is a season of 40 days in which the church prepares for Holy Week (the time symbolizing Jesus' last week prior to the crucifixion and resurrection, where we celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) by focusing on repentance and renewal. This focus typically includes confessional prayers and fasting. Why 40 days? To mirror Christ's 40 days of temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-12). Yet a look at the calendar will show there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday; what's going on? Because Sundays are celebrations of Christ's resurrection during which fasting is inappropriate, Sundays are not included in the daily count. Therefore, if you are fasting for Lent (giving something up, such as a certain type of food or activity) make sure you take Sundays off from your fast and celebrate the freedom you have in Jesus Christ!

Our role in the baptism of others. One of the reasons that baptism is performed as an element of our corporate worship rather than in a private ceremony is because Scripture tells us that part of baptism's significance is its marking of our entrance into the church—the body of Christ, God's people (1 Cor 12:13). We worship as we witness baptisms because we say in our heart to those baptized, "Welcome to our family." In fact, our witness to baptism goes beyond welcome to commitment. As we watch, we say by our very presence, "I commit myself to you as my brother/sister, to pray for you and to walk with you in life's journey of following Christ." How rich and meaningful this ceremony is! Another reason is that it provides us an opportunity to remember our own baptisms. If you were baptized as an infant, think about how your baptism was a picture of your utter helplessness before God—how He found you, loved you, and clothed you with righteousness, even before you were able to choose and respond to Him. If you were baptized as an older child or adult, think about how your baptism was a conscious public profession before people that you would follow Christ. Allow God's covenant to be renewed in your life today!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Shelley Kral
Ruling Elder Cameron Carlile
Matthew 28:18-20

Josiah William Hubbard
Son of Jason and Jenny Hubbard

Questions of Faith

Do you, with God's help, abandon all evil and powers in the world and in yourself that rebel against God's righteousness and love and separate you from him?

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

Will you, with God's help, be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

Do you promise to do all you can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen your love and commitment to Jesus by sharing faithfully in the life of the church, honoring and submitting to its authority, and do you join with the people of God in doing the work of the Lord everywhere?

Question of Commitment

Do you, the members of this faith family, and in the name of the visible church of our Lord Jesus Christ, take responsibility for the continued Christian nurture of Josiah Hubbard, promising to set a godly example by your own life, and to pray for Josiah in this new life of faith?

People: We do.

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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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

Ephesians 2:1-10

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Follow Me: Move”

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

Shawn Frazier, soprano; Ellen Luna, alto; Gordon Northcutt, tenor; Jonathan Foy, bass

*I want to walk as a child of the light I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus*

*In Him there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart Lord Jesus*

*I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path And show me the way to the Father*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race We shall know the joy of Jesus*

What are we supposed to do during the benediction?

Receive the Lord's blessing! To aid with this, throughout the centuries some have lifted their heads and held their hands out, palms up. We lift our heads as a symbol that God does not leave us wallowing in our sin, but through Christ, he graciously lifts our head to look upon him as a friend once again, that we might receive His blessing rather than His righteous curse. We lift our hands to symbolize our need and eagerness to receive God's blessing.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Beau Sullivan

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

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

*BENEDICTION

Shelley Kral

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 4 – 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.

LENT DEVOTIONAL—FOLLOW ME: PRAYERS OF OUR PEOPLE We are providing a collection of prayers intended to assist us in our considering what it means to follow Jesus during the Lenten season. 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 25 — Bill Bankston & Rob Holloway
Sunday, March 4 — Pat Frederick & Jason Hunt

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:
Sunday, February 25 — Infants: Kerri Daugbjerg;
 Toddlers: Glenda Bays
Sunday, March 4 — Infants: Tammy Moyes & Victoria;
 Toddlers: volunteer needed with Sarah

PIONEER CLUBS ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEALS: Pioneer Clubs meets on Wednesday evenings through April 18th and we need your help feeding our kids. Life Groups, friends, and families can work together to put together a quick and simple meal. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094faaad28aafa7-pioneer> Please email Emily Holloway for more information: eholloway@epclongview.org

CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 24: Help to make this year’s Easter Egg Hunt a blast for our Faith Family and our Community! We are in need of plain sugar cookies (store bought or homemade) for the “Cookie Decorating Booth.” We also need bags of individually wrapped candy, chocolate and non-chocolate that will not melt. There are many ways to help out this year, so please contact Emily Holloway, Cindy Best, or any member of the Children’s Committee (Kerri Daugbjerg, Jenny Bond, Liz Johnson, Amy Guest, Mariana Sullivan) to find out how to get involved.

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- **Today:** 5 p.m. Youth supper and fellowship
 - **Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir rehearsal
 - **Sunday, March 4:** Celebration of Lord’s Supper; potluck lunch
5 p.m. Youth supper and fellowship

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, if you have any questions.

1/31/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (Jan)	\$ 64,297	\$ 67,630	\$0	\$-3,333
Year to Date	\$ 64,297	\$ 67,630	\$0	\$-3,333

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$213,260

Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn ‘18
 Ginia Northcutt ‘18
 Kathie Ramey ‘18
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 Matt Yost ‘19
 Jim Brun ‘20
 Kerri Daugbjerg ‘20
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