



# 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 11, 2018

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*Walk By Faith*

*Jeremy Camp*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Shelley Kral*

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Pastor: The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!

**People: Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high, who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?**

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord be praised!**

#### *\*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful  
Where streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, you give and take away;  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name.

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#### *\*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

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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.*

**Lent, Life and Discipleship.** "Life consists in the ability to connect with and draw nourishment from its surroundings. A seed is planted in the ground and would otherwise die except that something whispers to the seed to put out roots and give birth to a stalk, and life happens. A branch is alive only when it is united to a vine. Human beings were created to live in what Dallas Willard called "reciprocal rootedness." We are made to be alive spiritually.... we require a transcendent connection through which the inner unseen person—mind and will—can be nourished and sustained. Apart from this we wither. With this we flourish. And this is Christ. This is union with Christ. It is our salvation... It does not consist primarily of ending up in the right place, but being made into the right person. And this happens when we are immersed in Jesus the way a dolphin is immersed in the ocean, when we are united to Jesus (though more deeply and more profoundly) like a bride is united to her groom. With this understanding of union with Christ, discipleship suddenly takes its proper place. It's not extra-credit work to earn something. It's the means by which we experience union with Christ more fully and deeply. If we want Christ, we will want to be disciples. If we don't want discipleship, then we might desire to avoid pain, but that's not the same object as desiring Christ." [John Ortberg in the forward to "Union with Christ" by Rankin Wilbourne]

## How are tithes and offerings received at Longview EPC? How are we modeling monetary giving for our children?

In congruence with scriptures such as 2 Kings 12:9 and Matthew 12:41 where tithes and offerings were collected in boxes as people came and went from the temple, Longview EPC collects tithes and offerings through the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking an offering during the worship service enables visitors exploring the Christian faith to be present at worship without feeling obligated to contribute monetarily. Also, it reminds believers that giving is an extension of worship that may occur any day of the week and through a variety of means. Parents, we encourage you to discuss the importance of monetary giving with your children and provide them with repeated opportunities to either place your family offering in one of the boxes, or join you at the computer if you use the electronic giving option.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord Jesus, we confess that every day in our own sins we confirm the terrible rebellion of our first ancestors that made us subject to death. And we praise you that, in response, you tasted death for your people, that we might have eternal life both now and forever. Thank you for your expansive mercy and love. Hear us now as we confess silently ways in which we personally rebelled against you this week.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news from Isaiah 53:  
*But he lifted up our illnesses,  
he carried our pain;  
even though we thought he was being punished,  
attacked by God, and afflicted for something he had done.  
He was wounded because of our rebellious deeds,  
crushed because of our sins;  
he endured punishment that made us well;  
because of his wounds we have been healed.*  
Know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*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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## PROCLAIMING

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Shelley Kral

## 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

Galatians 2:17-21

Beau Sullivan

## SERMON

“Follow Me: To Blessing”

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

Jody Lindh

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, what-e'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days;  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that naught can move.*

*Only be still and wait His leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take what-e'er thy Father's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.*

*Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be,  
And trust His Word, though undeserving, thou yet shall find it true for thee;  
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in Him indeed.*

## \*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

*\*Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

## \*BENEDICTION

Beau Sullivan

## \*POSTLUDE

*I Walk By Faith*

Chris Falson

*\*Please stand as able*

**The Apostles' Creed, "descended into hell" and "catholic church."** 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.

### 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. *No nuts please in either cookies or candy!* Please bring candy and place in container in gathering area by Wednesday, March 21.

There are many ways to help out this year. You may sign up on the poster board in the church gathering area. Please contact Emily Holloway, Cindy Best, or any member of the Children's Committee (Kerri Daugbjerg, Jenny Bond, Liz Johnson, Amy Guest, Mariana Sullivan, Ray Wei) to find out how to get involved.

### MUSIC DEPT. NEWS:

- Children—Meet in the choir room in Trinity Hall before Sunday School for fun with rhythm instruments like Boomwhackers!
- Guest Drummer—Meet James Shannon who will be serving as our worship drummer for the next couple of weeks.

### PIONEER CLUBS ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEALS:

Pioneer Clubs meets on Wednesday evenings through April 18<sup>th</sup> and we need your help feeding our kids. Life Groups, friends, and families can work together to put together a quick and simple meal. Only 3 slots left! Please email Emily Holloway for more information: [eholloway@epclongview.org](mailto:eholloway@epclongview.org)

### USHERS & GREETERS:

**Sunday, March 11** — Cindy & Clay Brelsford, Head Usher for March Randy Cook

**Sunday, March 18** — Mike McMahon, Keith Moyes, Rick Poland

### SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

**Sunday, March 11** — Fred Irwin & Clay Brelsford

**Sunday, March 18** — Keith Moyes & Jon Kral

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

**Sunday, March 11** — Infants: Chad & Liz Johnson; Toddlers: Carrie Salmon

**Sunday, March 18** — Infants: Kathie Ramey & Mary White; Toddlers: Rob & Emily Holloway

**Additional nursery volunteers needed. Please see sign up poster in the foyer. Thanks for your help.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Today:** *No activities for children and youth will be held during the week of Spring Break (March 11-17)*
- **Sunday, March 18:** Youth supper/fellowship
- **Wednesday, March 21:** Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- **Friday, March 23:** Mom to Mom
- **Saturday, March 24:** Easter Egg Hunt

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- **Thursday, March 29**—Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, March 30**—Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, April 1**—Easter Sunday service at 10 a.m. (no church school); fellowship in Trinity Hall before and after worship

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## Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

### RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18  
Ginia Northcutt '18  
Kathie Ramey '18  
Daniel Bond '19  
Michael McMahon '19  
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Jim Brun '20  
Kerri Daugbjerg '20  
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