



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 18, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Come Rejoicing, Sing!

. Joseph M. Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: We come before you in worship God the Father:

People: You planned creation and re-creation. We praise You for Your wisdom and generosity.

Pastor: We come before you in worship God the Son:

People: You executed all the Father's plans. We praise You for your commitment and courage.

Pastor: We come before you in worship God the Holy Spirit:

People: You apply salvation to our individual and corporate life. We praise You for Your diligence and sustenance.

Pastor: We come before you in Worship Almighty God!

People: We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

**O Worship the King*

O worship the King, all glorious above!
And gratefully sing His power and His Love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail;
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end.
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

**Rescue*

You are the source of life and I can't be left behind.
No one else will do. And I will take hold of You.

'Cause I need You, Jesus, to come to my rescue. Where else can I go?
There's no other name by which I am saved. Capture me with grace. I will follow You.

My heart is Yours for life. I need Your hand in mine.
No one else will do. I put my trust in You.

I will follow You. This world has nothing for me.
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Welcome!

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Of what does Lent try and remind us? "The only Love that can come take down the kind of evil that's invaded our world, has to come from beyond the walls of the world. The only Love that can crush undeniable evil is the undeniable love of the Cross... Super evil can only be absorbed by a supernatural kind of Love. The kind of love that sings Kumbayah can't shake a swaying candle at this kind of otherworldly evil — only an otherworldly Love that lets the hammer ring and took on the iron of the nails, that bore the weight of the world on that Cross, can torch straight through the hellish dark of this kind of evil." (Ann Voskamp aholyexperience.com) Do you know this Love? If not, Lent is the season for you to know Him for the first time. If you do, Lent is the season to know Him more than ever.

Why Assurance? Because when we entrust our very being to God in Jesus Christ we are no longer under the condemnation and enslavement of sin. The good news of the gospel is that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Using Scriptural words reinforces the truth that our assurance is based on God's words of promise, not merely on our own hopes and desires. This interplay between confession and assurance is the rhythm of gospel living; we realize the depth of our sin and rejoice in the extent of God's grace. Therefore we practice it as one body regularly to encourage us to live it as individuals daily.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Heavenly Father, knowing we are your beloved we confess this morning that we:
under-believe the gospel and over-trust in ourselves;
binge on fear and worry, rather than feast on your sovereignty and grace;
think more about how people disappoint and fail us, rather than how we might love and serve them;
indulge irritation and justify resentment, rather than forbearing with others and forgiving as Jesus has forgiven us;
hoard our brokenness and weakness, rather than letting friends enter our pain and suffering.*

Have mercy on us, Father; have mercy on me. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Adapted from Scotty Smith's blog "Heavenward")

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†Pastor: Hear the good news!

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun. (Based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians)

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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

Galatians 3:26-4:7

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Follow Me: Children of God”

Trust in You

Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren, Paul Mabury

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Doug Ashley

**The Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)*

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains One thing remains

Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me
(REPEAT 3X) Your love

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains One thing remains

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love

Your love Your love Your love

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*BENEDICTION

Shelley Kral

*SENDING FORTH

And the Lord Will Bless You Forevermore *David Luna, piano*

**Please stand as able*

The Call to Worship and the Benediction. The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word. We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in; and good news, he has! Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing ("benediction" = "good word" or blessing) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission; which is exactly what he gives freely to his people.

CANDY AND COOKIE DONATIONS AND LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 24, 11 A.M.—12:30 P.M.: We need bags of individually wrapped candy—no nuts please—and plain sugar cookies (for the cookie decorating booth! **Please bring candy and place in container in gathering area by Tuesday, March 20. Sugar cookies may be delivered by noon on Friday, March 23.**

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—Thanks to James Shannon, our guest drummer in worship again today

PIONEER CLUBS ARE STILL 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. Only 3 slots left! Please email Emily Holloway for more information: eholloway@epclongview.org

BEAU'S ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS :
This class will not meet today.

PALM PROCESSIONAL NEXT SUNDAY: All families who would like their children to participate in our Palm Processional should meet in Trinity Hall at 9:10 a.m. next Sunday.

USHERS & GREETERS:

Sunday morning openers—Bob and Barbara Linthicum

March Head Usher—Randy Cook

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

Sunday, March 25 — The Daugbjerg family
Thursday, March 29 - Ushers needed

Friday, March 30—Ushers needed

Please contact church office if available for the above

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, March 18 — Keith Moyes & Jon Kral

Sunday, March 25 — Glenn Magness & Larry Northcutt

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

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

Sunday, March 25 — Infants: Mary Goll & Victoria; Toddlers: Leslie Carlile & Sarah

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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 from 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 25:** Palm Sunday

See box below for schedule for Holy Week

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
Matt Yost '19
Jim Brun '20
Kerri Daugbjerg '20
Eric Skoog '20

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