



## 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.*

### PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2018

#### GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*Love the Lord*

*Lincoln Brewster*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beau Sullivan

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
**People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**  
Pastor: Lo, your king comes to you;  
**People: triumphant and victorious is he,**  
Pastor: humble and riding on a donkey,  
**People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**  
**All: Sing Praise to the Lord, sing praise to him!**

#### *\*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Praise is rising eyes are turning to You we turn to You  
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You we long for You  
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away (Washed away)  
Hosanna hosanna you are the God who saves us worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna come have Your way among us we welcome You here Lord Jesus  
Hear the sound of hearts returning to You we turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new You make us new  
Hosanna hosanna

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#### *\*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!  
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?  
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

#### 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.*

**"Hosanna"** is a word we often hear on Palm Sunday. "Hosanna" is a Hebrew expression, meaning, "Save!" It became an expression of praise for God's people during ancient times, and it is still used among Christians today.

**What is "Holy Week"?** Holy Week is the week preceding Easter that includes Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal, arrest, trial and crucifixion. Palm Sunday opens Holy Week commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record Jesus arriving on a donkey (a symbol of peace), while crowds of people spread their cloaks, waved palm branches (a symbol of victory) and shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Thus they acclaimed him as the long awaited Messiah/King. On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest, his washing of the disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. Good Friday marks the death of Jesus Christ. It is called "good" because of what his death means for the redemption of the world. Resurrection Sunday (Easter) marks the occasion in which all the hopes and expectations of Christian are realized. Jesus lives and because he lives, we live! Please join us as we celebrate all of these important days in the Christian's life.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beau Sullivan

*Almighty God, we confess that we are a stubborn people.  
We believe it is because of our righteous acts or our inner uprightness that you are with us.  
Yet, you make it clear in your Word that it is not because of our righteousness that blessings are poured out upon us and our children,  
but because of the promise you made to Abraham and then fulfilled in Jesus Christ.  
Forgive our self-centeredness and increase our humility. In Jesus' name we pray,  
amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

How blessed is the one whose rebellious acts are forgiven,  
whose sin is pardoned!  
How blessed is the one whose wrongdoing the LORD does not punish,  
in whose spirit there is no deceit. Psalm 32:1-2

Friends, believe the good news that is the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*\*At the Cross*

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Here my hope is found here on holy ground  
Here I bow down here I bow down  
Here arms open wide here You saved my life  
Here I bow down here I bow (down) Jesus

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*This Is My Commandment*  
Children's Choir

## 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

Matthew 18:1-6

Doug Ashley

## SERMON

“Follow Me: Together”

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

***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.***

*This Is How We Know*

*Matt and Beth Redman*

## SENDING

## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Shelley Kral

*\*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Love! Behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;  
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Crown Him with Many Crowns, DIADEMATA. Mathew Bridges, 1851, George Job Elvey, 1868 Public Domain

## \*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

## \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

**The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray.** Jesus was not just a master at prayer, he was The Master. No one ever prayed like Jesus. So it is no wonder the disciples asked him to give them insight into how to pray. Jesus taught them (and us!) to begin by reminding ourselves of God's care and grandeur (Pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name"). Next he says to move into big requests that echo the heart and desires of God ("Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"). Then come the more personal aspects as we don't presuppose that the necessities of life will come to us naturally, but from the hand of God ("Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation.") Finally church tradition attaches a closing reminder of humble acknowledgement of God's control over all things. ("For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.") We do well to remember this model and allow it to guide us into meaningful conversation with God.

### Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**March 29 at 6:30 p.m.**

On **Maundy Thursday** we remember the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest, his washing of the disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, his new commandment to love one another, and his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.

### Good Friday Worship Service

**March 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Good Friday** marks the death of Jesus Christ. It is called "good" because of what his death means for the redemption of the world. Please join us as we celebrate these important days in the Christian's life.

### **April 1, Easter Sunday Schedule**

#### **Worship Service 10 a.m.**

We will celebrate Resurrection Sunday with blended worship and a message of hope and everlasting joy. Please join us and use this as an opportunity to invite others not connected to a church family.

#### **Easter Fellowship**

#### **Before and after worship - in Trinity Hall**

This is an opportunity for us to celebrate our "new life in Christ" together. Either come early for the 10 a.m. service or stay following, and be a part of our Easter Fellowship in Trinity Hall.

**MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE:** The Session has approved a search process for a part-time Interim Music Director. The Search Committee will be made up of a member of the choir, praise team, music committee, an at-large member of the congregation, and a Ruling Elder. Jim Brun will serve as Chair. The interim job description and dynamic worship explanation are available on our website. David Luna will continue to lead our choir and praise team through Mother's Day and may be extended depending on the search process. Thanks for your continued prayers!

**CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR DOUG:** Over the next few weeks, Pastor Doug will be meeting with Life Groups in our faith family. If you are not a Life Group member but would like to attend a meeting to talk about who we are and where we are going as a church family, please sign up for one of the meetings which will be held during Sunday classes on April 8, 15, 22, and 29.

#### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

**Sunday, March 25** — Infants: Mary Goll & Victoria;  
Toddlers: Leslie Carlile & Sarah  
**Sunday, April 1** — Infants: Betty Wiley & Victoria;  
Toddlers: Emily Holloway & Sarah

**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.

2/28/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (Feb)	\$ 57,57	\$ 66,809	\$0	\$-9,232
Year to Date	\$ 121,874	\$ 134,439	\$0	\$-12,565

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$204,246

#### **USHERS & GREETERS:**

**Sunday morning openers**—Bob and Barbara Linthicum

**March Head Usher**—Randy Cook

**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*

**April Head Usher**—Dave Donaldson

**Sunday, April 1** — Ralph & Kathy Diamond; Dave & Melanie Donaldson

#### **SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:**

**Sunday, March 25** — Glenn Magness & Larry Northcutt

**Thursday, March 29** - Buck Otis & Rick Poland

**Friday, March 30** - Chad Johnson & Wil White

**Sunday, April 1** — Ralph Diamond & Dave Donaldson

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Sunday, March 25:** Youth supper/fellowship
- **Wednesday, March 28:** Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- **Sunday, April 8:** Communion
- **Sunday, April 15:** Pioneer Clubs bake sale (between church and Sunday school) to benefit "Shoes for Buckner"
- **Wednesday, April 18:** Lunch Bunch

## Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

## Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

#### **RULING ELDERS**

Gena Bunn '18  
Ginia Northcutt '18  
Kathie Ramey '18  
Daniel Bond '19  
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Matt Yost '19  
Jim Brun '20  
Kerri Daugbjerg '20  
Eric Skoog '20

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