



## 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.

APRIL 8, 2018

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*Beautiful Words, Wonderful Words*

EPC Rhythm Band

Beau Sullivan

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

Pastor: You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me!  
I sing for joy because of what you have done.

**People: O LORD, what great works you do,  
and how profound are your thoughts!**

**All: You, O LORD, will be exalted forever!**

*\*May the Peoples Praise You*

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light,  
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife;  
With boundless love, and deepest joy, with endless life.

May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!  
All Your blessing comes that we may praise; may praise the Name of Jesus!

All the earth is Yours and all within. Each harvest is Your own.  
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard.  
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name.  
To every nation tribe and tongue Your church proclaims;

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty. Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty. All creation praise Your glorious Name.

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*\*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.

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#### Welcome!

This morning we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you have not professed faith in Christ or if you are hearing the gospel for the first time, though you will not be partaking of the sacrament, it is our privilege to welcome you here. Perhaps what you experience will raise questions for you. After the service, we will be eager to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration in our life together. If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, we are honored to be worshipping with you this morning!

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

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

**Why We Need the Call to Worship.** Throughout the week, we find ourselves tossed about in the "sub-reality" of sin and brokenness. In a sense, we can forget God. We can forget His promises to us in Christ. We can forget who we are. We can forget that we're designed for union and communion with our Maker. And this forgetfulness allows us to worship lesser things—people, money, possessions, prestige, the "perfect life." The Call to Worship is a jolt back into reality. It is a bucket of cold water on our world-induced trance. In the Call to Worship, we once again remember, "Yes, this is who I am; this is what I'm called to do! I am a son/daughter of God Most High, and in Christ, I am His holy temple, His servant, His worshiper, His friend, His Bride, His possession, His love."

## Tithes and Offerings at Longview

**EPC.** Jesus calls us to give our 'first fruits' (the best and first of our resources - be they financial, intellectual, physical or relational) to God for his glory and the furthering of his kingdom. In so doing we live the gospel of Jesus Christ by enacting our conviction that everything we have is a gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14) and that he will take care of all our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Regarding financial giving, we practice 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 in the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking a monetary offering during the worship service is in hopes of enabling 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. Towards this end, electronic giving is available at <http://www.epclongview.org/serve/giving>

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.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Your Name*

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise;  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart, and glorify Your Name.

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower. Your Name is a shelter like no other.  
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder! 'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name.

Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today.  
Lord give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name.

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## PROCLAIMING

### SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*\*Show Us Christ*

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.  
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.  
Plant Your Word down deep in us. Cause it to bear fruit.  
Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in Your truth.

Show us Christ. Show us Christ. O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word. Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord!

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## SERMON LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

Doug Ashley

## SERMON

“Dynamic Worship: Knowing God”

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to forsake your sin, you are welcome to take Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, this time is still for you. Rather than coming forward to take the elements, please remain seated and contemplate taking Christ himself. The prayers that follow are supplied for your consideration.\*\*

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

\*\*Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City

Prayer of Confession

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Shelley Kral

*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.*

\*Passing of the Peace

*Give Us Clean Hands*

We bow our hearts. We bend our knees. Oh Spirit, come make us humble.

We turn our eyes from evil things. Oh Lord, we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands! Give us pure hearts. Let us not lift our souls to another.

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And, Oh God, let us be a generation that seeks; that seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.

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## SENDING

### THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Beau Sullivan

*\*You Never Let Go*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
Your perfect love is casting out fear.

And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,  
I won't turn back I know You are near.

And I will fear no evil for my God is with me. And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh! No! You never let go through the calm and through the storm!  
Oh! No! You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low!  
Oh! No! You never let go Lord You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on;  
A glorious light beyond all compare.  
And there will be an end to these troubles. But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth.

Oh! No! You never let go through the calm and through the storm!  
Oh! No! You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low!  
Oh! No! You never let go Lord You never let go of me.  
You keep on runnin' and You never let go Singin'

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.  
And there will be an end to these troubles. But until that day comes,  
Still I will praise You; Still I will praise You.

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Doug Ashley

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy*

EPC Rhythm Band

*\*Please stand as able*

**Are tithes and offerings the same thing?** No. Scripture teaches that tithing is a means of teaching us to put God first in our lives, trusting that He will take care of all of our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Generally, a tithe (which literally means 'tenth' or 'ten percent') is the first ten percent of a person or family's income given to the all-purpose work of the Lord. An offering is financial giving above the tithe to a specific cause. An example of an offering received at Longview EPC is the **Mercy Fund**. This fund was established in response to Scriptures such as Galatians 6:10 which says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (See also Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 5:3,16). This fund enables us to come alongside a brother or sister who is facing significant hardship by providing confidential financial assistance for short-term, emergency situations or unforeseen circumstances that may require long-term assistance. Designated donations to this fund may be made at any time. To apply for funds contact a Pastor or a Ruling Elder.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR DOUG TODAY:

Let's talk about who we are and where we are going as a church family. *Limited to the first 10 people who arrive*, today's meeting is in room 104 at 11:00, and you can sign up for the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, or the 29<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday class time. Click the link in the Good News to sign up electronically or call the office at (903) 234-0032 and we will save you a spot.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Wednesday, April 18, 11:30 a.m. will be the next meeting of the Lunch Bunch. The main dish will be Brisket. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert, but come anyway if you do not have time to prepare! Entertainment will be provided by David Luna. Reservations are helpful. Everyone is invited!

**YOUTH SUNDAY AND SENIOR BANQUET:** Sunday, May 6 is our annual Youth Sunday when we will be led by the youth of our church in worship. During our Senior Convocation, we will be honoring graduating high school seniors. **Reservations for lunch are requested** and can be made on the attendance register, by calling the church office at (903) 234-0032, or emailing [info@epclongview.org](mailto:info@epclongview.org). We are requesting a \$5 donation per person with a family max of \$20 (children 5 and under eat free). Graduating seniors and their families are our honored guests.

### GATHERING WITH PRESBYTERY LEADERS:

On Wednesday April 18 at 6 pm in the sanctuary, Teaching Elder Marc Huebl, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the West, and Ruling Elder Greg Daniels, Chair of the Ministerial Committee of the Presbytery of the West, will be holding a gathering to provide support from the Presbytery to our faith family. This is a time in which the roles of Ruling and Teaching Elders will be reviewed, and questions and comments shared. These gentlemen will be meeting with the Session on Thursday at the regularly scheduled Session meeting, but wanted to provide a time for meeting with any members of our faith family, as well. If you are interested in hearing why the EPC is governed in the manner we are, how we believe it well equips the churches of our denomination to fulfill their commission as the body of Christ in the world, or if you would like to engage with leaders in our denomination outside of our local church body, this time is for you. Marc and Greg will also be available for personal conversation on Thursday, April 19th. Please contact our receptionist, Annette Clark ([frontoffice@epclongview.org](mailto:frontoffice@epclongview.org)), if you would like to arrange an appointment with them.

**APRIL 15: BAKE SALE FOR NEW SHOES –PLEASE MAKE YOUR FAVORITE BAKED GOODS TO DONATE** Pioneer Club and EPC Kids are partnering with Buckner to host a shoe drive. Our annual Pioneer Clubs Bake sale will also contribute all funds raised to this cause. We are asking for cash – coins, bills, checks... whatever you can give! – so that we can order shoes to donate to Buckner to use right here in Longview for the annual School Supply Train to be held in August. This ministry enables children in need to start the school year with the tools they need to be successful.

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

**Sunday, April 8** — Infants: Sarah & Victoria;  
Toddlers: Larry and Carrie Northcutt  
**Sunday, April 15** — Infants: Bonnie Howell & Victoria;  
Toddlers: Ann Werline & Sarah

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

### USHERS & GREETERS:

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

**April Head Usher**—Dave Donaldson

**Sunday, April 8** — Tres Bainter, E. T. Testerman, Mike McMahon, William McCluskey

**Sunday, April 15** — Keith Moyes, Rick Poland, Clay & Cindy Brelsford

### SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

**Sunday, April 8** — Bill Bagley & Bill Franklin

**Sunday, April 15** — Jim Brun & Paul Szafran

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday, April 8:** Youth supper/fellowship
- **Sunday, April 15:** Pioneer Clubs bake sale (between church and Sunday school) to benefit “Shoes for Buckner”
- **Wednesday, April 18:** Lunch Bunch
- **May 6:** Youth Sunday & Senior Banquet
- **May 12:** Men's Fellowship Dinner
- **June 11-15:** VBS “Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus”

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## 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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