



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 15, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Cornerstone

Lari Goss, Winnie Swaim

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Great and marvelous are your deeds
Lord God Almighty!

**People: Just and true are your ways,
King of the Nations!**

Pastor: Who will not fear you, Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.

**People: All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

Pastor: Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!
All: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

**Glory to God Forever*

Before the world was made before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings yeah You were yeah You were
And now You're reigning still enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out we join them as we sing

Glory to God Glory to God Glory to God forever
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Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise Your great and matchless name
All my days all my days
So let my whole life be a blazing offering a life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King

Glory to God Glory to God Glory to God forever
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Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
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Take my life and let it be Yours

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**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!

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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.

Why sing of God's glory together? It is far too easy to think of public worship as something nice, but unnecessary; or to make it a spectacle for consumer consumption. Psalm 66 is a wonderful corrective to these common errors. It invites us as God's covenant people to "make God's praise glorious" or give God "glorious praise". What does that mean? "Glory" has connotations of weightiness, dignity, magnificence, and beauty. Glorious worship is exuberant, never halfhearted. It is attractive, not off-putting. It is awesome, never sentimental. It is brilliant, not careless. It points to God, not to the speakers. It fits its great object – it seeks to be as glorious as the one it praises." (from *The Songs of Jesus* by Tim & Kathy Keller) May glorious praise be a fitting description of our corporate worship each Sunday morning!

Why do we pray “in Jesus’ name”? To pray “in Jesus’ name” is not to recite an incantation or a formula which obligates God to listen to that prayer differently than he listens to prayers not offered in Jesus’ name. Nor is it a matter of learning proper prayer etiquette (along the lines of teaching your children to be sure they say ‘please’ and ‘thank you’). To pray in Jesus’ name is to consciously offer prayer in accord with all that his name stands for. It is to pray recognizing that the only approach to God we enjoy is Jesus himself. It is to pray realizing that only because of what Jesus has done are we able to speak to the Father as Jesus himself did. It is to pray submitting our words and requests to the good and perfect will of Almighty God, as did Jesus Christ himself.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14-17

MORNING PRAYER

Word of God

The Word of God is light in my darkness
Hope for the hopeless strong and true
The Word of God is strength for the weary
A shield for those who trust in You
A shield for those who trust in You

Ev'rything will fade ev'rything will fade
The heavens and the earth will pass away
But You will remain Yes You will remain always

Jesus faithful Word of God the anchor of my heart
You're ev'rything You say You are Lord
Greater than my deepest needs The ground beneath my feet
Your promises won't fail me now

You will not fail us You will not fail us
You will not fail us Oh Word of God

Andi Rozier, Brenton Brown. 2012 2012 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG)

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN’S LESSON

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

Psalm 19

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Spiritual Wisdom: Knowing The Word”

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.*

Speak O Lord

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty
arr. Benjamin Harlan

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

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

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as able*

We are sent to share John 4 tells of a woman who had every reason to shy away from talking with people about her encounter with Jesus. She was a social outcast, who would listen to her? But she had a compulsion to tell people what she discovered. And something about what she said inspired people to want to encounter Jesus as well, something about him seemed gripping. So they listened. As has been said, "There is something doubly persuasive about the message of Christ's healing power when it is shared by a person who has been noticeably impacted by it." We strive to be a faith family who seeks personal experiences with Jesus as the fountain from which we share with others our faith in natural ways that express the joy and satisfaction we find in him. This is what the "Sending" portion of our service is to remind us each week. (Adapted from Rise Devotionals, 2016)

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 8 people who arrive this morning*, today's meeting is in room 104 at 11:00, and you can sign up for the 22nd or the 29th 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.

TODAY: BAKE SALE FOR NEW SHOES

Pioneer Clubs 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.

BEAU'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL NOT MEET TODAY, APRIL 15 - SAVE THE DATE OF APRIL 29 FOR FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR BEAU AND FAMILY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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!

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), if you would like to arrange an appointment with them.

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. 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.

INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH: The Search Committee members are Chairman Jim Brun (Elder), Ellen Adams (Worship Team), Gordon Northcutt (Choir), Lisca Van Zyl (Choir), and Jim Taylor (congregation at large). Please see the church website for job description. Resumes will be accepted through April 30.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, April 15 — Infants: Bonnie Howell & Victoria;

Toddlers: Emily Holloway & Sarah

Sunday, April 22 — Infants: Sarah & Victoria;

Toddlers: Tad & Mary Grace Carlisle

USHERS & GREETERS:

Sunday morning openers—Bob and Barbara Linthicum

April Head Usher—Dave Donaldson

Sunday, April 15 — Keith Moyes, Rick Poland, Clay &

Cindy Brelsford

Sunday, April 22 — Brian Daugbjerg family

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, April 15 — Jim Brun & Paul Szafran

Sunday, April 22 — Brian Daugbjerg & Bill Burlingame

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday, April 15:** Pioneer Clubs bake sale (between church and Sunday school) to benefit "Shoes for Buckner"
- **Sunday, April 15:** Youth supper/fellowship
- **Wednesday, April 18:** Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 18:** Meeting with Presbytery leaders @ 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, April 29:** Farewell Reception for Sullivan family following worship
- **May 6:** Youth Sunday & Senior Banquet
- **Saturday, May 12:** Men's Fellowship Dinner
- **Sunday, June 3:** Commissioning Sunday and lunch
- **June 11-15:** VBS "Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus"

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18

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