



# 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 29, 2018

## GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Good Ol' Gospel Singing* Mosie Lister, arr. Tom Fettke

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
**People: make known his deeds among the peoples.**  
Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
**People: and speak of all his marvelous works.**  
Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
**All: who was and is and is to come!**

#### *\*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive.  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice. The humble poor believe.  
Glory to God and praise and love be ever ever giv'n  
By saints below, and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

There are so few words that never grow old. Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!

Chorus:

So, come on and sing out! Let our anthem grow loud! There is one great love; Jesus.  
There are so few words that never grow old. Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!

Carl Gotthelf Glaser, Charles Wesley, David Crowder, Jack Parker; 2007 Inot Music; worshipttogether.com songs. CCLI License # 11081661

#### *\*How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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## Welcome!

Those who love Jesus and those who are searching, welcome! We gather to hear from God, to learn from God, to talk to God, and to go out with God.

Visitors, we are eager to share with you the joy we have in knowing Jesus.

Family members, it is a blessing to be with you once again.

May we all grow in knowledge and love of Christ as we worship.

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

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

**Singing as Prayer.** While some make a strong demarcation between singing and prayer, the Bible repeatedly presents the unity of song and prayer (for example, the entire book of Psalms). So when we engage in congregational singing we are engaging in a form of true prayer. And those prayers often range across a spectrum of praise, petition, thanksgiving, intercession, confession, Scripture-recitation, etc. In some Christian traditions, to highlight the fact that singing is prayer, they would end a congregational hymn or song with a standard cadence, singing "Amen." So know that when we sing together, we pray together!

**Why have children in the sanctuary for all of worship?** Our children are members of the covenant community (the church) so it is appropriate for them to be included in this primary activity of covenant worship (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 10:24-25). As they are, they will be present in the midst of Christians of all ages and see that it isn't their parents alone who believe, who alone worship through singing, prayer, sacraments and listening to God's word; but that there is a wonderful gathering of all kinds of people who meet week after week for this central activity. Likewise it counters the fragmenting of families so prevalent in our culture that separates us by age and robs us of intergenerational teaching. How many of us at one time or another have learned more from a child than an adult, or understood the children's lesson better than the sermon? Finally, having children in worship prepares them for the rhythms of church life, so as they grow older they can participate more freely because they understand the 'language' being spoken.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die; I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing;  
He bled, and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Dear Heavenly Father, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, because you have redeemed our lives by your mercy and grace. For so great a salvation, we worship you; and for ongoing grace, we trust you. Hear our confession, Father. Forgive us for under-believing the gospel and over-believing our worries. Forgive us for listening too lightly and judging too quickly. Forgive us for wasting our disappointments on blaming and resentment. Have mercy on us, Lord; have mercy on me.*

Smith, Scotty. Every Season Prayers: Gospel-Centered Prayers for the Whole of Life (p. 255). Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

(Please take a few moments to silently confess those sins most personal to you.)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news!

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*All I Have Is Christ*

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state, and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me .  
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose.  
And let my song forever be, "My only boast is You!"

## PROCLAIMING

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

Emily Holloway

### 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

Philippians 1:1-11

Beau Sullivan

### SERMON

“Together for the Gospel”

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

*Sebastian Temple; arr. Tom Fettke*

## SENDING

### THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Doug Ashley

### SULLIVAN FAMILY COMMISSIONING

Doug Ashley and  
Elder Rick Sacy  
Grace Covenant Church, Arlington, TX

*\*The Church's One Foundation*

The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation: “One Lord, one faith, one birth.”  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food.  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high, may dwell with Thee.

### \*BENEDICTION

Beau Sullivan

### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

**What does it mean to be in community with other Christians?** According to Pastor and author Eugene Peterson, one important component in Christian community is expecting God to be at work in our brothers and sisters. He writes, “A community of faith flourishes when we view each other with this expectancy, wondering what God will do today in this one, in that one. When we are in a community with those Christ loves and redeems, we are constantly finding out new things about them. They are new persons each morning, endless in their possibilities. We explore the fascinating depths of their friendship, share the secrets of their quest. It is impossible to be bored in such a community, impossible to feel alienated among such people.” (From E. Peterson *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*)

## RECEPTION LUNCH FOR REV. BEAU SULLIVAN & FAMILY, TODAY

Join us to celebrate Beau and his family! Our fellowship team will provide a special meal of brisket and sausage for this potluck style lunch following our worship service. Please make this farewell reception a time of loving remembrance the Sullivans will cherish. All are welcome.

## YOUTH SUNDAY AND SENIOR BANQUET

Next Sunday, May 6, is our annual Youth Sunday when we will be led by the youth of our church in the worship service. 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.

## “SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS”

### VBS JUNE 11-15, REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

At VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. “Ship-wrecked” is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life! Plus, we will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life! All children ages 3 (fully potty-trained, please) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, please join us for this fun-filled week of learning more about how God rescues us!

## “SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS”

### VBS VOLUNTEERS

Ahoy, Helpers! You are needed as we set sail for this year's Vacation Bible School! We will need volunteers to lead crews (hang out with some cool kids), teach Bible stories, make snacks, welcome kids at the registration table, play some amazing games, make crafts, building fun gizmos, sing, and have an amazing week! This is our church's chance to minister to around 100 kids from our own church and the surrounding community! Please contact Jenny Hubbard @ [hubbardnw@yahoo.com](mailto:hubbardnw@yahoo.com) or register under kids' ministries on our website [www.epclongview.org](http://www.epclongview.org). A sign-up list to volunteer is located in the foyer today.

## USHERS & GREETERS:

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

**April Head Usher**—Dave Donaldson

**Sunday, April 29** — Bailey & Nancy Salmon, Bill & Debbie Bankston

**May Head Usher**—Rick Poland

**Sunday, May 6** — youth

## SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

**Sunday, April 29** — Todd Parks & Bill Bankston

**Sunday, May 6** — Eric Skoog & Wil White

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

**Sunday, April 29** — Infants: Tammy Moyes & Victoria;

Toddlers: Jim Brun & Sarah

**Sunday, May 6** — Infants: Lizelle Fourie & Victoria;

Toddlers: Kerri Daugbjerg & Sarah

**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.

**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION CHOIR:** Men! Meet us in the choir loft on Sunday, May 13, at 8 a.m. We need you to sing to the moms of the church that morning. Don't worry, we will dismiss you mid-service to sit with your special lady. We will also have donuts and coffee for your trouble.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, May 2:** Youth Bible studies; Adult Choir rehearsal at 6:45 pm
- **Sunday, May 6:** Youth Sunday & Senior Banquet
- **Wednesday, May 9:** Youth Bible studies; Adult Choir rehearsal at 6:45 pm
- **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

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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