



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.

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GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Cornerstone

Lari Goss; arr. Winnie Swaim

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus.

People: **We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him.**

Pastor: For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:

All: *Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty!*

*Great Things

My soul proclaims Your greatness Lord; rejoicing in my Savior!
Your mercy belongs to those who fear Your Son.
His blessing You have given them forever.
And Holy is His name. Holy is His name.

You alone have done great things.
I can't boast of anything, Mighty One and King of kings, Jesus.
You alone have done great things by Your living word in me;
Mighty One and King of kings, Jesus.

And it's Your name we're shouting out, shouting out loud!
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Great Things Matt Maher. 2008 spiritandsong.com; Thankyou Music. Used by permission CCLI #11081661

*For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the Beauty of the Earth (Toplady) text: Follitt S. Pierpoint Music Thomas Hastings Public Domain

Welcome!

We are here because we believe Jesus Christ is the only hope for true change. He is the only genuine hope for freedom from whatever enslaves us; healing from the many actions that harm us; deliverance from shame that belittles us; rescue from the evil that violates us. As well, we believe that only through Jesus Christ will the hopes hidden in our deepest desires truly be satisfied. So the main reason our church exists is so the presence of Jesus Christ and the way of Jesus Christ may be experienced in the lives of normal anxious, wounded, cautious, 'looking for more' people like you and me. So again, welcome; we're glad you're here.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

Please sign the friendship pads located at the end of each pew.

Where is God on Sunday morning? God is as close as the air we breathe. We don't need to ask him to come be with us in the sanctuary, or if we can come into His presence during a worship service any more than we need to invite Him into a situation causing us distress or to be with us as we enter our work place or school on Monday morning. Jesus said, "I am with you, even to the ends of the earth" (Matthew 28:20); this means God is already here – wherever our 'here' may be! So rather than praying for God to come to us, let us pray that God enables us to recognize and applaud him for where he already is – with us! Will you consider starting now?

Why do we stand for the Song of Illumination? The Song of Illumination is a sung prayer in which we ask God the Holy Spirit to soften and illumine our hearts and minds through his Word, the Bible. Traditionally, standing is a way of showing respect. Southern gentlemen stand when a lady approaches the dining table, American citizens stand when the President enters the room; defendants stand when the verdict is being read. So standing for the Song of Illumination shows respect for the Word of God that is about to be read and expounded.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

Most glorious and grace-full Jesus, what wondrous love is this, indeed! As our substitute in life, you lived a perfect life of obedience, thus fulfilling every demand of the law for us. And as our substitute in death on the cross, you completely exhausted God’s judgment against our sin. In you we are totally forgiven, perfectly righteous, and eternally free. Hallelujah! Take us deeper and deeper into the reality of this Good News.

(Smith, Scotty. *Every Season Prayers*)

Take a few moments to silently praise God for what he has done on your behalf.

All To Us

Precious cornerstone sure foundation; you are faithful to the end.

We are waiting on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us.

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.

Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.

Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.

We believe You're all to us.

Only Son of God sent from heaven; hope and mercy at the cross.

You are ev'rything; you're the promise. Jesus, You are all to us.

You're all to us, you're all to us, you're all to us; yes you are.

You're all to us, you're all to us, you're all to us; you are.

When this passing world is over, we will see You face to face.

And forever we will worship. Jesus, You are all to us. Jesus, you are all to us.

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PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Word of God Speak*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it's okay.

The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

Word of God speak! Would You pour down like rain?

Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.

To be still and know that You're in this place.

Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.

Word of God Speak by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley. 2002 Wordspring Music. Used by permission CCLI #11081661

SERMON LESSON

Psalm 127

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“The Lord’s Way”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

God of This City

Aaron Boyd, Andrew McCann et. al.

*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

**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.

**To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The Great Work of God

**Please stand as able*

What is a doxology? A doxology is simply short words sung or recited in praise of God. There are numerous examples in Scripture as well as historical writings of the church. What is known to us as the "Doxology" came to its final form in 1709. The lyrics are set to the tune known as the "Old 100th" attributed to Louis Beourgeois (c. 1501-1559). It is often associated with the dedication of monetary offerings in praise of God, but it was written with a broader purpose in mind. Today, we claim that broader purpose as we praise the Lord for the ways he is at work in and through us as we proclaim his truth to the world.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Sunday, August 5th at 5 p.m. in Trinity Hall for Fun, Food, & Fellowship! The church will provide popcorn and sub sandwiches. Please bring a side or dessert to share if possible and lawn chairs or picnic blankets to be comfortable during the movie which will be suitable for all ages.

OUR LITTLEST ONES NEED YOU! Our nursery and toddler rooms are a wonderful way to serve the youngest in our faith family. During the summer with so many people traveling, there are lots of spots available to volunteer on Sunday mornings. If you are available, especially in July or August, please contact the church office and plan to spend about an hour serving our sweet little ones.

CHOIR KICK-OFF RETREAT: On Wednesday, July 25 at 500 N. Thomas Rd. in White Oak beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please let Diana McMahon know if you will be attending (903-399-4488). Current and potential adult choir participants and their spouses are invited. We welcome you to come as we prepare our hearts and voices for praise this fall season.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you!

Prayer Ministry: Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing prayerteam@epclongview.org or by using the cards located in the attendance registers. Current monthly prayer calendars are located in the foyer.

Tithes and Offerings are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, or checks mailed to the office, and electronically via the website. The website also offers a credit/debit card option.

Sermons and bulletins: Available on the website

Parents and kids: Don't forget the special activity bags in the foyer just for you! Each week there will be something new and special in them to help you learn more about God and have fun.

“BLESSINGS” TO WARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

We have the honor of providing weekend meals for children in need at Ware Elementary School. Only \$80 will provide one child with nine non-perishable food items for each weekend of the 2018-19 school year. Thanks to your generosity, we now need to provide for only 12 more students! Please indicate that your check is intended for “Blessings” and drop it in the sanctuary offering box or donate electronically by August 12.

SUMMER...TIME CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 19!

One of the best parts of the summer is TIME. With school being out and vacations being taken, summer is the prime time for TIME. Time with friends, time with family, time to relax, time to play, time to simply *be*. In that spirit, this summer we are inviting our faith family and friends to take time to be together. Take the time after worship to gather in the foyer and enjoy coffee and snacks and visit with old friends and make new friends.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are beginning to collect and update information in our church directory. If you would like to submit a different photo or make changes to your information, please send any updated photos, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc. to info@epclongview.org.

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

July 22: Nico Fourie & Wil White

July 29: Rick Poland & Larry Northcutt

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, July 22 — Infants: Jenny Bond & Lauren Stoddard;
Toddlers: Daniel Bond & Liz Johnson

Sunday, July 29 — Infants: Jenny Hubbard & Leslie Carlile;
Toddlers: Barbara Rowley & Jenelle Kral

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

July Head Usher: William McCluskey

July 22: Wil & Suzi White, E T Testerman, Brian Daugbjerg

July 29: Mike McMahon, Buck Birdsong, Karen Harris, Rick Poland

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays, 9-1; Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9-4; Fridays, 9-1

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesday, July 25 - Youth movie night
- Wednesday, July 25 - Choir retreat at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 5 - Celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship service
- Sunday, August 5 - Family Movie Night at 5 p.m. in Trinity Hall

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

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

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