



## 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.

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*Here I Am to Worship*

Tim Hughes

*Light of the world You stepped down into darkness opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made This heart adore You hope of a life spent with You*

*So here I am to worship here I am to bow down here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days oh so highly exalted glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created all for love's sake became poor*

*And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross  
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#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beau Sullivan

Pastor: Our hearts are ready, O Lord,  
our hearts are ready!

People: **We will sing and make melody!  
We will awaken the dawn!**

Pastor: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

All: ***For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.***

*\*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!

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.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful 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.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

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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.*

***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.*** Charles Wesley wrote this hymn to celebrate the first anniversary of his conversion on Pentecost Sunday 1738. It was inspired by Moravian missionary friend Peter Bohler, who had said to him, "If I had a thousand tongues I would praise Christ with them all." The original hymn had 18 stanzas. The seventh stanza became the first stanza of the hymn that we now know.

**Children are worshipers, too!** We believe that our children are part of the very people of God. While His disciples tried to stop people from bringing infants to Jesus, our Lord welcomed them into his arms, and in a symbolic act he signaled that the kingdom of God was made up of little ones just like these (Luke 18:15-17). And if God truly has ordained praise from the lips of children and infants (Psalm 8:2), they are part of the people of God, called to worship! So let's model for them so much more than how to sit quietly during a sermon. Let's model for them how to worship on Sunday mornings by singing loudly, praying sincerely and responding genuinely to God's invitation to be a part of what he is doing throughout our world!

## *\*Revelation Song*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

(Chorus)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come;  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings; You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your Name.  
Jesus, Your Name is Power Breath, and Living Water such a marvelous mystery

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Our Loving and Righteous God, we repent of our sinful preoccupation with visible things. We confess the world has been too much with us. You have been here and we knew it not. We have been blind to your presence. Forgive us and open our eyes that we may behold you in and around us.***

(Based on a prayer by A.W. Tozer)

[Silent Confession]

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news!  
[Jesus Christ] was despised and rejected by people,  
one who experienced pain and was acquainted with illness;  
people hid their faces from him;  
he was despised, and we considered him insignificant.  
But he lifted up our illnesses,  
he carried our pain;  
even though we thought he was being punished,  
attacked by God, and afflicted for something he had done.  
He was wounded because of our rebellious deeds,  
crushed because of our sins;  
he endured punishment that made us well;  
because of his wounds we have been healed. (Isaiah 53:3-5)  
Know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## *\*No Longer Slaves*

You unravel me, with a melody You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance, from my enemies till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb you have chosen me Love has called my name  
I've been born again into your family Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea, so I could walk right through it  
All my fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me, so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

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*\*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus; L\look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

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## PROCLAIMING

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

Emily Holloway

### SONG OF INVOCATION

*\*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

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:7-10; 14-15

Doug Ashley

### SERMON

“Set Us Free: Look Up”

*O Love*

*Elaine Hagenberg  
George Matheson, 1882*

## SENDING

### THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Jason Hubbard

*\*Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is love who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless, Righteousness.  
The Great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace;  
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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### \*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

### What is a Benediction?

Benediction is a word with Latin origin (bene = “well,” and dicere = “to speak”); a benediction is a word which “speaks wellness/goodness” to us, therefore properly understood as a blessing. The benediction in worship has ancient roots, going back to the worship of God’s people in the Temple. When we utilize the benediction in our worship, we connect ourselves with an ancient practice of God’s people and join with them together in worship of our one great God.

**STEWARDSHIP SEASON:** In order for us to complete the proposed budget for 2018 in a timely way, it is extremely helpful for you to return your commitment cards. Blank cards may be found in the church foyer or you may pledge online if you prefer. Completed cards may be mailed or placed in offering box.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Everyone is encouraged to join us at 5:15 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**, for our annual **Hanging of the Greens**. We will begin with a light supper and crafts for all in Trinity Hall followed by the service in the sanctuary at 6:30 where decorations will be placed around the church. No charge for supper but donations are welcomed. Reservations are helpful.

**MESSIAH SING DECEMBER 3:** First United Methodist Church (400 N. Fredonia St.) will be hosting a “Messiah Sing” for the Longview community on Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m. If you would like to sing in this choral opportunity of Part 1 and “The Hallelujah Chorus” of Handel’s oratorio, rehearsal will be that day from 5-6 p.m. Members of our Chancel Choir will be participating, and you are encouraged to attend this seasonal musical presentation. Contact Tim Konvalin for more information.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** Friday morning, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-9:45 a.m., there will be a simple Service of Remembrance in the sanctuary to honor the lives of those we have lost as we care for those grieving in our church family. If you would like the name of your loved one read, please e-mail [ajulielynn@gmail.com](mailto:ajulielynn@gmail.com) or call Julie Lynn at 720-261-3800 with the name before December 1.

**BUCKNER FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS:** We have 19 envelopes with Buckner families’ wish lists remaining in the church foyer for you to select and provide items they need and gifts for the children. Please select a family and follow the directions in the envelope.

**SHOES FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP:** LeTourneau University's Office of Global Initiatives is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser to raise funds for scholarships for international students. Pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes will be collected from now through December 1 in the designated barrel in Trinity Hall.

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN:** Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year so our 9:30 worship service will be our Family Service. As is our custom, we will need lots of sheep, angels, and wise men to be a part of the nativity pageant. Please sign up your 3 year old through 5th grader on the attendance register or notify the church office by Tuesday, November 26. *Rehearsals will be Wed., 12/6 (5:15-6:15); Wed., 12/13 (5:15-6:15); Sun., 12/17 (5:15-6:15); Wed., 12/20 (5:15-6:15); Sun., 12/24 (8:45 a.m.).* We will also need a few parents to help on the morning of the 24th.

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

*Coffee, cookies, and fellowship* are available in Trinity Hall each Sunday morning.

*Prayer Ministry:* Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing [prayerteam@epclongview.org](mailto: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.

#### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

**Sunday, November 19** — Infants: Sarah & Victoria; Toddlers: Daniel & Jenny Bond

**Sunday, November 26** — Infants: Terrye Hudson & Jenny Hubbard; Toddlers: Larry & Carrie Northcutt

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Nov. 19—Youth Fellowship

Nov. 23-24—Happy Thanksgiving! Church offices closed

Nov. 29—Hanging of the Greens

Dec. 3—1st Sunday Communion

Sunday School

No Potluck Lunch

7 PM—Messiah Sing at First United Methodist Church

Dec. 8—Service of Remembrance at 9 AM

Dec. 9—Cards & Carols

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## Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

## Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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