



## 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 26, 2017

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*Let Us Go!*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

**Pastor:** The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People:** **The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

**Pastor::** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**People:** **and all your saints shall bless you!**

**Pastor:** They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**All:** ***Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.***

#### *\*King of Heaven*

Jesus let Your kingdom come here let Your will be done here in us  
Jesus there is no one greater You alone are Savior show the world Your love

King of heaven come down King of heaven come now  
Let Your glory reign shining like the day King of heaven come  
King of heaven rise up who can stand against us  
You are strong to save in Your mighty name King of heaven come

We are children of Your mercy rescued for Your glory  
We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You that ev'ry eye would see You lifted high

King of heaven come King of heaven come  
King of heaven come Oh King of heaven come

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#### *\*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

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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!

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

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

**Why the Call to Worship is so important.** A couple of thoughts: first, we live in a society that teaches us to think highly of our own ability. Americans are a fiercely independent, self-motivated people. The Call to Worship re-orientes us to our dependence of God. We come to worship because God has a summons on our lives. We come to worship because God initiates with us (not the other way around). So the Call to Worship reminds us of God's sovereign reign over us. Second, in the Bible the earliest word used to describe the Church was ekklesia. (It's where we get our words "ecclesiastical" and "ecclesiology.") Its root is the Greek word kaleo, which means, "to call." The people of God, as the ekklesia, are "the called-out ones." When we hear the Call to Worship, we are being reminded of our identity as those called out and set apart by God for His holy purposes. We are reminded that we are not our own. We are reminded that we are "resident aliens" in this world. We are reminded that we are treasured and loved by God!

**Prayer of Adoration – all eyes on God!** The Prayer of Adoration is where we practice getting our eyes off of ourselves and focus on God alone. Here we express to God our marvel, love, and adoration for who he is and what he has done – and that is all. Only mentioning ourselves in relation to his grace on our behalf, the focus of this type of prayer is solely God's nature, character, attributes and actions. Have you ever tried it? It may be harder than you think!

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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## PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gena Bunn

### *Good Good Father*

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are It's who You are It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am It's who I am It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide  
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are It's who You are It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am It's who I am It's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still Into love love love

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## PROCLAIMING

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Doug Ashley

## 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

Isaiah 9:1-5

Beau Sullivan

## SERMON

“Anticipating the Birth”

*Give Thanks*

Words and Music by Henry Smith  
arr. Lloyd Larson

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, for these good gifts,  
People: **We give you thanks and praise!**

Doug Ashley

## 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.

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!

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.

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## \*BENEDICTION

Beau Sullivan

## \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

**Prayers of the People Remix.** "Prayers of the People" is an occasion in our worship in which we address God as intercessors for each other and the world at large. This morning rather we will be intercessors of praise, thanking God for the many gifts he gives to us and to the world at large. Toward this end as people share something they are thankful for we will use the litany response: *Pastor: Lord, for these good gifts, People: We give you thanks and praise!*

**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 a craft for all in Trinity Hall followed by the service in the sanctuary at 6:30 where decorations will be placed around the church.

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** Worship with the Lord's Supper. *No potluck lunch.*

**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, rehearsal will be that day from 5-6 p.m. Members of our Chancel Choir will be participating, and you are encouraged to attend. 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 11 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.

**GRATEFUL FOR YOU!** At Longview EPC we continue to be encouraged by what God is doing: creating a community of people committed to changing lives through his gospel. We are very thankful for your continuing prayers, service, and financial commitment—the earthly fuel of this creation. As a reminder, financial giving can be made via 1) the tithe and offering boxes in the sanctuary, 2) electronic giving (automatic withdrawal or credit/debit card), 3) hard mail. Please contact Treasurer Gordon Northcutt or Finance Deacon Henry Salmon if you have any questions.

10/31/17	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (Oct.)	\$ 61,602	\$ 71,523	-0-	\$-9,921
Year to Date	\$684,224	\$722,277	\$29,596	\$-67,649

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$184,252

**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 28. *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.

**"CARDS AND CAROLS" EVENT SATURDAY, DEC. 9 AT 9 A.M.:** Do you desire to spread joy? Join your EPC family December 9th at 9 am in Trinity Hall to create small floral arrangements and cards that can then be delivered with caroling in small groups to individuals in residential care. We hope to reach those who may not receive a visitor throughout the holiday season.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**  
**Sunday, November 26** — Infants: Terrye Hudson & Jenny Hubbard; Toddlers: Daniel & Jenny Bond  
**Sunday, December 3** — Infants: Tammy Moyes & Victoria; Toddlers: Cindy Brelsford & Sarah

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
 Nov. 26—No Youth fellowship  
 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

**Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45**

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