



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.

JULY 8, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG *One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)* Brian Johnson,
Christa Black, et al

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
 approach our God, who is full of mercy.

People: **We will praise God with all our heart
 and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

Shelley Kral

*1000 Tongues

We are a sea of voices.
We are an ocean of Your praise.
We're gathered under one name.
We are a tide that's rising.
And we cannot be contained;
Gathered under one name

O, for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty!
O, to sing the Savior's praise! A triumph of His grace;
You are worthy, You are worthy God.

We have found our anthem
at the cross where sin was slain.
We're gathered under one name.
Where every chain is broken
and every sorrow swept away;
Gathered under one name

With all heaven sing, and all earth below.
One Holy King! One highest throne.

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*Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

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Welcome!

Whether we are old or young,
whether we are first-time or long-
time worshipers, whether we
come full of doubts or confidence,
joy or sorrow, in this place we are
all family, because of what Jesus
did for us on the cross.

*Hearing devices are available in the
Narthex.*

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

Why is the Call to Worship important? 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-orient 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 relationship with us (not the other way around). 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!

Confession & Assurance Rehearsing the Gospel. There are many reasons we choose to make explicit the Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon. One of the principle reasons is to “rehearse” the Gospel. The Gospel—the good news of Jesus Christ—is not merely something that we receive to enter into faith. It is a perpetual, life-changing reality that we must seek to embrace at deeper and deeper levels. Put another way, we might say that growing more mature in our faith and becoming more like Jesus involves one principle reality: believing the Gospel at deeper and richer levels. The regular practice of Confession and Assurance molds our soul into a “Gospel shape” such that the pattern of the liturgy, over time, “becomes” us, as we begin to relate to God through the Gospel in our day to day lives.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, as we praise you with words this morning we remember that each of us has a host of people around us eager for words of blessing and affirmation. Yet we are often too distracted to daily, deliberately praise and appreciate people. In fact, if we are honest, when we do speak, our words can be more divisive than encouraging. Forgive us and help us find ways to say to others, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”
(Please take a few moments to silently pray about the use of words in your own life.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: *“Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.”* (Isaiah 1:18)

Friends, know that you are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are at peace!

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior;
The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures,
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King...Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King.

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

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.

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SERMON LESSON

Psalm 125

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Surrounded”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

King of My Heart

John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan

God is so good He's so good to me
He cares for me He's so good to me

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

God Protects

**Please stand as able*

Tithes and Offerings at Longview EPC. Jesus calls us to give our 'first fruits' (the best and first of our resources - be they financial, intellectual, physical or relational) to God for his glory and the furthering of his kingdom. In so doing we live the gospel of Jesus Christ by enacting our conviction that everything we have is a gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14) and that he will take care of all our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Regarding financial giving, we practice in congruence with scriptures such as 2 Kings 12:9 and Matthew 12:41 where tithes and offerings were collected in boxes as people came and went from the temple. Longview EPC collects tithes and offerings in the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking a monetary offering during the worship service is in hopes of enabling visitors exploring the Christian faith to be present at worship without feeling obligated to contribute monetarily. Also, it reminds believers that giving is an extension of worship that may occur any day of the week and through a variety of means. Towards this end, electronic giving is available at <http://www.epclongview.org/serve/giving>.

PARENTS AND KIDS: We have 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!

SUMMER...TIME CONTINUES TODAY! 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*. This summer we invite all in our faith family to simply *be together*. Gather in the foyer and enjoy coffee and snacks and visit with old friends and make new friends. Use the time to plan get-togethers with people you know, people you want to know better, and people you don't know at all! Who knows what the Lord will do as we make ourselves available to one another!

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 Jenny Bond (903-736-5353 or jennyb@epclongview.org) and plan to spend about an hour serving our sweet little ones.

LONGVIEW COMMUNITY MINISTRIES' FOODBOX NEEDS CEREAL: The Foodbox at LCM is in need of boxes or bags of cereal (any size but preferably large) as they are running low and this is a staple item for their distribution. Please take your donations to the LCM offices at 506 N. 2nd Street or you may bring them to our church office.

NEWGATE MISSION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

- The 3rd Saturday of each month cooking and serving breakfast for Newgate's 60-70 clients (provided from our church budget - biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, and milk) from 7-9:30 a.m.
- Lunch servers are needed at 11:30 a.m. on 3rd and 5th Tuesdays.

Thank you to those faithful volunteers who have willingly cared for and staffed these ministries. We are in need of additional help. Please contact the church office if you are available or have any questions.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Save the Date: Sunday, August 5th in Trinity Hall for Fun, Food, & Fellowship! More to come!

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.

"BLESSINGS" TO WARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: We have the honor of providing weekend meals for children in need at Ware. Only \$80 will provide one child with nine non-perishable food items for each weekend of the 2018-19 school year. If you are willing to sponsor one (or more) children, please send your donation to Longview EPC by August 12 and write "Blessings" in the memo line. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Terrye Hudson at tmhud5@yahoo.com

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, July 8 — Infants: Nancy Hale & volunteer needed; Toddlers: Noe Nelson & volunteer needed
Sunday, July 15 — Infants: Lizelle Fourie & Karen Yost; Toddlers: Noe Nelson & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers—Bob & Barbara Linthicum
July Head Usher—William McCluskey
July 8 — Tres Bainter, Shane Best, William McCluskey, Karen Harris
July 15 — Dave & Melanie Donaldson, Buck & Becky Birdsong

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

July 8 — Jason Hunt & Jim Brun
July 15 — Bill Burlingame & Dave Donaldson

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July 11:** Next Youth Movie Night
- **July 19-22:** Jr High Mission Trip to Lake Jackson, TX

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18
Ginia Northcutt '18
Kathie Ramey '18
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