



## 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.

**AUGUST 19, 2018**

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING SONG

*God's Right Hand and Holy Arm*  
"Sing to the Lord a new song,  
For he has done marvelous things;  
His right hand and his holy arm  
Have worked salvation for him"  
*Psalm 98:1b*

*K. Lee Scott*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: In God's kingdom, weakness becomes strength,  
**People: loneliness finds companionship and fear grows into courage.**  
Pastor: In God's kingdom, the foolish learn wisdom, the wise learn sacrifice  
and the humble are lifted up.  
**All: In God's kingdom, all things are made new!**

#### \*Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
Like wildfire in our very souls. Holy Spirit come invade us now.  
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst.  
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released,  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this.  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

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#### Welcome!

May each person who enters through our church doors this morning find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together. Welcome to all of you today!

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

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

**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!

**Why an “Assurance of Pardon”?** The Good News (Gospel) is that Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death thus reconciling people to God. Our sins (the ways we try to make life work without God) are forgiven so rather than being on ‘the outs’ with God we may be on ‘the ins’ with God - forever! The Assurance of Pardon is an announcement of this reality received through the entrusting of oneself to Jesus Christ. We use biblical words of assurance to reinforce that this guarantee is based on the Word of God, not merely human hope and desire.

## *\*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.

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.

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord Jesus, we have painful memories of thoughtless words we have spoken. They were like knives that cut into the souls and reputation of others. You are so exquisitely careful with words and with hearts. Forgive us and help us to remember the infinite worth of every human soul as we speak.* (Take a few moments for silent confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Pastor:** Friends, know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I can not give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## PROCLAIMING

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Shelley Kral

## 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

Psalm 131

Jason Hubbard

## SERMON

“The Humble Way”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Wash Me Away*

*Ladies Trio/Band*

## SENDING

## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

### *\*The Solid Rock*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand! All other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

*Worship Band*

*\*Please stand as able*

**What is a Benediction?** The benediction is not just a way of ending the meeting, but an action in which God himself, speaking through the human worship leader, pronounces his favor on the people. A biblical benediction is, in effect, a summary of the gospel: “and now may the love of God, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen.” Like a mother giving her child a kiss at the door before the child leaves for school, God says to his children as they leave the meeting, “I love you and will be with you as you go.” (John Jefferson Davis, *Worship and the Reality of God*, 103).

**SUMMER TIME TODAY:** Plan to stay after worship and gather in the foyer. Enjoy snacks, coffee, and water and visit with friends, old and new.

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY AUGUST 26:**

- **9:30 a.m. Worship service**
- **10:45 a.m. Program in sanctuary**
- **Potluck lunch following in Trinity Hall** - Church is providing baked and fried chicken. Please bring a salad, relish, side or dessert. Plan to come enjoy our kick-off Sunday together - we always have plenty of food!

**SIGN UP FOR FILLING THE BAGS FOR BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK AT WARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

At Longview EPC, we have the honor of providing weekend meals for children in need at Ware Elementary School. YOU have provided the donated funds for us to purchase the nine non-perishable food items for each weekend of the 2018-2019 school year for approximately 80 students each week!

We need people to pack bags each week. Will you consider grabbing an old friend or making a new one by serving with another person through this ministry? If so, simply contact Terrye Hudson at [tmhud5@yahoo.com](mailto:tmhud5@yahoo.com) or 903-720-5325 to reserve your spot today! You can do this any day at any time when the school is open and as long as it is by 10 am on Fridays.

**OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!**

We are searching for people who are ready and willing to help our children grow in their knowledge and faith in Christ. We are specifically in need of those willing to teach and support Sunday School for ages Infant-5th grade. Wednesday night volunteers are also needed for ages PK4-5th grade. Just contact Carrie Northcutt [childrensministry@epclongview.org](mailto:childrensministry@epclongview.org) or call 903-234-0032 and sign up! Thank you in advance as we walk together in leading our youngest ones.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** We need your updated information in our church directory by the end of August. Check the foyer today for a copy to edit.

**SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:**

**Aug 19:** Keith Moyes & Buck Otis  
**Aug 26:** Bill Bankston & Wil White

**THANK YOU TO KAREN HARRIS:**

Dear Faith Family,  
We want to make you aware of a recent change in the administrative office of the church. For several years we have had two Administrative Assistants: one at 35 hours/week and one at 12 hours/week. Given current technology, decreased work load, and the desire to be good stewards of our resources, under the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committees, the Session decided to bring the position of part-time Administrative Assistant to a close.  
In light of this change we want to take a moment to recognize and appreciate Karen Harris who has faithfully filled that position these past years. In the Fall of 2012, her retirement became short lived (only 6 months) as she agreed to work as Longview EPC's part-time administrative assistant. We are very thankful for Karen and the willingness and diligence she has shown over these many years. She has faithfully produced the bulletin, entered data, and helped do any task that has been asked of her. If you have the opportunity, please thank Karen for her years of care and service for the church.

**WELCOME CARRIE NORTHCUTT:**

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Session has approved Carrie Northcutt as our part-time Children's Director! Carrie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role and is eager to continue to grow and develop our ministry to Longview EPC kids. As we enter a new school year, please prayerfully consider your opportunity to serve our kids on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. We need you on the team!

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:**

**Sunday, Aug 19** — Infants: Glenda Bays & Sheri Burlingame  
Toddlers: Jim Brun & Noe Nelson  
**Sunday, Aug 26** — Infants: Lauren Gipner & volunteer needed  
Toddlers: Noe Nelson & Kerri Daugbjerg  
*If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Northcutt at [childrensministry@epclongview.org](mailto:childrensministry@epclongview.org)*

**USHERS & GREETERS:**

**Morning openers:** Bob & Barbara Linthicum  
**August Head Usher:** Rick Poland  
**August 19:** Michael McMahon, Keith Moyes, William McCluskey, Tres Bainter  
**August 26:** Bill Bankston, Wil & Suzi White, ET Testerman

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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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