



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Festive Praise”

Music: Allen Pote, Lyrics: Based on Psalm 92, Adapted by Allen Pote
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Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: We will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts.

People: We will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.

All: We will be filled with joy because of you.

*May the Peoples Praise You

Refrain: May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!

All Your blessing comes that we may praise; may praise the Name of Jesus.

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love, and deepest joy; With endless life. *[Refrain]*

All the earth is Yours, and all within; each harvest is Your own.
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us, for those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. *[Refrain]*

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
to every nation, tribe, and tongue; Your church proclaims! *[Refrain]*

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.

Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.

All creation praise Your glorious name.

May praise the Name of Jesus. May praise the Name of Jesus.

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*Joy of the Lord

Refrain: The joy of the Lord is my strength! The joy of the Lord is my strength!

In the darkness I'll dance. In the shadows I'll sing.

The joy of the Lord is my strength!

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise. My song will rise to You.

Though my heart may fail, my song will rise. My song will rise to You.

While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You Lord.

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes. I'll lift my eyes to You.

When the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes. I'll lift my eyes to You.

While there's hope in this heart I will praise You Lord. *[Refrain]*

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You.

When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You.

God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord.

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 foyer.

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

The Call to Worship and the Benediction. The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the “bookends” of the worship service, they make an important point: God gets the first and last word. We understand the Call to Worship as God’s call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in; and good news, he has! Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God’s blessing (“benediction” = “good word” or blessing) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God’s mission; which is exactly what he gives freely to his people.

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Why do we pray in Jesus' name?

To pray in Jesus' name is not to recite an incantation or a formula which obligates God to listen to that prayer differently than he listens to prayers not offered in Jesus' name. Nor is it a matter of learning proper prayer etiquette (along the lines of teaching your children to be sure they say 'please' and 'thank you'). To pray in Jesus' name is to consciously offer prayer in accord with all that his name stands for. It is to pray recognizing that the only approach to God we enjoy is Jesus himself. It is to pray realizing that only because of what Jesus has done are we able to speak to the Father as Jesus himself did. It is to pray submitting our words and requests to the good and perfect will of Almighty God, as did Jesus Christ himself.

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light. I feel alive with You.
In Your presence now I come alive. I am alive with You.
There is strength when I say, "I will praise You Lord!" [Refrain]
When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me.
Always You remain like courage in the fight.
I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming.
Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light. [Refrain]

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we are your children but sometimes our actions do not match up with our identity.

**We say mean things to other people,
we think of ourselves first,
and, worst of all, we ignore you.**

Lord, forgive us and continue to hear us as we confess silently those things personal to us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 10: 43 says: "All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

I Know Whom I have Believed

Refrain: But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He hath made known.
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own. [Refrain]

I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His word wrought peace within my heart. [Refrain]

I know not how the Spirit moves convincing men of sin.
Revealing Jesus through the Word; creating faith in Him. [Refrain]

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Your Words of Life*

As we gather, come and teach us. Spirit, come and speak today.
You delight to lead and guide us. It's Your Word that lights the way.
(So come,) awaken our hearts, illumine our minds; magnify Jesus Christ.
Come, renewing our faith, changing our lives with Your words of life.

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SERMON LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Shaped into Jesus People”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Everything Changed”

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* 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.

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe; and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O, that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all!

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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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 Mark 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 www.longviewepc.org/serve/giving and via the church app.