



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

*Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.*

January 13, 2019

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise To The Lord The Almighty (Lobe den Herren)

Music: Joachim Neander Lyrics: Catherine Winkworth
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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
People: Proclaim his salvation day after day.

* 10,000 Tongues

Refrain: 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 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. *[Refrain]*

We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain.
We're gathered under one name. Where ev'ry chain is broken
and ev'ry sorrow swept away; gathered under one name. *[Refrain]*

With all heaven sing; and all earth below.
One Holy King. One highest throne!
With all heaven sing; and all earth below.
One Holy King. One highest throne! *[Refrain]*

*For a thousand tongues to sing your name,
to sound your praise; to sound your praise!*

Music and Lyrics: Andi Rozier, Chris Tomlin
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* All Creatures Of Our God And King (*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Thou burning sun with golden beam. Thou silver moon with softer gleam.
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise! Praise the Father, praise the Son!
And praise the Spirit Three in One. O praise Him, O praise Him.

Welcome! This morning we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you have not professed faith in Christ or if you are hearing the gospel for the first time, though you will not be partaking of the sacrament, it is our privilege to welcome you here. Perhaps what you experience will raise questions for you. After the service, we will be eager to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration in our life together. If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, we are honored to be worshipping with you this morning!

Hearing devices are available in the foyer...ask an usher.

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

Why Sing? The worship of God is active, not passive. On Sunday mornings, this means that the people up front are not "on stage" and the people in the chairs are not "the audience". The musicians are not singing to us, or for us. They are leading us as we all sing to God and for one another. Music of the church is a means by which we tell the world (and remind ourselves) of the great gospel of Christ in all its richness. So, we sing for God's glory and we sing for each other's benefit. You may think by not singing, or singing softly, you are saving your neighbor from having to listen to your less than stellar voice; but the opposite is true. You are depriving your neighbor of the beauty of corporate worship; together making a joyful noise unto the Lord. So may we invite you this morning to set your self-consciousness aside? Bless your neighbor, and SING!

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How are tithes and offerings received at Longview EPC such that monetary giving is modeled for our children? 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, we collect tithes and offerings through the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking an offering during the worship service enables 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. Parents, we encourage you to discuss the importance of monetary giving with your children and provide them with repeated opportunities to either place your family offering in one of the boxes, or join you at the computer as you use the electronic giving option.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
O praise Him, O praise Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words and Music: St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper
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MORNING PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *We Gather at Your Table, Lord*

Music: *Traditional Irish Melody, Arranged by Walter Ehret* Lyrics: Wade Alexander Mansur (5234-1975)
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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.

Word of God, speak.

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SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 1:1-2

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in the Gospel”

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to forsake your sin, you are welcome to take Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, this time is still for you. Rather than coming forward to take the elements, please remain seated and contemplate taking Christ himself. The prayers that follow are supplied for your consideration.**

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being
your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

David and Ellen Luna

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

O God Our Help In Ages Past (St. Anne)

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
Under the shadow of Thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is Thine arm alone and our defense is sure.
Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, Thou art God, to endless years the same.

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* Let Us be Known by our Love

Refrain: For the glory of the Father. For the glory of the Son.
For the glory of the Spirit, let us be known by our love. (Joy)

Let us be known by our love.
In every word in every deed; honor the Son.
Let our light shine in every eye.
Let us be known by our love. [Refrain]

Let us be known by our joy.
In every home, in every heart; sing to the Lord!
Let our life show goodness and hope.
Let us be known by our joy. [Refrain]

Let us be known by our love.
Let us be known by our joy.

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is our God

Music: Martin Luther; Arranged by Carol Tornquist © 2001 Word Music

*Please stand as able

**Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City

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Sunday, January 13, 2019 Announcements & Information

TODAY, WORSHIP WITH CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK. Church provides fried and baked chicken and there is always plenty for everyone. All are welcome!

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Would you be willing to serve the children and parents of our faith family? Grab a friend and help us fill in the gaps.

Nursery & Toddler Volunteers:

We are in need of volunteers to serve in both the nursery and the toddler rooms during worship. So many unexpected blessings come from spending time with the youngest children of our faith family! Sign up in the foyer or visit our children's page at longviewepc.org to sign up online.

KidMin: Digin! Wednesday Night Meals:

The spring semester of Bible Study and fun is starting this week! We love having the opportunity to minister to our working parents and build relationships with our children by serving a light meal at 5:15.

Would you be willing to sign up and provide a meal for the children of our church and our community?: If you are unable to bring a meal, but would like to serve in other ways or contribute towards our Wednesday Night Meal fund that would also be greatly appreciated. Sign up in the foyer or visit our children's page at longviewepc.org to sign up online.

MANDATORY YOUTH MISSION MEETING JANUARY 20 AT 5:00 PM:

If you are a youth want to go on one of our mission trips this summer, then the you and a parent need to be at this meeting. Dinner will be provided. A mail out will be sent before the meeting with more information.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Go to longviewepc.org for most info. Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

Prayer Ministry: Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing prayerteam@epclongview.org or by using the cards located in the fellowship pads in your pew. Monthly prayer calendars are available in the foyer.

Tithes and Offerings: Boxes at each entrance. For credit/debit cards and electronically via the website—Serve/Giving.

Sermons and bulletins: Available on the website. You can listen to today's sermon following the service.

Parents and kids: Don't forget the special activity bags in the foyer just for you!

Blankets are available on the table by the sanctuary entrance if you or your little ones get cold during the service.

Guest WiFi: EPCGuest Password: Guestttt

THIS WEEK:

Today — 5:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship

January 16 at 5:15 p.m. Kidmin: Digin! Begins

Youth Bible Studies

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

January 17 at 6:00 p.m.—Praise Team

UPCOMING:

January 20 at 10:45 a.m.—Sunday Classes Begin

at 5:00 p.m.—Mandatory Youth Mission Meeting

NURSERY :

Jan 13: Infants: Mary LeTourneau & Lauren Stoddard

Toddlers: Tammy Moyes & volunteer needed

Jan 20: Infants: Nancy Hale & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Lauren Stoddard & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

This Week's Head Usher: Rick Poland

January 13: Bill & Debbie Bankston, Clay & Cindy Brelsford

January 20: Head Usher: William McCluskey
Michael McMahan, Fred Irwin, Kyle Ashley,
Landon Ashley

SAFETY TEAM:

Jan. 13: Bill Bankston & Clay Brelsford

Jan. 20: Michael McMahan & Fred Irwin

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

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