



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

October 14, 2018

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*In Christ We Live*

Music and Lyrics: John L. Bell  
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## WELCOME & \*INVOCATION

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
**People: make known his deeds among the peoples.**  
Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
**People: and speak of all his marvelous works.**  
Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
**All: who was and is and is to come!**

Doug Ashley

### \* Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength

I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,  
with all my mind, and with all my strength.

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength.  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,  
with all my mind, and with all my strength.

I will love You (I will love You). I will praise You (I will praise You).  
I will serve You (I will serve You). I will trust You Lord (I will trust You).

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength.  
I will love You Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind  
and with all my strength.

Music and Lyrics: Lincoln Brewster  
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### \* One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave,  
constant through the trial and the change; One thing remains. One thing remains.

Your love never fails. It never gives up; never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails. It never gives up; never runs out on me. Your love.

On and on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.  
And I never ever have to be afraid. One thing remains. One thing remains.

### 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.*

### What is a Choral Call to Worship?

The Choral Call to Worship, like spoken calls, is provided to call us out of our daily world and into the presence of God's people gathered before him to worship him. It is the time we stop visiting with our neighbors, still our hearts and minds and begin to listen for who God is and what he wants to tell us during our time together. It is a wonderful practice and we encourage you to try it: when you hear the choir begin, still your voice and mind and begin listening for the voice of God and his mind!

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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 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 Sunday morning 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>.

**Are tithes and offerings the same thing?** No. Scripture teaches that tithing is a means of teaching us to put God first in our lives, trusting that He will take care of all of our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Generally, a tithe (which literally means 'tenth' or 'ten percent') is the first ten percent of a person's or family's income given to the all-purpose work of the Lord. An offering is financial giving above the tithe to a specific cause. An example of an offering received at Longview EPC is the **Mercy Fund**. This fund was established in response to Scriptures such as Galatians 6:10 which says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (See also Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 5:3,16). This fund enables us to come alongside a brother or sister who is facing significant hardship by providing confidential financial assistance for short-term, emergency situations or unforeseen circumstances that may require long-term assistance. Designated donations to this fund may be made at any time. To apply for funds contact a Pastor or a Ruling Elder.

In death, in life; I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.  
My debt is paid. There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.  
Your Love. Your Love. Your Love. Your Love.

Music and Lyrics: Brian Johnson | Christa Black Gifford | Jeremy Riddle  
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, as we consider your holiness, your love, your compassion, we see you bringing life to people's spirits. We've witnessed you bringing life to our own spirits! Yet we are far from holy, loving and compassionate. We confess that we have committed spiritual homicide. We have killed people with our words. We have crushed people's spirits with our silence. We have shriveled people's souls with our anger. Whether with sneers of condescension or a deafening barrage of words, we are the perpetrators. We have done it to children, spouses, friends, co-workers. Forgive us and change us. Melt the madness of our meanness with the gravity of your grace. We pray in Jesus' healing name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:25-26*

**Pastor:** Friends, what is the good news?  
**People:** In Jesus Christ, we have hearts that are clean!

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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## 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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through the preaching of Your Word until every heart confesses Christ is Lord!

By Bob Kauflin and Doug Plank  
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## SERMON LESSON

1 John 3:11-18

Doug Ashley

## SERMON

“Know Love”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Listen Up*

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## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

## MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

Embleton Family

### \* All I Have Is Christ

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose.  
And let my song forever be my only boast is You.

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*Fantasia on HYFRYDOL*

*\*Please stand as able*

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**The Embleton Family.** We are pleased to have *Kent and Amy Embleton, Isaac and Russell*, with us this morning! Missionaries with Mission Aviation Fellowship, Longview EPC has been honored to support them for six years. We eagerly anticipate hearing about how the LORD is on the move in Mozambique and how we may continue to support them through prayer and other means.

# Sunday, October 14, 2018 Announcements & Information

**TONIGHT at 5:00 pm FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOR THIS EVENT! Pizza, salad, dessert and popcorn will be provided. The movie Aladdin will be shown on a big screen in Trinity Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE! CHILDREN'S MUSICAL "GOD WITH US":** Sunday, December 2 at 5:00pm. All are welcome!

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSAL:

Join us today at 4:00pm in the sanctuary as we rehearse for our upcoming Christmas musical, God with Us. We would love to have your child participate! Rehearsal dates are October 14, 21 and 28 and dress rehearsals on December 1 and 2.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Wednesday, October 24 at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are helpful. Sign up on the fellowship pad as it is passed. Main dish will be chicken spaghetti; we will need a few sides or desserts. Brush up on your knowledge of the Bible so you can enjoy Bible Trivia! Everyone is welcome.

**PUMPKIN STOMP OCTOBER 27:** As we look forward to next summer's mission trips, we hope you will prayerfully consider partnering with our youth in this worthwhile adventure. Forms enclosed. Great family fun!

**ELDER NOMINATION FORMS** are enclosed and are available on the web. Please take time to prayerfully consider whom to nominate from our church family for the role of Ruling Elder. The forms are due back to the committee by October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please deposit forms in the offering boxes, bring or mail to the office, or email a typed version of the part of the form that you need to fill out to [info@epclongview.org](mailto:info@epclongview.org) or scan in the form to email.

The Session is in the process of revising our Deacon Committee structure and inviting input about those revisions before proceeding with Deacon nominations. The proposed committee structure document is available to view at [www.longviewepc.org](http://www.longviewepc.org) on the LEADERSHIP webpage (under Connect). There are also copies in the foyer.

The Session will present the proposed committee structure following the worship service on October 21st (This will take place during the adult Sunday school time. Children's Sunday school classes will meet that day and will be led by youth and adult youth leaders). The Session will be available to receive written & verbal feedback October 21st-November 11th. Please contact any Elder for additional questions.

### NURSERY :

**Oct. 14 —**

Infants: Melanie Donaldson & Victoria Ratliff

Toddlers: Matt & Karen Yost & Sarah Harder

**Oct. 21 —**

Infants: Kaye Ratzlaff & Allie Maher

Toddlers: Carrie Salmon & Lauren Gipner

### USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

October Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

**October 14:** Nico Fourie, Bill Bankston and Wil and Suzi White

**October 21:** Larry Northcutt, Michael McMahon and Brian Daugbjerg family

### SAFETY TEAM:

**Oct 14:** Nico Fourie and Bill Bankston

**Oct 14:** Larry Northcutt and Michael McMahon

**NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you! Go to [longviewepc.org](http://longviewepc.org) for most info.**

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

**Tithes and Offerings:** See sidebar this week.

**New giving option:** **TEXT 903-484-1002** for credit/debit cards follow the prompts or call 903.234.0032 and we will help.

**Sermons and bulletins:** Available on the website

**Parents and kids:** Don't forget the 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.

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

**COATS 4 KIDS:** Donate and drop off gently used (or new) coats through October 31 at the following dry cleaners free of charge: Alpine, Dry Clean Super Center, McClendon, Service, Sno-White, Village. Free coat day will be Saturday, November 10 at Broughton Recreation Center from 8 a.m.—2 p.m.

### THIS WEEK:

- **Today:** Welcome Missionaries Kent & Amy Embleton  
Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal—4 pm  
Youth Fellowship and Family Movie Night 5 pm
- **Wednesdays:** EPC KidMin—Dig In! — 5:15 p.m.  
Confirmation Class—5:30 p.m.  
Choir rehearsal — 6:30 p.m.  
Youth Bible Studies
- **Thursdays:** Praise Team rehearsal—@ 6 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Lunch Bunch—October 24
- Pumpkin Stomp—October 27
- Communion & Potluck—November 4
- Children's Musical—December 2
- Hanging of the Greens —December 5

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

### RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18

Ginia Northcutt '18

Kathie Ramey '18

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