



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

October 28, 2018

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O God Our Help in Ages Past

TUNE: ST. ANNE by William Croft / Arranged by GERALD PETERSON

WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Doug Ashley

Pastor: God has called us to worship. Will you come?

People: **Yes! We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.
We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King,
and to bring glory to God the Father.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: God has become King!

People: **Let us adore him!**

* O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above.
O gratefully sing His power and His love.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days;
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
O tell of His might! O sing of His grace!
Whose robe is the light; whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light.
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail.
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender how firm to the end;
our Maker, Defender Redeemer and Friend.

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* Before the Throne of God Above

Hallelujah! My life is found in Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! For I am His and He is mine.
Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is Love; who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within.
Upward I look, and see Him there; Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

Welcome!

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Why all the standing and sitting? Scripture, especially the Psalms, highlights various postures of worship--physical positions of the body that are both symbols of our heart's inner disposition and aids in helping us focus amidst distractions. Standing is a posture of honor, fitting for things like singing hymns and hearing the Bible read. Sitting is one way to express reverence and submission, just as we would bow our heads or our whole bodies, and it is a fitting posture for things like confession and listening to teaching from the Bible.

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Why Confession? Because Christians aren't perfect. In worship we confess our sins in order to remind us that, even though we have a relationship with Jesus that has set us right with God, we still struggle with doubt, unbelief, disobedience, hypocrisy, and rebelliousness. Jesus is without fault. We are guilty. Jesus is faithful. We are rebellious. Everything Jesus does is perfect. We (as the Anglican prayer says) "have sinned in thought, word, and deed...by what we have done and by what we have left undone." This is why we will never tire of confessing our sin and resting on God's grace alone. We're continually needing to acknowledge that, because of our imperfection, apart from Jesus Christ, we have no hope to be the people God's holy character requires, we have no hope to be the people our love for God desires. But with Jesus, all of that changes. So confession in worship will come in many forms. Sometimes it will be explicit. Sometimes it will be in a song or prayer. But because of who God is and who we are, we must do it.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb; my perfect spotless righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am; The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Saviour and my God.
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:31-37, 42-44

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you tell us the truth sets us free. Yet, still, we find ourselves enchanted with lies.

**The lie that we aren't enslaved
to pride,
to the approval of others,
to the illusion that what we did "wasn't that bad" beguiles us.**

**Give us eyes to see the truth,
hearts that love the truth,
wills that want the truth.**

And we know you will because you've placed your Spirit within us. Thank you for your sustaining and unending grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." John 3:16-18

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are no longer condemned!**

Lord I Need You

Lord I come. I confess; bowing here I find my rest.
And without You I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need You. Oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God! How I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

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.

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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

1 John 4:1-6

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Know Truth”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

We Believe

Matthew Hooper, Richie Fike, Travis Ryan
Integrity Worship Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing
(Integrity Music [DC Cook])), Integrity's Praise! Music

* 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Amanda Elia, Charlie and Karen Harding, Charles Harding III ,
Robert and Lisa Metzler, Charles and Susan Mosley , Melissa Swallow

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* *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.

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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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Ein Feste Burg)

Music: Martin Luther

****Please stand as able***

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Sunday, October 28, 2018 Announcements & Information

ELDER NOMINATIONS DUE TODAY. Please take time to prayerfully consider whom to nominate from our church family for the role of Ruling Elder. The forms may be found in the foyer or on the web and may be returned in the offering boxes, to the office, or emailed to info@epclongview.org.

PROPOSED NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE (NCS). QUESTIONS? Elders are available for questions on the NCS following worship in the Carlton Room today, October 28, November 4th and November 11th. The NCS documents are available in the foyer or at www.longviewepc.org on the LEADERSHIP webpage (under Connect). Please submit feedback verbally to an Elder or in written form to session@epclongview.org by **November 11th.**

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! Remaining rehearsal dates are October 28, November 4, 11 and 18 and dress rehearsals on December 1 and 2.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TODAY AT THE BURLINGAME'S HOME:

There will be food, festivities and fellowship. Meet at EPC at 4:45pm or drop off/meet at their home at 5pm. The address is 1907 Warwick Cr East 75601. Pick-up at their home at 6:30pm. Bring your friends!

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP LUNCH—NOVEMBER 4: No Sunday School. Our next celebration of communion will be followed by a Thanksgiving Fellowship lunch. Church will provide baked and fried chicken. If able, please bring dressing, other sides or a dessert. All are welcome. There is always plenty of food.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: The youth are selling beautiful poinsettias for our annual Christmas season fundraiser for summer mission trips. The cost per red poinsettia is \$12.00 for a small or \$30.00 for a large. We will deliver the poinsettias to your home and/or business. Also, we are selling poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary or to be delivered to our homebound members. These poinsettias can be purchased at the table that will be set up in the sanctuary narthex. Thank you for your support!!

CHRISTMAS EVE TONE CHIMES CHOIR: We are recruiting ringers for the Christmas Eve (6:30 p.m.) worship service. We will need about 10 dedicated people to help with hymn singing for the worship. Rehearsals begin in November. For more information contact David Luna at dluna@epclongview.org or 903-812-4002.

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

FREE FILM ON THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER at LETU on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7 pm – 9 pm in the Berry Auditorium of the Glaske Bldg. Celebrating Reformation Day - Martin Luther nailed written works, known as The 95 Theses, on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517.

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.

LOST AND FOUND: Just a reminder, there is a lost and found basket in the foyer underneath the Kid's Corner table.

THIS WEEK:

- *Today:* Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal—4 pm
Youth Fellowship— Off Campus 5—6:30 pm
- *Wednesday:* **No EPC KidMin this Week**
Choir rehearsal — 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Studies
- *Thursday:* Praise Team rehearsal—@ 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Communion & Potluck—November 4, No Sunday School
- Confirmation Sunday—December 2
- Children's Musical—December 2
- Hanging of the Greens —December 5
- Cards & Carols—December 16
- Family Service—December 24
- Candlelight Communion Service—December 24

NURSERY :

Oct. 28:

Infants: Bonnie Howell & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Kerri Daugbjerg & Jim Brun

Nov. 4:

Infants: Lauren Stoddard & Tammy Moyes

Toddlers: Lauren Gipner & Jenny Hubbard

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

October Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

October 28: Buck Otis, Clay & Cindy Brelsford & ET Testerman

November 4: Bill Burlingame, Todd Parks, Kyle Ashley & Landon Ashley

SAFETY TEAM:

Oct 28: Buck Otis and

Clay Brelsford

Nov 4: Bill Burlingame and Todd Parks

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

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