



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

October 7, 2018

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Immortal, Invisible

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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Come let us sing for joy to the Lord;
People: **Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!**
Pastor: Let us come before him with thanksgiving,
All: **and extol him with music and song. (Ps 95:1-2)**

* *Everlasting God*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.
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Our God, You reign forever;
our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint. You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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* MORNING PRAYER

* *Remembrance (The Communion Song)*

Oh how could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery?
Say, "take this bread, take this wine."
Now, the simple made divine for any to receive.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.
By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Lord we remember You; and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You, our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation. We remember You.

See His body, His blood; know that He has overcome ev'ry trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved; none too broken or ashamed.
All are welcome in this place.

Dying You destroyed our death.
Rising You restored our life.
Lord Jesus come in glory. Lord Jesus come in glory.
Lord Jesus come in glory. Lord Jesus come in glory.

By Matt Maher and Matt Redman
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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 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!

Community and the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is deeply personal, but never private. It is a communal action of believers gathered in Christ. Together we celebrate the promises of God, first as we remember them in the words of institution and reception of the elements, second as we respond with thanksgiving through prayer and the passing of the peace of Christ to one another. As we receive this sacred nourishment of the Lord, we affirm the Holy Spirit's connection of ourselves with Jesus Christ and his church in all times and places.

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

1 John 3:4-10

Jason Hubbard

SERMON

“Know Righteousness”

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Doug Ashley

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

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

At This Table by Shirley Erena Murray and Allan Pote

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

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing (Nettleton)

*Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing; tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it; mount of Thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*

*O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.*

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*** King of Heaven**

*Jesus let Your kingdom come here
Let Your will be done here in us
Jesus there is no one greater
You alone are Savior show the world Your love*

*We are children of Your mercy; rescued for Your glory.
We cry, "Jesus! Set our hearts towards You!", that ev'ry eye would see You lifted high.*

*King of heaven, come down. King of heaven, come now.
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day; King of heaven, come!
King of heaven, rise up! Who can stand against us?
You are strong to save in Your mighty name, King of heaven come.*

*King of heaven come. King of heaven come.
King of heaven come. Oh, King of heaven come.*

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

At This Table—Reprise

**Please stand as able*

****Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City**

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Why do we “pass the peace” as part of the Communion liturgy?

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies a Christian's identity as a peacemaker (Matt. 5:9, 2 Cor. 5:20). At the close of Communion we turn to our neighbors, extend our hands, look the person in the eye, speak the words “The peace of Christ be with you” and receive the response, “And also with you.” In doing so we connect with Jesus who extended himself to us to make peace (Col 1:20-21) and live into his call to extend that peace beyond ourselves into the community of which we are a part (Eph 4:3).

Sunday, October 7, 2018 Announcements & Information

TODAY— First Sunday Worship Service with Celebration of the Lord’s Supper and Potluck - (no Sunday classes today). Church will provide the fried and baked chicken. Please stay—there is always plenty of food.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS TODAY: Want to know more about Longview EPC? Our class will be in Room 104 following the potluck lunch.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSAL:

Join us today at 4:00pm in the sanctuary as we begin to rehearse for our upcoming Christmas musical, God with Us. We would love to have your child participate!

SAVE THE DATE! CHILDREN’S MUSICAL “GOD WITH US”: Sunday, December 2. All are welcome!

ELDER NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE BEGINNING TODAY:

Please take time to prayerfully consider whom to nominate from our church family for the role of Ruling Elder.

ON OCTOBER 14 PLEASE WELCOME VISITING MISSIONARIES

Kent and Amy Embleton, serving in Mozambique, Africa with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT OCTOBER 14: 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 at 5:00pm.

PUMPKIN STOMP OCTOBER 27—SEE INSERT. The Youth have a great opportunity this fall to partner with Enoch’s Stomp for their Pumpkin Stomp to help raise money for summer missions. As we look forward to next summer’s mission trips, we hope you will prayerfully consider partnering with our youth in this worthwhile adventure.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Welcome Missionaries Kent & Amy Embleton—October 14
Family Movie Night—October 14
Lunch Bunch—October 24
Pumpkin Stomp—October 27
Children’s Musical—December 2

JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP MEETING:

Join us today at 5:00pm in Trinity Hall (Dinner will follow the meeting.) This meeting is for anyone interested in going on Youth mission trips. At least one parent should attend with any interested Youth.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you! Go to longviewepc.org for most info.

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

Tithes and Offerings are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, The website *Serve/Giving* tab also offers a credit/debit card option.

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.

HURRICANE FLORENCE EMERGENCY RELIEF: The EPC has launched an emergency relief fund to help churches in the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. To donate online, go to www.epc.org/emergencyrelief.

THIS WEEK:
• *Today:* Potluck
New Member Class
Children’s Christmas Musical Rehearsal—October 7
Jr. High and Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting —5:00 p.m.
• *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.

NURSERY :

Sunday, Oct. 7 —
Infants: Allie Maher & Victoria Ratliff
Toddlers: Liz Johnson & Sarah Harder
Sunday, Oct. 14 —
Infants: Melanie Donaldson & Victoria Ratliff
Toddlers: Matt & Karen Yost & Sarah Harder

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum
October Head Usher: Buck Birdsong
October 7: Cliff Hale, Michael McMahon, Bob Linthicum, Tres Bainter
October 14: Nico Fourie, Bill Bankston & Wil and Suzi White

SAFETY TEAM:

Oct 7: Cliff Hale & Michael McMahon
Oct 14: Nico Fourie & Bill Bankston

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

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