



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Chancel Choir

Music and Lyrics: Edward Broughton, Christian H. Bateman, Based on MADRID, a traditional Spanish Melody
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

**People: I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Pastor: For I am the LORD, your God who takes hold of your right hand
and says to you,

All: Do not fear; I will help you!

*This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One; God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son; Jesus our Saviour.

I believe in God our Father. I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection that we will rise again;
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Our judge and our defender suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You. Descended into darkness.
You rose in glorious life; forever seated high.

I believe in You. I believe You rose again. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in life eternal. I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Music and Lyrics: Ben Fielding, Matt Crocker
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*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Ein Feste Burg)

A mighty fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient Foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly pow'r, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever!

Music and Lyrics: Frederick Henry Hedge, Martin Luther
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Welcome! We are here because we believe Jesus Christ is the only hope for true change. He is the only genuine hope for freedom from whatever enslaves us; healing from the many actions that harm us; deliverance from shame that belittles us; rescue from the evil that violates us. As well, we believe that only through Jesus Christ will the hopes hidden in our deepest desires truly be satisfied. So the main reason our church exists is so the presence of Jesus Christ and the way of Jesus Christ may be experienced in the lives of normal anxious, wounded, cautious, 'looking for more' people like you and me. So again, welcome; we're glad you're here.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

The "Bookends" of Worship.

The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. At the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: 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.

Why come to church when I can listen to great sermons and music online? It's true; there are some great preachers and amazing musicians out there. Can't we grow as Christians (learn more about God and how to live the gospel more consistently) simply through those means? Do we really need to gather with other believers on Sunday mornings? The testimony of Scripture is "Yes, we do!" We really do need to regularly gather with other believers. 2 Timothy 3 & 4 remind us that it is together we are to hear God's Word preached week in and week out, for it is together that God is at work in and through us. Hebrews 10 tells us that it is together we are to meet in order to encourage one another until that day that Jesus returns to take us home. And Galatians 6 states that as a church community we are to keep watch over each other, to restore one another and to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. For these reasons and more, God the Father calls his children to come to a family reunion once a week in order to receive his gracious provision for us, together. Skyping in is okay if there is no other choice, but it's not the same as being together face to face!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we are a people who often say one thing but live another.
We say you are good but we struggle to live as you command.
By your grace enable us to see that whenever you ask us to do something
your intent is always
to heal us, not to harm us;
to embrace us, not to embarrass us,
to shower us with compassion, not shame us with contempt.
Do a trust-building work in us, Holy Spirit, that we may love you well and be
agents of your love in our world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"All the prophets testify about [Jesus Christ] that everyone who Believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:43)

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**His Mercy is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more! Stronger than darkness new every morn;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (Repeat)

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

**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

2 Kings 2:1-14

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Elijah: The Man Who Went Away”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Give Me Jesus”

Refrain: Oh, the height and depth of mercy!
Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption!
Pledge of endless life above,
Take this world my God's enough.

Take the world, but give me Jesus. In His cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision, face to face my Lord I see.

Take this world, my God's enough.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*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.

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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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise Team

**Please stand as able*

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"Prayers of the People" is an occasion in our worship in which we address God as intercessors for each other and the world at large. We pray not just for our own faith family and for the people we know; we also intercede for those in authority, for those suffering oppression, for those who are poor, hungry or sick, for those who have no one to pray for them. It is also appropriate to offer prayers of thanksgiving for who God is and how we have witnessed Him at work in our world. This morning our Pastor will take individual prayer requests, summarize the prayer and speak the words "Lord in Your mercy" to which the congregation will respond "Hear our prayer".