



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together  
to know Christ and to make him known

## Confirmation Sunday November 17, 2019

### GATHERING MUSIC

“Thankful”

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Praise Team

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done wonderful deeds.

**People: His right hand has won a mighty victory;  
His holy arm has shown his saving power!**

Pastor: Shout to the LORD, all the earth;

**All: Break out in praise and sing for joy!**

Shelley Kral

### \*O Worship the King

*Refrain:* You alone are the matchless King. To You alone be all majesty.  
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite.  
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His wonderful 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 and canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm. *[Refrain]*

O measureless might, ineffable love;  
While angels delight to worship above.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end;  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend. *[Refrain]*  
Shine in the light, You shine in the light.

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### \*Living Hope

*Refrain:* Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain.  
There’s salvation in Your name, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven, and spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory, to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, the King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever, Jesus Christ my living hope. *[Refrain]*

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**Welcome!** Those who love Jesus and those who are searching, welcome! We gather to hear from God, learn from God, to talk to God, and to go out with God. Visitors, we are eager to share with you the joy we have in knowing Jesus. Family members, it is a blessing to be with you once again. May we all grow in the knowledge and love of Christ as we worship.

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

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

### Confirmation Sunday.

This morning we celebrate the public profession of our Confirmation Class in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. These young people have been provided with intensive instruction in the gospel of Jesus Christ and what it means to be part of his church.

They have proclaimed their faith before the Session (the ruling board of our church) who sensed in them a true desire to follow Christ so now come before our faith family to celebrate this commitment and become full members of our church body. For those who were baptized as infants, they make that baptism complete with their public profession of faith. For those who were not baptized as infants, they will undergo the sacrament of baptism as well as profess their faith. Please welcome our newest members up front at the close of worship this morning.

### Remember Your Baptism.

As we participate in today's baptism with our vows and affirmation, allow it to be a time of recommitment to the Lord. If you were baptized as an infant, think about how your baptism was a picture of your utter helplessness before God—how He found you, loved you, and clothed you with righteousness, even before you were able to choose and respond to Him. If you were baptized as an older child or adult, think about how your baptism was a conscious public profession before people that you would follow Christ. Allow God's covenant to be renewed in your life today!

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe.  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, Yours is the victory. Whoa! [*Refrain*]

Jesus Christ my living hope. Oh, God, You are my living hope.

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ruling Elder Gena Bunn  
Matthew 28:18-20

Jacqueline Mitchell and Reece Tucker

## CONFIRMATION

Blanton Hale, Jason Hubbard, Jacqueline Mitchell,  
Reece Tucker and Reece Wright

### DEDICATION

**Leader:** Like Hannah, Zechariah & Elizabeth, you are the parents through whom God has given these young people the gift of life.

**Parents:** **Our children are a gift from the hand of God. We set before the Lord today our children and promise to nurture their faith in Jesus Christ.**  
[Genesis 33:5]

**Leader:** Like Abraham, Moses, and the Apostles of the early church, you represent those who have led these young people to the gospel of Christ. You stand for those whose character is a witness of Christ's power.

### **Children and**

**Youth Leaders:** **For this gospel we were appointed teachers, and for this reason we live as we do. With God's help, we shall guard them, as good treasure entrusted to us.** [2 Timothy 1:11-14]

**Leader:** We, the congregation, are God's covenant family. We are the body of Christ. We are the light of the world. We are the ones who are called to provide an environment where these young ones can be transformed by the renewing of their minds, so that they may discern what is the will of God - what is good and true, and perfect. [Romans 12:2]

**Congregation:** **We are the body of Christ, each one of us is a part of it; and the Holy Spirit has given each of us gifts so that we may build each other up until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.** [1 Corinthians 12:27]

### PROFESSION OF COMMITMENT

### RECEPTION INTO FAITH FAMILY

## 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

2 Kings 2:15-25

Doug Ashley

## SERMON

“Elisha: The Man Up Next”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“God So Loved the World”

Music: John Stainer, Texts: John 3:16, Arranged by: Benjamin Harlan

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all Ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*\*This is Amazing Grace*

*Refrain: This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love!  
That You would take my place; that You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free;  
Oh Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty, and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings!  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings! *[Refrain]*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy! *[Refrain]*

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

Praise Team

*\*Please stand as able*

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**What is an “Affirmation of Faith?”** A unison response to the Word proclaimed, in the affirmation of faith worshipers announce their belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ through speaking together a long-standing, orthodox creed of the church. Examples include The Apostle’s Creed, The Nicene Creed, and the Westminster Confession of Faith.

**Congregational Meeting Today:** The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the slate from our Church Officer Nominating Committee. Please have all of your children with you for the meeting so all nursery workers can participate as well. You are welcome to use the Postlude time to pick up your children from the nursery.