



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

November 4, 2018

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Send Us, Lord, to Every Nation

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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Jason Hubbard

Leader: You who serve GOD, praise GOD!

People: **Just to speak his name is praise!
Just to remember GOD is a blessing—
now and tomorrow and always.**

Leader: From east to west, from dawn to dusk,
keep lifting all your praises to GOD!

People: **GOD is higher than anything and anyone,
outshining everything you can see in the skies.
Who can compare with GOD, our God,
so majestically enthroned. Hallelujah!** (from Psalm 113)

* Word of God

The Word of God is light in my darkness, Hope for the hopeless, strong and true.
The Word of God is strength for the weary, a shield for those who trust in You;
a shield for those who trust in You.

Ev'rything will fade. Ev'rything will fade. The heavens and the earth will pass away.
But You will remain. Yes, You will remain always...

Jesus, faithful Word of God, the anchor of my heart;
You're ev'rything You say You are Lord. Greater than my deepest needs,
the ground beneath my feet; Your promises won't fail me now.

You will not fail us. You will not fail us.
You will not fail us, Oh, Word of God.

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MORNING PRAYER

* What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning; one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.
What a beautiful Name it is. What a beautiful Name it is; The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is. Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is; the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great; Your love was greater. What could separate us now?
What a wonderful Name it is. What a wonderful Name it is; The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful Name it is. Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is; the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You! The veil tore before You!
You silence the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory; for You are raised to life again!

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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.

Praise God! In the Bible, "Praise the Lord" is a command like "Please take your seat". We are invited to carry out this command by acknowledging something. As Rev. Dr. Mark Futato writes, "To praise is to acknowledge. Praising God is acknowledging who he is and what he has done. Praising is confessing what God has done in the history of salvation. Praising is confessing what God has done in our lives. We carry out the command to praise the Lord by acknowledging and confessing who God is and what he has done, and in so doing, we render honor and glory to the One who is the object of our praise." (For an example of this, see Nehemiah 9:5-7).

Children are worshipers, too! We believe that our children are part of the very people of God. While His disciples tried to stop people from bringing infants to Jesus, our Lord welcomed them into his arms, and in a symbolic act he signaled that the kingdom of God was made up of little ones just like these (Luke 18:15-17). And if God truly has ordained praise from the lips of children and infants (Psalm 8:2), they are part of the people of God, called to worship! So let's model for them so much more than how to sit quietly during a sermon. Let's model for them how to worship on Sunday mornings by singing loudly, praying sincerely and responding genuinely to God's invitation to be a part of what he is doing throughout our world!

You have no rival! You have no equal!
Now and forever God You reign. Yours is the kingdom.
Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names!

What a powerful Name it is. What a powerful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful Name it is. Nothing compares to this.
What a powerful Name it is; the Name of Jesus.

Ben Fielding | Brooke Ligertwood
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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

1 John 4:7-21

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Know Family”

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Lord Jesus, your Word tells us that being faithful to you includes sharing your Good News in word and action, forming diverse communities where people are equals, and trusting in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. How often we forget this and get sidetracked prioritizing other things. Forgive and restore us Lord through your grace and power. In your name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride.
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation: "One Lord, one faith, one birth."
One holy name she blesses; partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, The Three in One;
and mystic, sweet communion with those, whose rest is won.
O happy ones, and holy! Lord give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high, may dwell with Thee.

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Generosity Lives Here!

** Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah; pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven! Bread of heaven!
Feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer! Strong Deliverer!
Be Thou still my strength and shield. Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction; land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises! Songs of praises!
I will ever give to Thee. I will ever give to Thee.

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Cwm Rhondda

**Please stand as able*

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

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Is there an appropriate response when receiving the Communion elements (bread and juice)? When the words "This is Christ's body, given for you" and "This is Christ's blood, shed for you" are spoken, it is appropriate to simply receive the elements in silent prayer or to respond with words such as "Thanks be to God" or "And also for you". It is up to you which response you prefer.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 Announcements & Information

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP LUNCH—TODAY: Today's 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.

PROPOSED NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE (NCS). QUESTIONS? Elders are available for questions on the NCS following worship in the **Carlton Room** today 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**.

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 set up in the sanctuary narthex. Thank you for your support!!

BUCKNER CHRISTMAS MARKET TREE IN FOYER: This year we are hosting a Giving Tree to help Buckner families bring joy to their children this Christmas season. The tree in the foyer decorated with items for children of all ages, separate cards for teens and Christmas meal gift card opportunities. Please pick a "card (s)" you would like to fulfill and please SIGN the List with the Card number.

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

Tithes and Offerings: Boxes at each entrance. Text 903-484-1002 for credit/debit cards and electronically via the website.

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

New Guest WiFi: EPCGuest Password: Guestttt

PLAYERS NEEDED: Are you interested, or have a family member would be interested, in playing in our Christmas Eve orchestra? We currently need a flute, trumpet and a trombone player. However, if you play an instrument and would like to participate, please contact David Luna. Music will be distributed on December 1st. Playing level is moderately easy (no fast, virtuosic type passages) and there will be two rehearsals prior to the worship service on December 24th. For further details and to schedule an audition, please call David Luna at 903-812-4002, or email dluna@epclongview.org.

VETERANS DAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11: Military Regulations now allow and encourage the wearing of medals, ribbons, other awards and decorations, etc. on civilian clothes for special holidays such as this. Veterans will be recognized during worship service, so please wear your awards.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE LUNCH FOR NEWGATE MISSION: Volunteers are needed on 3rd and 5th Tuesdays. No cooking or lifting. Volunteers would need to arrive at 11:15 a.m. Three servers needed for November 19.

THIS WEEK:

- *Today:* Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal—4 p.m.
Youth Fellowship— 5 p.m.
- *Wednesday:* EPC KidMin—Dig In! — 5:15 p.m.
Choir rehearsal — 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Studies
- *Thursday:* Praise Team rehearsal—@ 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Service of Remembrance—November 28 at Noon
- Confirmation Sunday—December 2
- Children's Musical—December 2 at 5:00 p.m.
- Hanging of the Greens —December 5 at 5:30 p.m.
- Cards & Carols—December 16
- Family Service—December 24 at 4:30 p.m.
- Candlelight Communion Service—December 24 at 6:30 p.m.

NURSERY :

Nov. 4:

Infants: Lauren Stoddard & Tammy Moyes

Toddlers: Lauren Gipner & Jenny Hubbard

Nov. 11:

Infants: Nancy Hale & Mary LeTourneau

Toddlers: Jim Brun & Kerri Daugbjerg

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

November Head Usher: William McCluskey

November 4: Bill Burlingame, Cody Parks,

Kyle Ashley & Landon Ashley

November 11: Larry Frazier, Aidan Frazier,

Bill Bagley & Rick Poland

SAFETY TEAM:

Nov. 4: Bill Burlingame &

Chad Johnson

Nov 11: Bill Bagley & Jon Kral

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18

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