



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*"Praise, Praise the Lord"*

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** We lift you high in praise, our God, O our King,  
and we'll bless your name into eternity!

**People:** **We'll bless you every day,  
and keep it up from now to eternity.**

**Leader:** You, God are magnificent; you can never be praised enough.  
There are no boundaries to your greatness.

**People:** **Generation after generation stands in awe of your work;  
each one tells stories of your mighty acts.**

**All:** **You, alone, are worthy of our worship and praise!**

### *\*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 Lamb who was slain.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy! *[Refrain]*

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### *\*Forever Reign*

**Refrain:** Oh, I'm running to Your arms. I'm running to Your arms.  
The riches of Your love will always be enough.  
Nothing compares to Your embrace.  
Light of the world, forever reign.

You are good. You are good, when there's nothing good in me.  
You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.  
You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in.  
You are hope, You are hope. You have covered all my sin.

Chancel Choir

Jason Hubbard

**Welcome!** May each person who enters through our church doors this morning find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together. Welcome to all of you today!

*Hearing devices are available in the foyer.*

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

**Eyes: Closed or Open?** Those who visit us, who may not have been to many Christian worship services, might think it's a bit odd to look around and see eyes closed during the singing or eyes open during the praying. We close our eyes in worship because it's a way of acknowledging that we worship a God who is unseen (Romans 1:20; 1 Timothy 1:17). In addition, because we are such a visual people, worshiping God may be more focused and easy with closed eyes because we are less distracted by the things and people around us. At the same time, there is great warrant for keeping our eyes open. Worship is not something we do in a vacuum. It's corporate (Ephesians 5:19-20). When we open our eyes and look around, it's a chance to affirm that we are called into a community of believers, not simply a private life with God. Open eyes may invite us to a more communal worship experience. So, because there are both vertical and horizontal dimensions to worship, the answer to "Eyes: Closed or Open?" is, "Yes!"

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### Is This About You or Me?

Have you ever had an experience where even though someone was supposed to be talking to you, about you; it felt like though they mentioned you, somehow they were still talking about themselves? The Prayer of Adoration is where we practice getting our eyes completely off ourselves and focus on God alone. Here we express to God our marvel, love, and adoration for who he is and what he has done – and that is all. We don't mention ourselves; we focus solely on him. Have you ever tried it? It may be harder than you think!

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.  
You are true, You are true, even in my wandering.  
You are joy, You are joy. You're the reason that I sing.  
You are life, You are life. In You death has lost its sting. [Refrain]  
You are more, You are more than my words will ever say  
You are Lord, You are Lord. All creation will proclaim.  
You are here, You are here. In Your presence I'm made whole.  
You are God, You are God; of all else I'm letting go. [Refrain]  
My heart will sing no other Name; Jesus, Jesus!  
My heart will sing no other Name; Jesus, Jesus!  
My heart will sing no other Name; Jesus, Jesus!  
My heart will sing no other Name; Jesus, Jesus! [Refrain]

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## PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gena Bunn

*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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## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

### SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*\*Your Words of Life*

As we gather, come and teach us.  
Spirit, come and speak today.  
You delight to lead and guide us.  
It's Your Word that lights the way.  
(So come,) awaken our hearts,  
illumine our minds; magnify Jesus Christ.  
Come, renewing our faith,  
changing our lives with Your words of life.

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## SERMON LESSON

Acts 2:42 , Selected Verses from Job

Shelley Kral

## SERMON

“Shaped into Praying People, Part 2”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“A Christian’s Daily Prayer”

Music and Lyrics: Music and Words by Matt Merker, Jordan Kauflin, and Dave Fournier  
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## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

### \*Your Grace is Enough

Refrain: Your grace is enough.  
Your grace is enough.  
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your faithfulness, O God.  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy.  
And nothing can keep us apart.  
So remember Your people.  
Remember Your children.  
Remember Your promise, O God. [Refrain]

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation.  
And all Your people sing along.  
So remember Your people.  
Remember Your children.  
Remember Your promise, O God. [Refrain]

Yeah, Your grace is enough!  
Heaven reaches out to us.  
Your grace is enough for me.  
God I sing Your grace is enough.  
I'm covered in Your love.  
Your grace is enough for me; for me.

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### \*BENEDCITION

### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

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### Why preaching still matters

We live in an age where authority is suspect and tolerance is a supreme virtue. This would seem to squeeze out any notion of “preaching.” (Who wants to be preached at?) However, as Christians, we do acknowledge a higher authority - God - and we also submit ourselves to how he's chosen to articulate his authority over our lives - through the Bible. Preaching is the act that opens up, explains, and applies the Scriptures to us, and it is one of the means through which God has chosen to use for our growth and spiritual nourishment. So we willingly choose today to be counter-cultural by submitting ourselves to God and His Word, and we receive the preaching of the Bible with open, hungry, and teachable hearts.