



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Music: TUNE - FORREST GREEN Arranged by Stan Pethel Lyrics: Isaac Watts
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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!

People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Leader: The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

People: **Who is like the LORD or God,
who is seated on high, who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: **The LORD be praised!**

* Glory to God Forever

Refrain: Glory to God. Glory to God.
Glory to God forever!
Glory to God. Glory to God.
Glory to God forever!

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,
You were the King of kings. Yeah, You were. Yeah, You were.
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out! We join them as we sing, [Refrain]

Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name all my days; all my days.
So let my whole life be a blazing offering;
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King! [Refrain]

Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory.
Take my life and let it be Yours. [Refrain]

Music and Lyrics: Steve Fee | Vicky Beeching
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* To God Be the Glory

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory; great things He has done.

To God be the glory, great things He has done.
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in. [Refrain]

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...ask an usher.

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

What is "glorious praise"? It is far too easy to think of public worship as something nice, but unnecessary; or to make it a spectacle for consumer consumption. Psalm 66 is a wonderful corrective to these common errors. It invites us to "make God's praise glorious" or give God "glorious praise". What does that mean? "Glory" has connotations of weightiness, dignity, magnificence, and beauty. Glorious worship is exuberant, never halfhearted. It is attractive, not off-putting. It is awesome, never sentimental. It is brilliant, not careless. It points to God, not to the speakers. It fits its great object – it seeks to be as Glorious as the one it praises". (from *The Songs of Jesus* by Tim & Kathy Keller) May glorious praise be a fitting description of our worship each Sunday morning!

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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!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood.
To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes;
that moment, from Jesus, a pardon receives. *[Refrain]*

Great things He has taught us. Great things He has done.
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder our transport when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, in the safety of your cross and resurrection, we confess:
our willingness to be loved and our reluctance to love,
our readiness to be forgiven and our refusal to forgive,
our eagerness to be redeemed and our resistance to follow you in redemptive living.
Forgive us and change us by your Spirit for the honor of our Father in heaven.
Hear now our silent prayers.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4-5

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

We Believe

Refrain: We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection and He's coming back again. We believe.

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear;
there is only one foundation. We believe. We believe.
In this broken generation when all is dark You help us see;
there is only one salvation. We believe. We believe. *[Refrain]*

So let our faith be more than anthems; greater than the songs we sing.
In our weakness and temptations, we believe. We believe. *[Refrain]*

(And He's coming back.)
He's coming back again!
He's coming back again!
We believe. We believe.

Music and Lyrics: Matthew Hooper, Richie Fike, Travis Ryan
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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

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.

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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

Ephesians 3:1-13

Shelley Kral

SERMON

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Total Praise

Music and Lyrics: Richard Smallwood
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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**The Solid Rock (On Christ the Solid Rock)*

Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *[Refrain]*

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, o, may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]*

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata on NETTLETON

Music: NETTLETON - Traditional American Melody
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The Lord at Work. During this part of our service we are reminded that while on Sundays we exist as 'the church gathered', the rest of the week we exist as 'the church scattered'. God is alive and at work through each of us as we journey with God in our daily lives. By highlighting important events in the life of our faith family, we seek to connect all that goes on throughout the week to the Living God working in and through all who are part of our worshipping community.

Sunday, February 17, 2019 Announcements & Information

WE NEED YOUR DEACON NOMINATIONS: Enclosed is a form to use explaining all of the details. Please continue to pray for our Church Of N C as they are in the process of guiding us in the selection of six Deacons. You can leave your written forms in the box in the foyer or place them in the offering boxes. Also, you can email or mail them in. There are some copies of the updated directory on the foyer table if you wish to look through it or take one. Also, our current directory is available online at www.epclongview.org/about/directory.

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP AT LONGVIEW EPC? We are forming a class that will meet on a Sunday after Sunday school classes in late March. Lunch will be provided. Contact Pastor Doug at dashley@epclongview.org for more information.

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STILL NEEDS YOU!

Nursery & Toddler Volunteers: We still need volunteers in the toddler nursery for February 24.

KidMin: Digin! Wednesday Night Meals: There are only a few dates left.

Contact Carrie or visit our children's page at longviewepc.org to sign up online.

CONGRATULATIONS! Eli Clay Brelsford, infant son of Jarret and Caroline Brelsford, was born Sunday, January 13, in Pensacola, Florida. Eli, who weighed in at 9lbs and 12oz, is welcomed by big brothers Hudson Linzy (6) and Jack Theodore (3 1/2). Proud grandparents are Clay and Cindy Brelsford. Also happy for Eli's safe arrival are great grandmothers, Louise Brelsford and Jane Bogue.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Go to longviewepc.org for most info. Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

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

Tithes and Offerings: Boxes at each entrance. For credit/debit cards and electronically via the website—Serve/Giving.

Sermons and bulletins: Available on the website. You can listen to today's sermon following the service.

Parents and kids: Don't forget the special activity bags in the foyer just for you!

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

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- *The Gospel Project* taught by Leonard Wiley - Room 106
- *Christian Thought* taught by Larry Frazier - Room 104
- *Faith in Life* taught by Shelley Kral - Room 107

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- *Ages PK4-5th grade—Teach Me to Worship - Gather in Room 105*
- *Toddlers 2's & 3's—Play-n-Worship—Room 2*
- *Infants & Babies—birth-24 months—Room 1*
- *Junior High—Room 108*
- *Senior High—Room 109*

LIFE GROUPS— We have a place for you! More information in the foyer. Also you can email Doug, Shelley, or Mary LeTourneau. (See card in foyer for details.)

THIS WEEK:

Today at 5:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship

February 20 at 5:15 p.m. Kidmin: Digin!
Youth Bible Studies

at 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

February 21 at 6:00 p.m.—Praise Team

UPCOMING:

March 3 at 9:30 a.m.—Worship with Celebration of the Lord's Supper

at 10:45 a.m.—Sunday Classes

March 6 at 5:30 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Supper & Service

NURSERY :

Feb 17: Infants: Victoria Ratliff & Nancy Hale
Toddlers: Sarah Harder & Erick VanZyl

Feb 24: Infants: Abby Baker & Kathie Ramey
Toddlers: volunteers needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

February 17: Head Usher: Rick Poland
Bill Burlingame & the Daugbjerg Family

February 24: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong
Bill Bagley, Kyle Ashley & Landon Ashley

SAFETY TEAM:

Feb 17: Bill Burlingame & Brian Daugbjerg

Feb 24: Buck Birdsong & Bill Bagley

Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

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Gena Bunn '18

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