



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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GATHERING SONG

You are My God and King

Words and Music by Tom Fettke - Based on Psalm 145
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WELCOME

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

People: **We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

Jason Hubbard

* *Your Grace is Enough*

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

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]*

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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MORNING PRAYER

* *Before the Throne of God Above*

Refrain: Hallelujah! My life is found in Jesus Christ.
Hallelujah! For I am His, and He is mine.

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me. *[Refrain]*

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless, Righteousness.
The Great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace;
One with Himself I cannot die my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God. *[Refrain]*

Music and Lyrics: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook
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Welcome! May each person who enters through our church doors this morning find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together. Again, 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 Lent? Today marks the first Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday (Easter). Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through holy week, not counting Sundays (which are reserved for celebratory worship). As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior. (From The Worship Sourcebook)

David Luna

All I Have is Christ

Refrain: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace. [Refrain]

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose.
And let my song forever be my only boast is You. [Refrain]

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

* *Show Us Christ*

Refrain: Show us Christ. Show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word;
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Prepare our hearts O, God. Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.

Plant Your Word down deep in us. Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in Your truth. [Refrain]

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SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 4:17-24

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in the Gospel Self”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

Eric Skoog, Clerk of Session

Ruling Elders: Buck Birdsong, Kathy Diamond, Lisca VanZyl

Leader: There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

People: Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

Leader: Christ appointed some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

People: Christ did this to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, and for serving a broken world.

Leader: And so we come together in oneness of faith and in certain knowledge of the Son of God.

People: We come to bring glory to God, and to celebrate his gracious gifts to all.

Constitutional Questions of the Ruling Elders

Do you affirm Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you promise if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will on your own initiative make known to your Church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of our Faith” without exception?

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church? Elders, do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Ruling Elder from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as Ruling Elder, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer?

Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as a Ruling Elder, and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the Grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed?

Question of the Congregation

Are you, the members of this faith family ready to receive Buck, Kathy and Lisca as Ruling Elders?

Do you promise to submit to them in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth?

Do you promise to support them with your prayers, to give encouragement and assistance in every way as they seek to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?

Laying on of Hands, Prayer & Declaration

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

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What is ordination and installation all about? To some, ordination seems like a mere formality—a procedure accomplished similar to what happens in business when someone is promoted to a higher position or when a politician is sworn into office. However, ordination is much more than ritual and symbolism. In Numbers 8, we read about a ceremony which took place to set apart the Levites as the tribe of Israel that would be uniquely responsible for the care and leadership of the Israelite religion and religious practice. There was a time of communication with God (prayer) and then a “laying on of hands” to symbolize the setting apart of certain individuals to be God’s representative of His people. We see a similar ceremony happening in the selection of seven people to serve as deacons in the church (Acts 6). Thus we continue the practice today.

The word “ordain” means, most simply, to authoritatively order something to happen. By saying that a Deacon or Elder is being “ordained” into office, we are communicating that God has already set apart this person for the unique responsibility of leading and serving His people under Christ, the only Lord and Head of the Church. We also acknowledge that something profound occurs when elders lay hands on an individual to set him or her apart for such office been set apart.

Those individuals who are entering the office of Deacon or Elder for the first time are ordained and then installed. Those who have previously served in their office are not ‘ordained’ but simply installed. Please regularly pray for these leaders; that God will give them his very own wisdom and power to guide our faith family in a way that pleases him.

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Know Whom I have Believed

David and Ellen Luna

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THANK YOU! As we install our new Ruling Elders today, we express our gratitude for the leadership of outgoing Elders Ginia Northcutt and Kathie Ramey.

LENT DEVOTIONALS—A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: Published by Redeemer Presbyterian Church, a 40-day devotional “Reflecting on Christ’s Sacrifice for Us” is available in the foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS! Annabelle James Byrd was born on March 1 at 5:02 p.m. and weighed in at 6lbs, 6oz and 19.5" will a full head of hair. Proud parents are Patrick and Kendall Byrd. Proud grandparents are Jim and Dede Byrd.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 30: We need you! Come one, come all for an all church work day scheduled for Saturday, March 30th at 8:00 a.m. until completed. **We will have jobs for all ages and ability, outside and inside.** More details to come closer to the date. If you have anything specific you wish to be added to the to dos or want to help coordinate, please contact Leslie Carlile at 903-315-6030.

NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS: Spots are available to serve in March and April! Visit <http://www.epclongview.org/connect/children> to sign-up online.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please pick up a mug in the foyer. Fellowship Coffee and Cookies available in the foyer & Trinity Hall.
Prayer Ministry: Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing prayerteam@epclongview.org or by using the cards located in the friendship pads. March 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.
Parents and kids: Special activity bags in the foyer just for you!
Blankets are available for your comfort.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Christian Thought led by Larry Frazier. Come Study Galatians! Beginning March, this class will be studying Paul’s letter on embracing the grace filled gospel message of the crucified Messiah. The class is discussion based but don’t let that stop you from coming if you’re a “non-talker”. Everyone is welcome. Room 104
The Gospel Project Leonard Wiley is leading discussion in the New Testament this spring. Room 106
Faith in Life Shelley Kral’s class is digging into the book of Proverbs. 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! For more information contact Doug, Shelley, or Mary LeTourneau.

UPCOMING:

- March 30 8:00 a.m.—All Church Work Day
- March 31—Class for Exploring Membership
- April 7 9:30 a.m. — Communion followed by Potluck Lunch
- April 13 11:00 a.m.—Community Easter Egg Hunt

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 13 11-12:30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! It’s time to start preparing and we need your help! Visit the Children’s Ministry web page or contact Carrie Northcutt childrensministry@epclongview.org for further information on how you can serve.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED: We need bags of individually wrapped candy - (no nuts please). Containers for your candy are in the foyer and in the Trinity Hall. Please bring by April 7.

THIS WEEK:

- Today 5:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship
- March 11—Spring Break Begins
- March 13—No Kidmin: Digin!
6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal
- March 14 6:00 p.m. —Praise Team

NURSERY :

- Mar. 10:** Infants: Tammy Moyes & Caroline Burlingame
- Toddlers: Jim Taylor and Jim Brun
- Mar. 17:** Infants: Liz Jonson & Jim Brun
- Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & Tammy Moyes

USHERS & GREETERS

- Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum
- Mar. 10:** Head Usher: William McCluskey
Tres Bainter, Buck Otis & Fred Irwin
- Mar. 17:** Head Usher: Rick Poland
Cliff Hale, Wil White & ET Testerman

SAFETY TEAM:

- Mar. 10:** Buck Otis & Fred Irwin
- Mar. 17:** Cliff Hale & Wil White

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

- Gena Bunn ‘19
- Michael McMahan ‘19
- Matt Yost ‘19
- Jim Brun ‘20
- Kerri Daugbjerg ‘20
- Eric Skoog ‘20
- Buck Birdsong ‘21
- Kathy Diamond ‘21
- Lisca VanZyl ‘21

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