



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

March 24, 2019

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Lyrics: Stopford A. Brooke, Reginald Heber Music: Lloyd Larson, incorporating NICEA, by John Dykes  
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## WELCOME & INVOCATION

Shelley Kral

**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.**

### \* All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King; lift up your voice and with us sing,  
"O praise Him! Alleluia!" Thou, burning sun with golden beam!  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam! O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son.  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood, come and rejoice in His great love.  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin.  
Cast all your burdens now on Him. O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign. Heaven and earth will join to say,  
"O praise Him! Alleluia!" Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King. O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, adapted by Jonathan and Ryan Baird  
Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi  
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### \* 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.

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## Welcome!

*Hearing devices are available in the foyer...ask an usher.*

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

**Lent, Life and Discipleship.** "Life consists in the ability to connect with and draw nourishment from its surroundings. A seed is planted in the ground and would otherwise die except that something whispers to the seed to put out roots and give birth to a stalk, and life happens. A branch is alive only when it is united to a vine. Human beings were created to live in what Dallas Willard called "reciprocal rootedness." We are made to be alive spiritually.... we require a transcendent connection through which the inner unseen person—mind and will—can be nourished and sustained. Apart from this we wither. With this we flourish. And this is Christ. This is union with Christ. It is our salvation. Salvation is not mostly a matter of relocation; it is a matter of transformation. It does not consist primarily of ending up in the right place, but being made into the right person. And this happens when we are immersed in Jesus the way a dolphin is immersed in the ocean, when we are united to Jesus (though more deeply and more profoundly) like a bride is united to her groom. With this understanding of union with Christ, discipleship suddenly takes its proper place. It's not extra-credit work to earn something. It's the means by which we experience union with Christ more fully and deeply. If we want Christ, we will want to be disciples. If we don't want discipleship, then we might desire to avoid pain, but that's not the same object as desiring Christ." John Ortberg (forward to "Union with Christ" by Rankin Wilbourne)

**Worship through hearing?** We worship God not only in song and prayer. We offer to God our worship by eagerly and attentively listening as the Word of God is read and preached. Let us fight the common distractions (fatigue, food, thoughts of the day, noises, etc.) that keep us from offering to God the worship of our ears.

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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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Loving God, forgive the way our failures to love well have caused others to doubt you and themselves. We confess our pessimism that spurns the hope we have in you, our criticism that has wounded souls made in your image, our dejection that has dampened enthusiasm for how you're working together all things for the good of those who believe. O God, forgive us and in your mercy renew us that we may be conduits, rather than obstacles, to the faith of others. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5*

**Pastor:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*Soprano: Shawn Frazier, Alto: Ellen Luna, Tenor: Gordon Northcutt, Bass: Dick Carlberg*

*Music and Lyrics: Kathleen Thomerson. Arranged by David Luna.*  
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## CHILDREN'S LESSON

### 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 5:6-14

Doug Ashley

**SERMON**

“Rooted & Grounded in Gospel Light”

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Shine Into Our Night*

**THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC**

**\* 1,000 Tongues**

Refrain: O, for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty!  
O, to sing the Savior's praise! A triumph of His grace; You are worthy,  
You are worthy God.

We are a sea of voices. We are an ocean of Your praise.  
We're Gathered under one name.  
We are a tide that's rising. And we cannot be contained;  
Gathered under one name. *[Refrain]*

We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain.  
We're Gathered under one name. Where ev'ry chain is broken  
and ev'ry sorrow swept away; gathered under one name. *[Refrain]*

Music and Lyrics: Andi Rozier, Chris Tomlin et al.  
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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand as able*

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# Sunday, March 24, 2019 Announcements & Information

**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.** Sign-up in the foyer, Trinity Hall or online on our home page [www.epclongview.org](http://www.epclongview.org). 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.

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 7 SPRING POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:**

Church will provide the main dish. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Everyone is welcome.

**NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS:** Spots are available to serve in March, April and May! Visit [www.epclongview.org](http://www.epclongview.org), click the Connect tab and select the Children's Ministry page to sign-up online.

**INTERESTED IN EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP AT LONGVIEW EPC?** We will be meeting NEXT Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> after Sunday school. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Pastor Doug at [dashley@epclongview.org](mailto:dashley@epclongview.org) or call the church office by Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to reserve a spot.

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** It's time to start preparing and we need your help! Click the home page button labeled "Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer Sign-Up" or sign up in the foyer. Please contact Carrie Northcutt at [childrensministry@epclongview.org](mailto: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 candy early by March 29 so we can fill the eggs at the All Church Work Day and no later than April 7.

### **THIS WEEK:**

Today 5:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship  
March 20 5:15 p.m.—Kidmin: Digin!  
Youth Bible Studies  
6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal  
March 21 6:00 p.m. —Praise Team  
March 30 8:00 a.m.—All Church Work Day

### **NURSERY :**

**Mar. 24:** Infants: Kathie Ramey & Mary LeTourneau  
Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & Suzi White  
**Mar. 31:** Infants: Leslie Carlile & volunteer needed  
Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & volunteer needed

### **USHERS & GREETERS**

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum  
**Mar. 24:** Head Usher: Bill Bankston  
Keith Moyes, Ralph & Kathy Diamond  
**Mar. 31:** Head Usher: Buck Birdsong  
Jim Brun, Kyle Ashley, Landon Ashley

### **SAFETY TEAM:**

**Mar. 24:** Bill Bankston & Keith Moyes  
**Mar. 31:** Buck Birdsong & Jim Brun

## **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](mailto: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 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  
April 14 9:30 a.m.—Palm Sunday Worship Service

## **HOLY WEEK:**

April 18 6:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Messianic Seder  
April 19 6:30 p.m.—Good Friday Worship Service  
April 21 10:00 a.m.—Easter Service (Fellowship Breakfast  
In Trinity Hall before & after worship.)

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

### **RULING ELDERS**

Gena Bunn '19  
Michael McMahon '19  
Matt Yost '19  
Jim Brun '20  
Kerri Daugbjerg '20  
Eric Skoog '20  
Buck Birdsong '21  
Kathy Diamond '21  
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