



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

March 3, 2019

GATHERING SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

Music and Lyrics: John B. Dykes Arranged by Michael W. Burt
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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Shelley Kral

Pastor: 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.**

* *Holy is Our God*

Refrain: Holy is our God! Holy is Your Name.
Mighty are Your works and deeds,
and wondrous are Your ways. All that You have made
shall return and give You glory, Lord.

Lift up His Name within the sanctuary!
Lift up His Name among the people who are gathered
here to sing His praise; who are gathered here to sing His praise. *[Refrain]*

The earth, the sky, the sea and all within them,
this universe beyond, the sight of mortal men;
all subject to His reign.
All creation subject to His reign. *[Refrain]*

The great I Am; no end and no beginning.
You were, and are, and evermore You shall be.
All my days are in Your hands.
All my days are in Your hands. *[Refrain]*

We give You glory, Lord!
We give You glory!

Music and Lyrics: Robin Mark
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* *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Azmon)*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master, and my God, assist me to proclaim;
to spread thru all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Glory to God, and praise, and love be ever ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above; the Church in earth and heav'n.

Music and Lyrics: Carl Gottlieb Glaser, Charles Wesley
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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 foyer...ask an usher.

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

What does it mean to say God is holy? "The Hebrew word means literally to be completely "set apart." When applied to God, the word means there is none like him, that he is infinitely above us and all things in power, perfection, and righteousness. When people are holy (Leviticus 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16), it means they belong wholly to God. They serve not with divided loyalties but with their whole heart. For the Christian church to be holy means it should be radically different. The early Christians stuck out in the Greco-Roman pagan society because of their integrity and honesty, their sympathy and forgiveness, their sexual chastity, and their astonishing financial generosity. They were holy. Are we?" (Tim & Kathy Keller, *The Songs of Jesus*)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gena Bunn

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.

Music and Lyrics: Bart Millard, Pete Kipley
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SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in Gospel Unity”

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

Heavenly Father, the world seems to have “Insiders” and “Outsiders.” The Insiders are people in the Inner Ring; they are the Important People; the People in the Know. We confess we yearn to be an Insider and dread being an Outsider - to such an extent that rather than seeking your heart and mind, we do whatever is necessary to be ‘in.’ As we break bread together we repent and ask forgiveness for such attitudes. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

At This, the Communion Table

Music: David Luna
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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

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found.
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

** Thrive*

Joy unspeakable! Faith unsinkable!
Love unstoppable! Anything is possible! *(Repeat)*

Refrain: Just to know You and to make You known,
we lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun! Make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive;
we were made to thrive.

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died;
like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.

So living water, flowing through; God, we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire. *[Refrain]*

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as able*

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

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Communion is just as much about the resurrection as it is about the cross. "... the church was never meant to merely "remember" a dead Jesus at the Communion table. Believers indeed remember with profound reverence and gratitude the atoning death of Christ, as a core conviction of the faith, but in the New Testament, the death of Christ is integrally tied to the resurrection, apart from which it would not have spiritual power and meaning. 'He delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification' (Rom 4:25). Cross and resurrection are distinguished but should never be separated in the faith and life of the church. Unfortunately, in the history of the Western church, and typically in modern evangelical churches, at the table the death of Christ is remembered, but with only a muted recollection of Christ's victory over death, and a largely absent sense of his actual, continuing spiritual presence with the church." (John Jefferson Davis, *Worship and the Reality of God*, 146-147) May we experience the presence of God with us as we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper this morning.

Sunday, March 3, 2019 Announcements & Information

*The rosebud today is given to the glory of God
and in honor of the safe arrival of
Callista Finley Maher on February 21, 2019.
Proud parents are Allie and Dallas Maher.
She is also welcomed by big brother Gabe.*

TODAY, MARCH 3—FIRST SUNDAY: Worship with the Lord's Supper. Sunday classes will follow.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: The purpose of Ash Wednesday is for disciples to begin the season of Lent by stopping our normal routine and meditating on our mortality, sinfulness and need of a Savior. At 5:30 pm we will gather in Trinity Hall for a light supper and fellowship. At 6:30 pm the Worship Service will begin in the Sanctuary. Our Ash Wednesday Service includes volunteers of all ages, reflectional prayers and music, congregational singing and distribution of ashes. All are welcome! No reservation necessary.

LENT DEVOTIONALS—A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: A 40-day devotional "Reflecting on Christ's Sacrifice for us". Available in the foyer.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS: Our worship service on March 10 will include our annual ordination and installation our new Ruling Elders during worship. Please plan to attend this important event.

EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It's time to start planning our annual church Easter Egg Hunt 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.

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.

THIS WEEK:

Today at 5:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship
March 6 at 5:30 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Supper & Service
No Kidmin: Digin!
March 7 at 6:30 p.m.— Choir Rehearsal
March 9 at 10:00 a.m.—Praise Team

UPCOMING:

March 10 at 2:00 a.m.—Daylight Saving Time Begins, (*spring forward one hour*) at 9:30 a.m.—Ordination and installation Service followed by Sunday School
March 11—Spring Break Begins
March 31—Class for Exploring Membership
April 7 at 9:30 a.m. — Communion followed by Potluck Lunch
April 13 at 11:00 a.m.—Community Easter Egg Hunt

NURSERY :

Mar. 3: Infants: Victoria Ratliff & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Sarah Harder & Amelia Spencer

Mar. 10: Infants: Tammy Moyes & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Jim Taylor and volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

Mar. 3: Head Usher: Bill Bankston

Michael McMahon, Bill & Beth Franklin

Mar. 10: Head Usher: William McCluskey

Tres Bainter, Buck Otis & Fred Irwin

SAFETY TEAM:

Mar. 3: Bill Bankston & Michael McMahon

Mar. 10: Buck Otis & Fred Irwin

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

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