



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

March 31, 2019

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Music: SPANISH HYMN / Arranged by Stan Pethel Lyrics: Christian Henry Bateman
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WELCOME

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Thank God! Pray to him by name!
Tell everyone you meet what he has done!

**People: We will Sing him songs, belt out hymns,
translate his wonders into music!**

Pastor: Keep your eyes open for GOD, watch for his works;
be alert for signs of his presence.
We will remember the world of wonders he has made,
his miracles, and the verdicts he's rendered—

**People: O seed of Abraham, his servant,
O child of Jacob, his chosen.**

**All: He's GOD, our God,
in charge of the whole earth. (From Psalm 105:1-5)**

* How Can I Keep from Singing

Refrain: How can I keep from singing Your praise? How can I ever say enough?
How amazing is Your love? How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul; I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come, I am holding on; to the rock I cling. [Refrain]

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with You knowing You'll see me through;
and sing the songs You give. [Refrain]

I can sing in the troubled times; sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step, and fall down again.
I can sing 'cause You pick me up; sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord, when I call to You in prayer.
I can sing with my last breath; sing for I know that I'll sing with the angels
and the saints around the throne. [Refrain]

How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

Music and Lyrics: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman
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* How Great is Our God

Refrain: How great is our God! Sing with me, "How great is our God!"
And all will see how great, how great, is our God.

Welcome! To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

Of what does Lent try and remind us? "The only Love that can come take down the kind of evil that's invaded our world, has to come from beyond the walls of the world. The only Love that can crush undeniable evil is the undeniable love of the Cross... Super evil can only be absorbed by a supernatural kind of Love. The kind of love that sings Kumbayah can't shake a swaying candle at this kind of otherworldly evil — only an otherworldly Love that lets the hammer ring and took on the iron of the nails, that bore the weight of the world on that Cross, can torch straight through the hellish dark of this kind of evil." (Ann Voskamp aholyexperience.com) Do you know this Love? If not, Lent is the season for you to know Him for the first time. If you do, Lent is the season to know Him more than ever.

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Why Sing? The worship of God is active, not passive. On Sunday mornings, this means that the people up front are not “on stage” and the people in the chairs are not “the audience”. The musicians are not singing to us, or for us. They are leading us as we all sing to God and for one another. Music of the church is a means by which we tell the world (and remind ourselves) of the great gospel of Christ in all its richness. So, we sing for God’s glory and we sing for each other’s benefit. You may think by not singing, or singing softly, you are saving your neighbor from having to listen to your less than stellar voice; but the opposite is true. You are depriving your neighbor of the beauty of corporate worship; together making a joyful noise unto the Lord. So may we invite you this morning to set your self-consciousness aside? Bless your neighbor, and SING!

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice. All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;
And trembles at His voice. And trembles at His voice. [Refrain]

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands.
Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End.

The Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb. The Lion and the Lamb. [Refrain]

Name above all names! Worthy of all praise!
My heart will sing how great, how great is our God.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
we are your covenant people—one church, drawn from all nations.
We are your people!
Yet we confess, O Lord, that we lose sight of your kingdom and its ways.
We confess that we sometimes live more as citizens of our own land than as citizens
of your kingdom.
In doing so we surrender our hope,
we handover our joy,
we lose our distinctiveness.
In your mercy, forgive. In your mercy renew.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.” (1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV)*

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

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

How Great Thou Art

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. [Refrain]

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! [Refrain]

*Music and Lyrics: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine
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CHILDREN’S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

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]

Music and Lyrics: Bob Kauflin, Doug Plank
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SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 5:17-21

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in Gospel Singing”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Simple Praise

Music and Lyrics: Craig Courtney, Pamela Martin
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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

* Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

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* I Sing The Almighty Power Of God (Ellacombe)

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.
I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou God art present there.

Isaac Watts | Xavier Ludwig Hartig
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

David and Ellen Luna

Music and Lyrics: Philip P. Bliss (1876) Tune: I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER
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The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest statements of the Christian faith. The apostles didn't write it, but it expresses the gospel truths that they taught from the very beginning of Christianity. It is a creed that is used in churches of many denominations all around the world. Some are confused by the idea of Jesus "**descending into hell.**" But many helpfully define a biblical understanding of hell as, at its core, eternal separation from God. When we see it in this light, we can certainly understand that at the cross, Jesus Christ experienced such separation when the sin of the world was thrust upon him. Also, the word "**catholic**" is being used here as a generic adjective, meaning "worldwide" or "universal" not as a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

Sunday, March 31, 2019 Announcements & Information

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP AT LONGVIEW EPC CLASS TODAY: We will be meeting in Trinity Hall in room #104.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MESSIANIC SEDER APRIL 18 AT 6:00 PM IN TRINITY HALL:

On the Thursday evening of his arrest, Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples. This year we are commemorating the events of that night by celebrating a Messianic Seder. The "Seder" is the order of service that God's covenant families use to celebrate the Passover event. We encourage you to join us for this meaningful remembrance. Because of the supplies required, **we are requiring reservations by Monday, April 1.** Please make your reservations by: 1) Signing the friendship pads in church or 2) Calling the church office at 903-234-0032 or 3) Email frontoffice@epclongview.org or 4) Click on the button on the home page of our website longviewepc.org.

SPRING POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: Sunday, April 7 following worship with celebration of the Lord's Supper. 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 April and May! Visit www.epclongview.org, click the Connect tab and select the Children's Ministry page to sign-up online. Talk to Carrie if you are interested in volunteering.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL: All families who would like their children to participate in our Palm Processional should plan to meet in Trinity Hall at 9:10 am on Sunday, April 14.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please pick up a mug in the foyer. Fellowship Coffee and Cookies available in the foyer & Trinity Hall. For more information, please see the bright yellow flyer called "Connecting with Longview EPC" near the coffee in the foyer and in Trinity Hall.

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 13
11:00 am—12:30 pm**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We still have a few slots available. 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 for further information on how you can serve.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED TO FILL EASTER EGGS: We need bags of individually wrapped candies - (no nuts please). Bins for your candy are in the foyer and in the Trinity Hall. Please bring no later than April 3.

DONATED ITEMS FOR APRIL 13: Wow! You all generously responded last Sunday and there are maybe 3 items left on the board in the foyer. Blessings and Thank you!

THIS WEEK:

Today after Sunday School—Exploring Membership Class
Room #104

5:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship

April 3 5:15 p.m.—Kidmin: Digin!
Youth Bible Studies

6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

April 4 6:00 p.m. —Praise Team

UPCOMING:

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 Worship Service

Easter Fellowship Breakfast Snacks in
Trinity Hall before & after worship

SAVE THE DATE:

May 5—Youth Sunday

May 11—Men's Social

June 2—Commissioning Sunday

June 10—14 VBS

NURSERY :

Mar. 31: Infants: Leslie Carlile & Jenny Hubbard

Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & volunteer needed

Apr. 7: Infants: Liz Johnson & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

Mar. 31: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Jim Brun, Kyle Ashley, Landon Ashley

Apr. 7: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Michael McMahon, Kyle Ashley, Landon Ashley

SAFETY TEAM:

Mar. 31: Buck Birdsong &

Jim Brun

Apr. 7: Buck Birdsong &

Michael McMahon

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

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