



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

April 7, 2019

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Walk Worthy

Music and Lyrics: Joseph M. Martin
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WELCOME

Doug Ashley

Welcome!

Pastor: Earth's kings and all races, leaders and important people,
robust men and women in their prime and yes, graybeards
and little children,

People: We praise your name LORD, yours is the only name worth praising.
Your radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky!

All: We, who love you, praise you! (Adapted from Psalm 148:13-14)

*May the Peoples Praise You

Refrain: May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise; may praise the Name of Jesus.

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love, and deepest joy; with endless life. [Refrain]

All the earth is Yours, and all within; each harvest is Your own.
and from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us, for those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. [Refrain]

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name
to every nation, tribe, and tongue; your church proclaims! [Refrain]

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. All creation praise Your glorious name. [Refrain]

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MORNING PRAYER

*One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Refrain: Your love never fails. It never gives up; never runs out on me.
Your love never fails. It never gives up; never runs out on me. Your love.

Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave,
constant through the trial and the change; One thing remains. One thing remains. [Refrain]

On and on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never ever have to be afraid. One thing remains. One thing remains. [Refrain]

In death, in life; I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid. There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.

Your Love. Your Love.
Your Love. Your Love.

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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.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Changing Our Mindset. "When I walk through the doors of the church, I need to change my mindset and consciously remind myself: this is not like driving my car; I am not in control; I will go where God wants to take me; this is not a trip to the mall; this is not about "consumption," this is not about "entertainment," but about the praise and the presence of God—the God who is more lastingly real than the car in which I drove to get here."
(John Jefferson Davis, Worship and the Reality of God, 23)

Is my child ready for the Lord's Supper? While there are a variety of biblical opinions on children and the Lord's Supper, the EPC Book of Order (our governing document) states that baptized children may receive the Lord's Supper provided they have appeared before the Session and made an acceptable profession of faith. We provide Confirmation Class in 6th grade for children to engage in this process. Parents, if this is something you and your child consider he or she is ready to do prior to Confirmation, please contact a Pastor. Please know the Supper can still be meaningful for children as you discuss with them its significance in your life and the life of followers of Jesus. Please also know they are welcome to come forward with you so as not to leave them alone in the pews. They can get a close up view of what is going on!

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 5:21-33

Jason & Jenny Hubbard

SERMON “Rooted & Grounded in Gospel Submission: Husbands & Wives”

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, forgive our sins for they are real and many.
As we share the table with one another we confess we often take ourselves too seriously. Forgive us for being
too easily offended,
too easily irritated,
and too easily angered.
too lazy to be thoughtful,
too impatient to be kind,
and too fearful to be patient.**

Have mercy on us, LORD. Have mercy on me. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

David and Ellen Luna

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Shelley Kral

**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

Let Us Be Known by our Love

Let us be known by our love. In every word, in every deed; honor the Son.
Let our light shine in every eye. Let us be known by our love.

For the glory of the Father, for the glory of the Son,
for the glory of the Spirit, let us be known by our love.

Let us be known by our joy. In every home, in every heart; sing to the Lord.
Let our life show goodness and hope. Let us be known by our joy.

Let us be known by our peace.
In every town, in every tribe, Jesus is king!

Let us go forth, heal and restore.
Let us be known by our peace.

Music and Lyrics: Matt Armstrong, Micah Massey et al.
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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Elder Gena Bunn

**Beautiful One*

Refrain: Beautiful One, I love You. Beautiful One, I adore
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love.
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard; no heart could fully know
how glorious, how beautiful You are! [Refrain]

Powerful, so powerful! Your glory fills the skies.
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing.
How marvelous, how wonderful You are! [Refrain]

My soul, my soul must sing, "Beautiful One!"

Music and Lyrics: Tim Hughes
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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as able*

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

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Sunday, April 7, 2019 Announcements & Information

TODAY, SPRING POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP LUNCH following worship with celebration of the Lord's Supper. Church will provide baked ham. 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.

A FEW VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 13, 11:00 AM—12:30 PM: Thank you for your candy donations. All the eggs are filled! We still have a few slots available for the following: parking attendants, bounce house attendants, cookie decorating, face painting, egg hunt helpers and general volunteers. Click the home page button labeled "Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer Sign-Up" or sign up in the foyer (available slots are highlighted in yellow).

THE ONLY REMAINING ITEMS NEEDED are plain sugar cookies to be iced and decorated plus icing! Please bring all items to the office by Friday, April 12th at 1:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- **April 14 9:30 a.m.**—Palm Sunday Worship Service
- **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

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 "Get Connected" flyer near the coffee in the foyer and in 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. 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.

Parents and kids: Special activity bags in the foyer just for you! Blankets are available for your comfort.

THIS WEEK:

Today — Worship with celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Potluck

5:00 p.m. — Youth Fellowship

Wednesday 5:15 p.m.—Kidmin: Digin!

Youth Bible Studies

6:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 6:00 p.m. —Praise Team

Saturday 11:00 a.m.—Community Easter Egg Hunt

SAVE THE DATE:

May 5—Youth Sunday

May 11—Men's Social

June 2—Commissioning Sunday

June 10—14 VBS

NURSERY :

Apr. 7: Infants: Liz Johnson & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & volunteer needed

Apr. 14: Infants: Tammy Moyes & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Amelia Spencer & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

Apr7: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Michael McMahon, Kyle Ashley, Landon Ashley

Apr. 14: Head Usher: Bill Bankston

Cindy & Clay Brelsford, Tres Bainter

SAFETY TEAM:

Apr. 7: Buck Birdsong & Michael McMahon

Apr. 14: Bill Bankston & Clay Brelsford

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:45

RULING ELDERS

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