



## Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

May 12, 2019

### GATHERING SONG

Select Men's Ensemble

*Ride The Chariot*

Music and Lyrics: Traditional Spiritual (Adapted for EPC Longview by David Luna)  
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### \*WELCOME

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us and we are his;

**People: We are his people,  
he watches over us and cares for us.**

Pastor: Enter with the password: "thank you."  
Thank him and worship him!

**People: For God is sheer beauty,  
always generous with love,  
loyal forever.**

### \*Blessed be Your Name

Refrain: Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;  
when the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,  
blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful where  
streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
when I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name. [Refrain]

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering;  
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. [Refrain]

You give and take away, you give and take away;  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name.  
You give and take away, you give and take away;  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name. [Refrain]

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**Welcome!** "There is a Grace that embraces you before you prove anything, and after you've done everything wrong, and says you can come with nothing. And he will love you through everything." Ann Voskamp. ***In the name of our grace-filled God we welcome you this morning.***

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

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

**Hands up? Hands down? Stand up? Bow down?** Paul writes in 1 Timothy 2:8, "I desire then that in every place [people] should pray, lifting holy hands." He is referring to something taught throughout the Bible: that worship is to engage our hearts, minds and bodies (which naturally express the way our heart feels). This is why we find in Scripture encouragements to bow humbly, raise hands joyfully, shout and sing loudly, clap our hands, stand in silent awe, and even dance before the Lord. This does not mean every person will be doing all of these things every Sunday morning. It does mean that if we consistently find ourselves in corporate worship with our arms folded, mouthing the words with a blank look on our faces, our posture indicates we may not be experiencing an inward heart of adoration, wonder, and awe that is characteristic of true spiritual worship. In that case, don't force your hands in the air; rather ask God to draw you nearer to him and seek how he desires to be worshiped. (From Stephen Miller, *Why Posture Matters in Worship*, September 2012, The Gospel Coalition)

## Tithes and Offerings at Longview

**EPC.** Jesus calls us to give our 'first fruits' (the best and first of our resources - be they financial, intellectual, physical or relational) to God for his glory and the furthering of his kingdom. In so doing we live the gospel of Jesus Christ by enacting our conviction that everything we have is a gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14) and that he will take care of all our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Regarding financial giving, we practice in congruence with scriptures such as 2 Kings 12:9 and Mark 12:41 where tithes and offerings were collected in boxes as people came and went from the temple. Longview EPC collects tithes and offerings in the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking a monetary offering during the worship service is in hopes of enabling visitors exploring the Christian faith to be present at worship without feeling obligated to contribute monetarily. Also, it reminds believers that giving is an extension of worship that may occur any day of the week and through a variety of means. Towards this end, electronic giving is available at <http://www.epclongview.org/serve/giving>.

### \* Everlasting God

Refrain: You are the everlasting God! The everlasting God!  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God You reign forever!  
Our Hope! Our strong Deliv'rer! [Refrain]

## MORNING PRAYER

### 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]

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## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

## SONG OF ILLUMINATION

### \*Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds.  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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## SERMON LESSON

Ephesians 5:21; 6:1-4

Shelley & Jonah Kral

## SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in Gospel Submission: Parents & Children”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Praise Team

*Stand in Your Love*

*Music and Lyrics: Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, Rita Springer*  
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## THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

### \*My Lighthouse

Refrain: My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow You!  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise;  
You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

In my wrestling, and in my doubts; in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea. [Refrain]

In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea. [Refrain]

Fire before us, You're the brightest; You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, You're the brightest; You will lead us through the storms. [Refrain]

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

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**Are tithes and offerings the same thing?** No. Scripture teaches that tithing is a means of teaching us to put God first in our lives, trusting that He will take care of all of our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Generally, a tithe (which literally means 'tenth' or 'ten percent') is the first ten percent of a person or family's income given to the all-purpose work of the Lord. An offering is financial giving above the tithe to a specific cause. An example of an offering received at Longview EPC is the **Mercy Fund**. This fund was established in response to Scriptures such as Galatians 6:10 which says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (See also Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 5:3,16). This fund enables us to come alongside a brother or sister who is facing significant hardship by providing confidential financial assistance for short-term, emergency situations or unforeseen circumstances that may require long-term assistance. Designated donations to this fund may be made at any time. To apply for funds contact a Pastor or a Ruling Elder.

# Sunday, May 12, 2019 Announcements & Information

There will be **NO SUNDAY CLASSES** today in order for those who so choose, to spend time celebrating Mother's Day.

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH LUNCHEON:** Wednesday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Debbie Bankston's home (1704 Clarendon, Longview 903.235.1251). If able, please bring salad, finger sandwiches, bread, or dessert. If you need a ride, please let us know. Hope to see you there!

## VBS ROAR ! "LIFE IS WILD—GOD IS GOOD": JUNE 10 - 14, 9 AM - NOON, FOR CHILDREN ENTERING 4K-5TH GRADES

**REGISTRATION:** Please have your children join us for this fun-filled week of exploring more about God's goodness and in celebrating a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Take a card for friends, neighbors, and co-workers! Register by calling the church office or email Carrie. ONLINE Registration also available on our website home page [www.longviewepc.org](http://www.longviewepc.org). or on our facebook page.

**VOLUNTEERS: SIGN UP NOW!** Are you ready to ROAR? Vacation Bible School is stampeding our way and we need your help! We will need volunteers to lead crews (hang out with some cool kids), teach Bible stories, make snacks, play some amazing games, make crafts, build fun gizmos, sing, and have an amazing week! This is our church's chance to share the love of Christ with over 100 kids from our own church and the surrounding community! You can sign up on our website [longviewepc.org](http://longviewepc.org) or in the foyer.

**DONATIONS:** We are gathering gear for VBS, and there are so many ways you can help! You can order online by clicking the **VBS Amazon Wish List button** at [longviewepc.org](http://longviewepc.org) (all items will ship directly to the church). You can also pick a "leaf" off the vine in the foyer. If you pick a leaf, make sure to write your name next to the corresponding number on the clipboard. Please deliver your donations to the church office **WITH the tag attached**. This will help the VBS Leadership Team know exactly where each item will be used. Thank you for helping us prepare for this year's ROAR VBS!

## NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS:

Spots are available to serve in May and June! Visit [www.epclongview.org](http://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.

### NURSERY :

**May 12:** Infants: volunteers needed

Toddlers: Chad Johnson and volunteer needed

**May 19:** Infants: Tammy Moyes & volunteer needed

Toddlers: Lauren Stoddard and volunteer needed

### USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

**May 12:** Head Usher: William McCluskey

Wil White, Todd Parks, Ralph & Kathy Diamond

**May 19:** Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Bill & Debbie Bankston, Tres Bainter

### SAFETY TEAM:

**May 12:** Wil White & Todd Parks

**May 19:** Buck Birdsong & Bill Bankston

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 26:** The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday May 26 for the purpose of voting on our new slate of Deacons (see below) and electing three members of the congregation to serve on the 2019 Officer Nominating Committee (CONC).

The Session-elected members of the 2019 CONC are Eric Skoog, chair, and Lisca Van Zyl, chair-elect. Please prayerfully consider your nominations. Nominees must be members who are not currently serving as active Session members. Prior consent to serve must be obtained from any nominee before their name is presented at this meeting.

Deacon candidates to be presented at the May 26 meeting:  
Class of 2019: Congregational Care Deacon: Leonard Wiley and Finance Deacon: Fred Irwin

Class of 2020: Building & Grounds Deacon: Nico Fourie  
Class of 2021: Children's Ministry Deacon: Jenny Hubbard and Missions/Outreach Deacon: Brian Daugbjerg and Worship Arts Deacon: Becky Birdsong

**COMMISSIONING SUNDAY, JUNE 2:** During Worship Service we will commission the Junior High's to Lake Jackson, the Senior High's to Guatemala, VBS Roar! Volunteers and Alaska VBS. There will be a program and potluck lunch in Trinity Hall. Church will provide fried and baked chicken. All are welcome!

### THIS WEEK:

Wednesday - Youth Bible Studies (*Last One*)

Thursday - 6:00 p.m. - Praise Team

### UPCOMING:

May 19 - 5:00 p.m. - Youth End of School Year Fellowship

May 22 - 11:30 a.m. - Women of the Church Luncheon

June 2 - Commissioning Sunday

June 10 -14: VBS

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

### RULING ELDERS

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

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