



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

May 19, 2019

GATHERING MUSIC

Forever

Christian McNeal

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*WELCOME

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Praise God, everybody!
Applaud God, all people!
**People: His love has taken over our lives;
God's faithful ways are eternal.**
All: Hallelujah! (*Psalms 117:1-2*)

*Indescribable

Refrain: "Indescribable! Uncontainable!
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name!
You are amazing, God. All powerful! Untamable!
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim, 'You are amazing, God!'"

From the highest of heights, to the depths of the sea;
creation's revealing Your majesty!
From the colors of fall, to the fragrance of spring;
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings,
All exclaiming, [*Refrain*]

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom!

You are amazing God!

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*Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true word!
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Welcome! Those who love Jesus and those who are searching, welcome! We gather to hear from God, to learn from God, to talk to God, and to go out with God. Visitors, we are eager to share with you the joy we have in knowing Jesus. Family members, it is a blessing to be with you once again. May we all grow in knowledge and love of Christ as we worship.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

The Call to Worship and the Benediction. The Call to Worship and the Benediction are important traditions in the history of Christian worship. As the start and close of the service, they make an important point to us about worship: God gets the first and last word. We understand the Call to Worship as God's call to us. If we are ever to have a relationship with God, it is God who must first initiate to us. God alone can invite us and draw us in; and good news, he has! Likewise, in the Benediction, it is only by God's blessing ("benediction" = "good word" or blessing) and power are we able to go out into the world, to surrender our lives in daily worship, and to live out God's mission; which is exactly what he gives freely to his people.

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What does “grace” have to do with daily life? Philosophy professor and Pastor, the late Dallas Willard, stated that *grace is God acting in our lives to bring about what we do not deserve and cannot accomplish on our own. This does not mean that we do nothing. Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning.* When we become an apprentice of Jesus Christ, spending time with him, watching him, listening to him, learning to do what he did, we realize that though we may be saved by grace we have years of habitual anger, materialism, lust, and many other things to be dealt with. They're not just going to go away. Like someone who has a bad golf swing and always slices off to the right, we're going to have to practice hitting the ball in a different way to make it go straight. The slice is in our body; it's how we have been formed. By intentionally and consistently engaging in practices like corporate worship, prayer, bible study, solitude, silence we become receptacles for God's grace to take effect and help transform us into the people and community we never thought possible. (www.dwillard.org/articles/artview.asp?artID=112)

O, God, be my everything, be my delight.
Be, Jesus, my glory, my soul satisfied.
O, God, be my everything, be my delight.
Be, Jesus, my glory, my soul satisfied.

High King of heaven, after vict'ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Music and Lyrics: Traditional
Words & Music: Public Domain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Loving God, it is so easy for us to see other's sins as more ugly, more numerous than our own. This is true especially when their sins are different than ours, or when their sins are public and ours are private. Forgive us and by the power of your presence, change us. Enable us to love others as you have loved us. Hear now our silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Great is Thy Faithfulness

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. [Refrain]

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessing all mine, with ten thousands beside. [Refrain]

Music and Lyrics: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan
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CHILDREN'S LESSON

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; 6:5-9

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in Gospel Submission: Employers & Employees”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Hold Us Together

Music and Lyrics: Matt Maher, Steve Wilson
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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*Let Your Kingdom Come

Refrain: Let Your kingdom come! Let Your will be done,
so that ev'ryone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
till Your sov'reign work on earth is done. Let Your kingdom come!

Your glorious cause O God engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come! *[Refrain]*

Give us Your strength O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your gospel till our dying breath. *[Refrain]*

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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Are you a "Connoisseur of Sermons" or a Receiver of the Word of God? According to the [modern sensibilities], every sermon or lesson from the Bible must chiefly be "interesting." But what biblical support could we give for this assertion? If teaching and preaching have as one of their main goals to effect change in the lives of the listeners, would all of those apostolic or Old Testament prophetic calls for change be welcomed at first blush as being "interesting" by all listeners? In fact, the criteria of "interest" may be linked to more modern values, such as the brevity of the message or the number of memorable illustrations peppered throughout its short duration. This matter of "interest" also may indicate that our contemporaries are becoming more like connoisseurs of listening to messages rather than being those who are moved in their hearts to act and become doers of the word (James 1:22). Rather than making "interest" the key test for a good sermon, we would suggest as an alternative the double tests of: (1) does the lesson or sermon accurately reflect what I am being taught by the author of the text? and (2) has that text been applied to our modern and contemporary contexts of living and acting so that I am called to change for the glory of God? (Walter Kaiser, *The Majesty of God in the Old Testament*, 19-20)

Sunday, May 19, 2019 Announcements & Information

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 you see you there!

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
Missions/Outreach Deacon: Brian Daugbjerg
Worship Arts Deacon: Becky Birdsong

COME OUT & JOIN US AT THE BACKYARD THURSDAYS AT 7:47 PM on the grass by Trinity Hall for acoustic worship and witness. In the craziness of our everyday lives it can be hard to find a space to meet Jesus. The Backyard is a space created to cultivate spiritual renewal and genuine connection with Jesus and His people. We hope to see you there!

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!

NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS:

Spots are available to serve in May and June! 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.

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY :

May 19: Room 2: Lauren Stoddard & Mary LeTourneau

May 26: Room 2: Lauren Stoddard & Katya Schmidt

USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

May 19: Head Usher: Bill Bankston

Debbie Bankston, Bill Burlingame, Tres Bainter

May 26: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Buck Otis, Tres Bainter, ET Testerman

SAFETY TEAM:

May 19: Bill Bankston & Bill Burlingame

May 26: Buck Birdsong & Buck Otis

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. or on our facebook page.

VOLUNTEERS: SIGN UP NOW! More volunteers are needed!
*Volunteer Trainings will be held after lunch on June 2nd and Wednesday June 5th at 5:30 p.m. All volunteers should attend one meeting. Both meetings will take place in Trinity Hall.
*VBS Workdays will be Saturday, May 25 and June 1st from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The week of June 3-8 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon each day.

Sign up at longviewepc.org.

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 (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!

THIS WEEK:

Today - 4:00 p.m. - Youth Mission Trips Meeting

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

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

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

7:45 p.m. - Backyard

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - VBS Work Day

Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '19

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