



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together  
to know Christ and to make him known.

June 16, 2019  
VBS Sunday

## GATHERING MUSIC

*I'm Trusting You (Roar! VBS Theme Song)*

Music and Lyrics: Jay Stocker  
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VBS Video

## \*WELCOME

Doug Ashley

Pastor: In God's kingdom, weakness becomes strength.

**People: Loneliness finds companionship.**

Pastor: Fear grows into courage.

**People: The foolish learn wisdom.**

Pastor: The wise learn sacrifice.

**People: The great are humbled.**

Pastor: The humble are lifted up.

**People: In God's kingdom, all things are made whole.**

**All: Receive, O God, our songs of thanksgiving!**

### \* To God Be the Glory

To God, to God, to God be the glory.  
To God, to God, to God be the glory.  
To God, to God, to God be the glory.  
To God, to God, to God be the glory.

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

Music and Lyrics: Fanny J. Crosby, William Howard Doane  
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### \*Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

Leaning, leaning. Safe and secure from all alarms.  
Leaning, leaning. Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine. Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine. Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread? What have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near. Leaning on the everlasting arms.

You know I'm leanin', leanin'. You know I'm leanin', leanin'.  
You know I'm leanin' on the Everlasting. Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Anthony Johnson Showalter, Elisha Albright Hoffman  
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## Welcome!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

**"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"** Ever wondered what the back-story is to this popular hymn? Here it is: Anthony Showalter (1858 - 1924) lead a singing school in an Alabama church in 1887. When he returned to his boardinghouse room one night, two letters awaited him. Both were from former students, and both men told of the recent loss of their wives. Mr. Showalter wrote back, seeking to comfort the young men in the midst of their grief. But what to write? When he came to the end of each letter, he wanted to include a Bible verse. He picked Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms ...." He pondered the words of that verse as he penned them into the letters, and the lyrics to the chorus of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" came to his mind. He wrote to his friend, Elisha Hoffman (1839 - 1929), explaining that he had a chorus, but no verses. Mr. Hoffman wrote back with the rest of the words of this famous hymn. Sam Duncan (1870 - 1960), a student and nephew of Mr. Showalter, was given the class assignment to write the tune for this poem. The piece was published under his uncle's name in the book *Glad Evangel for Revival, Camp and Evangelistic Meeting Hymnal*. (<http://hymnswelove.blogspot.com/2012/05/story-behind-leaning-on-everlasting.html>)

**Why address God as our “Good Father”?** There are many ways we could answer this question. Here is one: “If you took the love of all the best mothers and fathers who have lived in the course of human history, all their goodness, kindness, patience, fidelity, wisdom, tenderness, strength, and love and united all those qualities in a single person, that person’s love would only be a faint shadow of the furious love and mercy in the heart of God the Father addressed to you and me at this moment.” (Brennan Manning, *The Furious Longing of God*)

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Good, Good Father*

Refrain: You're a Good, Good Father.  
It's who You are. It's who You are. It's who You are.  
And I'm loved by You.  
It's who I am. It's who I am. It's who I am.

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone. *[Refrain]*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.  
Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.  
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think.  
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love. *[Refrain]*

You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. *[Refrain]*

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## CHILDREN'S LESSON

### 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.

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### SERMON LESSON

Psalm 106

Jason Hubbard

### SERMON

“Life is Wild but God is Good”

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Thankful*

VBS Video Presentation

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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]*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's 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. *[Refrain]*

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### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as able*

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**Why have children in the sanctuary for the entirety of worship?** Our children are members of the covenant community (the church) so it is appropriate for them to be included in this primary activity of covenant worship (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 10:24-25). As they are, they will be present in the midst of Christians of all ages and see that it isn't their parents alone who believe, who alone worship through singing, prayer, sacraments and listening to God's word; but that there is a wonderful gathering of all kinds of people who meet week after week for this central activity. Likewise it counters the fragmenting of families so prevalent in our culture that separates us by age and robs us of intergenerational teaching. How many of us at one time or another have learned more from a child than an adult, or understood the children's lesson better than the sermon? Finally, having children in worship prepares them for the rhythms of church life, so as they grow older they can participate more freely because they understand the 'language' being spoken.

# Sunday, June 16, 2019 Announcements & Information

**WELCOME TO ALL VBS 2019 "ROAR!" SURVIVORS!** Thank you to Carrie Northcutt, Jenny Hubbard and all the many volunteers who led our successful VBS this past week. Today, we hope you will enjoy the presentation and some of the music enjoyed by all those who were part of this experience.

**TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE BUCKNER SHOES FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY TRAIN FUNDRAISER:** Please help our VBS kids raise money to purchase new shoes for the School Supply Train and/or donate **brand new** sneakers. Donations may be dropped off in the foyer.

**PLEASE JOIN US TODAY FOR THE FATHER'S DAY FELLOWSHIP:** After worship, gather in the foyer for some light snacks and lay some appreciation on the Dads in our midst!

**CARDS & CARNATIONS, SUNDAY JUNE 23:** Decorate cards in Trinity Hall & deliver them with carnations to a nearby nursing home.

**SR HIGH MISSION TRIP DONATIONS:** Please pick up a wish list in the foyer of items requested for the children of Guatemala. Items may be dropped off at the church office by Friday, **June 28**.

**SUMMER SUNDAYS CONTINUE:** There is a flyer available in the foyer and in Trinity Hall for some fun summer activities following the worship service.

**MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS CAMP JULY 29 - AUGUST 2:** 10:00 a.m. - noon daily. **For 1st - 5th grade.** Go to our website ([www.longviewepc.org](http://www.longviewepc.org)) and click on the Music Camp link for more information. Taught by elementary music professionals, this camp is for 1st - 5th graders who want to learn basics of singing, music reading and rhythm done in a Christ-centered environment. The camp also includes extra musical activities and snacks. Space is limited to 40 students, so register now! Cost is \$10, which includes musical instruction and T-shirt. Contact David Luna and register by email at [dluna@epclongview.org](mailto:dluna@epclongview.org).

### **NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS:**

Spots are available to serve this Summer! Visit [ww.epclongview.org](http://ww.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.

### **NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC?**

Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

For more information, please see the "Summer Sundays" flyer near the coffee.

**Prayer Ministry:** Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing [prayerteam@epclongview.org](mailto:prayerteam@epclongview.org) or by using the cards located in the friendship pads. Monthly prayer calendars are available in the foyer.

**Tithes and Offerings:** are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, or checks mailed to the office, and electronically via the website. The website also offers a credit/debit card option.

**Parents and kids:** Special activity bags in the foyer.

**Blankets are available** on the table in the rear of the sanctuary for your comfort.

### **THIS WEEK:**

Today - 10:50 a.m. - Father's Day Fellowship

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. - Youth Movie Night

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

7:47 p.m. - The Backyard

### **UPCOMING:**

June 23 - 10:50 a.m. Cards & Carnations

June 30 - 10:50 a.m. Missionary Messaging

June 30 - July 5 Sr High Mission Trip to Sumpango, Guatemala

July 7 - Worship with the Lord's Supper followed by Patriotic Potluck

July 29 - August 2 10:00 a.m. - Noon Music FUNDamentals Camp  
6:00 p.m. - Youth Movie Night

### **WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY :**

**June 16:** Room 2: Liz Johnson & Lauren Stoddard

**June 23:** Room 2: Katya Schmidt & Tammy Moyes

### **USHERS & GREETERS**

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

**June 16:** Head Usher: William McCluskey

Keith Moyes, Cliff Hale, Tres Bainter, Wil White

**June 23:** Head Usher: Bill Bankston

Fred Irwin, Bill & Beth Franklin

### **SAFETY TEAM:**

**June 16:** Keith Moyes & Cliff Hale

**June 23:** Bill Bankston & Fred Irwin

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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  
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