



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

June 23, 2019

GATHERING MUSIC

*WELCOME

Doug Ashley

Pastor: The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
The skies display his craftsmanship.
Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.

**People: Their words aren't heard,
their voices aren't recorded,
but their silence fills the earth:
unspoken truth is spoken everywhere.**

**All: Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for he is our God!**

* Our God

Refrain: Our God is greater. Our God is stronger.
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You. None like You.

Into the darkness You shine. Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You. None like You. *[Refrain]*

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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.

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. *[Refrain]*

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Welcome! May each person who enters through our church doors this morning find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together. Again, welcome to all of you today!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Why is it important to read Scripture publically? 1 Timothy 4:13 says: Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. "Due to the powerful effect of public Scripture reading, [it was] a key practice in the Jewish faith. Even Jesus Himself participated in this practice, and it was during the weekly reading of Scriptures that He first launched His mission. He read from the scroll of Isaiah and then told everyone that the words He read were written about Him. After this event, the timeline of public Scripture reading brings us back around to when Paul instructed Timothy in the importance of the practice. Of course, in Biblical times, few people knew how to read, meaning that unless the Scriptures were read aloud they would never hear them. Nevertheless, it's important not to underestimate the power that public Scripture reading still has for Christians today. Reading alongside other people guards us against distractions and provides us with fellowship. It's a practice that God's people have always done to remind themselves of who they are and what they have been called for, and it's still a powerful practice for us today." (<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/public-reading-scripture/>).

Why Assurance? Because when we entrust our very being to God in Jesus Christ we are no longer under the condemnation and enslavement of sin. The good news of the gospel is that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Using Scriptural words reinforces the truth that our assurance is based on God's words of promise, not merely on our own hopes and desires. This interplay between confession and assurance is the rhythm of gospel living; we realize the depth of our sin and rejoice in the extent of God's grace. Therefore we practice it as one body regularly to encourage us to live it as individuals daily.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you created all things good and are actively restoring all things to their goodness. This includes us, our families, our relationships, and our world. Forgive us when we think there is any part of our lives beyond your restoring power. Forgive us when we fail to live into the truth that you are right here, right now, in our midst to work with us toward healing. In your name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Living Hope

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven,
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written;
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory,
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ, my living hope. *[Refrain]*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise;
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory. *(Repeat this verse) Whoa! [Refrain]*

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Oh ,God, You are my living hope.

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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

1 Kings 18-19; Psalm 42

Larry Frazier

SERMON

“From the Mountaintop to a Hole in the Ground”

* *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when
strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* *The Church's One Foundation (Aurelia)*

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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"Prayers of the People" is an occasion in our worship in which we address God as intercessors for each other and the world at large. We pray not just for our own faith family and for the people we know; we also intercede for those in authority, for those suffering oppression, for those who are poor, hungry or sick, for those who have no one to pray for them. It is also appropriate to offer prayers of thanksgiving for who God is and how we have witnessed Him at work in our world. This morning our Pastor will take individual prayer requests, summarize the prayer and speak the words "Lord in Your mercy" to which the congregation will respond "Hear our prayer".

Sunday, June 23, 2019 Announcements & Information

CARDS & CARNATIONS, TODAY: Please join us after worship service to 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**.

MISSIONARY MESSAGING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 30: Write letters to send to our global missionaries. Meet in the Carlton room.

SUNDAY, JULY 7 CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND PATRIOTIC POTLUCK: Following worship service, we will enjoy church provided hamburgers and hotdogs celebrating 4th of July. Please bring sides such as potato salad, cole slaw, apple pie, home made ice cream or other desserts.

MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS CAMP JULY 29 - AUGUST 2: 10:00 a.m. - noon daily. **For 1st - 5th grade.** Go to our website (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.

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

NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS: Spots are available to serve this Summer! Visit 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 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. - Cards & Carnations

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

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

7:47 p.m. - The Backyard

UPCOMING:

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

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

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

July 24 - 6:00 p.m. & July 27 10:00 a.m. A Vocal Workshop with Beth Porter (see flyer on bulletin board)

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

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY :

June 23: Room 2: Tammy Moyes & Suzi White

June 30: Room 2: Mary Le Tourneau & Katya Schmidt

USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

June 23: Head Usher: Bill Bankston

Fred Irwin, Bill & Beth Franklin

June 30: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Michael McMahan, Tres Bainter, ET Testerman

SAFETY TEAM:

June 23: Bill Bankston & Fred Irwin

June 30: Buck Birdsong & Michael McMahan

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

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