



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Soul on Fire”

Praise Team

Music and Lyrics: Brenton Brown, David Carr et al.
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*WELCOME

Jason Hubbard

Leader: The LORD is God and he has delivered us.

**People: You are my God and I will give you thanks!
You are my God and I will praise you!**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

All: His loyal love endures forever! (From Psalm 118)

* He is Our God

Refrain 1: Holy! You alone are holy! Matchless in Your glory; Holy God.

Refrain 2: Holy! You alone are holy! Matchless in Your glory, no one is like You.
Worthy! You alone are worthy! We adore You only, holy God.

Who can light the fires of a thousand burning suns blazing in the heavens?
There is only One. He is our God!

Who commands the nations, building up and tearing down,
Silencing His rivals? There is only One. He is our God! He is our God! [Refrain 1]

Who would come to save us when we turned away His love;
Conquer us with kindness? There is only One. He is our God! He is our God! [Refrain 2]

Now to the King on the throne, who was and is to come,
And to the Lamb who was slain be glory. [Refrain 2]

Music and Lyrics: Bob Kauflin, Jon Althoff
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* Forever Reign

Refrain: Oh, I'm running to Your arms. I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace. Light of the world, forever reign.

You are good. You are good, when there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.
You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope. You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true, even in my wandering.
You are joy, You are joy. You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life. In You death has lost its sting. [Refrain]

You are more, You are more than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord. All creation will proclaim.
You are here, You are here. In Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, You are God; of all else I'm letting go. [Refrain]

My heart will sing no other Name; Jesus, Jesus! (4x) [Refrain]

Music and Lyrics: Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan
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Welcome! To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Why are Psalms important?
“[The] Psalms...are not just a matchless primer of teaching but a medicine chest for the heart and the best possible guide for practical living. In calling psalms “medicine,” I am trying to do justice to what makes them somewhat different from other parts of the Bible. They are written to be prayed, recited, and sung – to be done, not merely to be read...The psalms lead us to do what the psalmists do – to commit ourselves to God through pledges and promises, to depend on God through petition and expressions of acceptance, to seek comfort in God through lament and complaint, to find mercy from God through confession and repentance, to gain new wisdom and perspective from God through meditation, remembrance and reflection.” (Tim Keller with Kathy Keller, *The Songs of Jesus*)

MORNING PRAYER

Worship Team

O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (Ebenezer)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus; vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never nevermore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own.
How for them He intercedeth, watches over them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus; love of every love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus; 'tis a heaven of heavens to me.
And it lifts me up to glory for it lifts me up to Thee.

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Your Words of Life*

As we gather, come and teach us. Spirit, come and speak today.
You delight to lead and guide us. It's Your Word that lights the way.
So come, awaken our hearts, illumine our minds; magnify Jesus Christ.
Come, renewing our faith, changing our lives with Your words of life.

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SERMON LESSON

Luke 12:49-59

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Divided We Stand”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

Doug Ashley and Eric Skoog, Clerk of Session

Deacons: Becky Birdsong (Worship Arts), Brian Daugbjerg (Missions & Outreach),
Nico Fourie (Building & Grounds), Jenny Hubbard (Children's), Fred Irwin (Finance) and
Leonard Wiley (Congregational Care)

Leader: There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of
your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

People: Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

Leader: Christ appointed some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists,
some pastors and teachers.

**People: Christ did this to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up
the body of Christ, and for serving a broken world.**

Leader: And so we come together in oneness of faith and in certain knowledge of
the Son of God.

People: We come to bring glory to God, and to celebrate his gracious gifts to all.

Questions of the Deacons

Ordination Vows

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior? **I do.**

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God,
totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only
infallible rule of faith and practice? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the
Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the
Holy Scriptures? **I do.**

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Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow? **I do.**

Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of Our Faith” without exception? **I do.**

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church? **I do.**

Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord? **I do.**

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the Holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son? **I have.**

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account? **I do.**

Installation Vows

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Deacon, whether personal, or interpersonal, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the congregation of which God is making you overseer? **I will.**

Are you now willing to accept the call of this church as Deacon, and, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties required of that office? **I will.**

Questions of the Congregation

Are you, the members of this congregation, ready to receive Becky, Brian, Nico, Jenny, Fred, & Leonard as your Deacons? **We are.**

Do you promise to submit to them in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth? **We do.**

Do you promise to support them with your prayers, to give encouragement and assistance in every way as they seek to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place? **We do.**

Do you commit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call you have extended and to make provision for their needs that the name of Christ might be glorified? **We do.**

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

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*To God Be the Glory

Refrain: 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.

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. [*Refrain*]

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood;
To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment, from Jesus, a pardon receives. [*Refrain*]

What is ordination and

installation all about? To some, ordination seems like a mere formality - a procedure accomplished similar to what happens in business when someone is promoted to a higher position or when a politician is sworn into office. However, ordination is much more than ritual and symbolism. In Numbers 8, we read about a ceremony which took place to set apart the Levites as the tribe of Israel that would be uniquely responsible for the care and leadership of the Israelite religion and religious practice. There was a time of communication with God (prayer) and then a “laying on of hands” to symbolize the setting apart of certain individuals to be God’s representative of His people. We see a similar ceremony happening in the selection of seven people to serve as deacons in the church (Acts 6). Thus we continue the practice today.

The word “ordain” means, most simply, to authoritatively order something to happen. By saying that a Deacon or Elder is being “ordained” into office, we are communicating that God has already set apart this person for the unique responsibility of leading and serving His people under Christ, the only Lord and Head of the Church. We also acknowledge that something profound occurs when elders lay hands on an individual to set him or her apart for such office been set apart.

Those individuals who are entering the office of Deacon or Elder for the first time are ordained and then installed. Those who have previously served in their office are not ‘ordained’ but simply installed. Please regularly pray for these leaders; that God will give them his very own wisdom and power to guide our faith family in a way that pleases him.

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Great things He has taught us. Great things He has done.
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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OUR LAST SUMMER SUNDAY TODAY: Plan to stay after worship service and gather in the foyer. Enjoy snacks, coffee and water and visit with friends, old and new!

NURSERY AND TODDLER VOLUNTEER TRAINING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 AT 6:00 PM: Interested in serving in the nursery or toddler rooms this fall? Join us for the Nursery Volunteer Training this Wednesday in Trinity Hall to see what's new. If you really want to help but cannot make this date for training, please email Carrie at childrensministry@epclongview.org.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY AUGUST 25:

- **9:30 a.m. Worship service**
- **Potluck lunch following in Trinity Hall** - Please bring a salad, side or dessert to go with brisket prepared by Richard Werline. Plan to come enjoy our kick-off Sunday together. All are welcome to stay. We always have plenty of food.

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! We are searching for people who are ready and willing to help our children grow in their knowledge and faith in Christ. We are specifically in need of those willing to teach and support Sunday School for ages Infant-5th grade. Wednesday night volunteers are also needed for ages PK4-5th grade. Just contact Carrie Northcutt childrensministry@epclongview.org or call 903-234-0032 and sign up! Thank you in advance as we walk together in leading our youngest ones.

DEACON AND RULING ELDER NOMINATIONS: Forms are due this Monday, August 19. There are some copies of the updated directory on the foyer table if you wish to look through it or take one. Also, our current directory is available online at www.epclongview.org/about/directory.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We need your updated information in our church directory by the end of August. Check the foyer today for a copy to edit.

RIDES FOR STUDENTS: There may be an upcoming need for some college students without transportation who would like to attend our Sunday worship services. We are seeking drivers willing to commit to drive students to and from the LeTourneau Campus (2100 S Mobberly Ave). If you are only available on one end of service, don't let that stop you! Consider tag-teaming with another person or family for pick-ups and drop-offs. Please contact the church if you are interested or have questions.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC?

Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

Fellowship coffee and snacks 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.

Church app coming soon!

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Nursery Volunteer Meeting
in Trinity Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday - 5:30 p.m. - Praise Team
7:47 p.m. - The Backyard

UPCOMING:

August 25 - Celebration Sunday
Potluck Lunch Following Worship Service
September 1 - Worship with Celebration of the Lord's Supper
September 8 - Sunday Classes Begin
Youth Kick-Off

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY:

August 18: Room 2: Lauren Stoddard & volunteer needed

August 25: Room 2: Noe Nelson & Amelia Spencer

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

August 18: Head Usher: Rick Poland
Michael McMahan, Jason Hunt, Bob Linthicum & Cody Parks

August 25: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong
Cliff Hale, ET Testerman & Tres Bainter

SAFETY TEAM:

August 18: Jason Hunt & Michael McMahan

August 25: Buck Birdsong & Cliff Hale

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '19
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