



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known

August 25, 2019

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sing to the Lord, Celebrating!"

Chancel Choir

Music and Lyrics: Joseph M. Martin
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*WELCOME

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

* Joy of the Lord

Refrain: The joy of the Lord is my strength!
The joy of the Lord is my strength!
In the darkness I'll dance. In the shadows I'll sing.
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise.
My song will rise to You.
Though my heart may fail, my song will rise.
My song will rise to You.
While there's breath in my lungs
I will praise You, Lord.

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes.
I'll lift my eyes to You.
When the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes.
I'll lift my eyes to You.
While there's hope in this heart
I will praise You, Lord. *[Refrain]*

When I cannot see You with my eyes,
Let faith arise to You.
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine,
Let faith arise to You.
God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord.

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light.
I feel alive with You.
In Your presence now I come alive.
I am alive with You.

There is strength when I say,
"I will praise You, Lord!" *[Refrain]*

When sorrow comes my way,
You are the shield around me.
Always You remain like courage in the fight.
I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming.
Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light. *[Refrain]*

Music and Lyrics: Ed Cash, Rend Collective
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Welcome! Whether you are young or old; first time in a church or a long-time worshipper, full of questions and doubt or confidence and joy – or places in between all that - we are glad you are here!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Gathering Music. With so many distractions vying for our attention this is a time to listen to the music, set our hearts on receiving rather than critiquing, and prepare for the service.

Prayer. We pray with thanksgiving because God has brought us into his presence and given us a glimpse his beauty and justice. We pray our concerns for ourselves and for others, for the world and for the church, because we know God is loving and good and uses our prayers to help many (2 Cor. 1:11).

** All Praise to Him*

All praise to Him, the God of light;
Who formed the mountains by His might.
All praise to Him, who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him who reigns in love.
Who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to Him, whose love is seen
In Christ the Son the servant King.
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him, who humbly came
To bear our sorrow sin and shame.
Who lived to die, who died to rise;
The all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to Him, whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts.
The Spirit of all truth and peace;
The fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To You, the Triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise.

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Music and Lyrics: Bob Kauflin and Matt Merker
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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ellen Adams, Gena Bunn and David Luna

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

"Shout With Joy"

Children's Ensemble

Music and Lyrics: Mark Patterson
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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.

Music and Lyrics: Joel and Pat Sczebel
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SERMON

“He Gave Us Stories”

Shelley Kral

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Christ Be Exalted”

Music and Lyrics: Jon Althoff
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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Jason Hubbard

**Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Refrain: So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love Jesus.

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master, and my God,
Assist me to proclaim;
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name. *[Refrain]*

Jesus, the name that charms our fears;
That bids our sorrows cease.
Tis music in the sinner's ears,
Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin.
He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me. *[Refrain]*

Music and Lyrics: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, Charles Wesley, David Crowder, Jack Parker
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Celebrate Jesus”

Praise Team

Music: Gary Oliver
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**Please stand as able*

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Sermon Application

Meditate: Luke 9:57-62

Pray: Lord, may I see your beauty clearly that the desire to be with you and a part of what you're doing pushes aside all other considerations. Show me where I'm stuck concerned about the "windows in my office" rather than moving forward in colonizing the earth with the kingdom of heaven.

Meditate: Romans 12:1-2

Pray: Lord, where do you want me to invest my time and energy in bringing your story to life in the hearts of people who are crying out? Where do you want me to invest in my faith family? What does it look like for me to do this kind of investing in the people I am with throughout the week?

Sunday, August 25, 2019 Announcements & Information

CELEBRATION SUNDAY TODAY:

- **9:30 a.m. Worship service**
- **Potluck lunch following in Trinity Hall** - Brisket and sausage prepared by Richard Werline. Plan to come enjoy our kick-off Sunday together and find out more about Sunday School classes and more.
- All are welcome to stay. We always have plenty of food.

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS TODAY: "He Gave Us Stories". We see the stories of real people in 1 & 2 Kings. They happen to be all men, but their stories relate to all of us as they encapsulate huge themes we face as human beings. We are going to look together at their plans and decisions, their successes and failures; so that we can see God's steadfast love and faithfulness percolating up through their stories. These stories that God gave us point to our own faults and our own longings. But most importantly, they point to Jesus as the solution to our deepest needs.

FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WITH CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: September 1. No Potluck.

EPC KIDMIN: *DIG IN!* BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

Pre-K4—5th Grade—Registration available on our homepage and Children's Ministry web page or Facebook page. More information available on the Children's Ministry card in the foyer and on the tables.

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. Please call 903-234-0032 or contact Carrie Northcutt at childrensministry@epclongview.org. Thank you in advance as we walk together in leading our youngest ones.

At KidMin - *Dig In* we will be feeding some hungry students on Wednesdays at 5:15. Visit our home page or children's page at longviewepc.org to **sign up to bring a meal**. Your food will be the fuel for these PK4 through 5th graders during their next hour + of Bible Study and fun!

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We need your updated information in our church directory. Check the foyer today for a copy to edit. New directories will be printed on **September 5**.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC?

Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

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 - Celebration Sunday
Potluck Lunch Following Worship Service
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday - 5:30 p.m. - Praise Team
7:47 p.m. - The Backyard

UPCOMING:

September 1 - Worship with Celebration of the Lord's Supper
September 2 - Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 8 - 10:50 a.m. Sunday Classes Begin
5:00 p.m. Youth Kick-Off
September 11 - Youth Bible Studies
5:15 p.m. Kidmin Dig In!
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY:

August 25: Room 2: Lauren Stoddard & Amelia Spencer

September 1: Room 2: Amelia Spencer & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

August 25: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Cliff Hale, ET Testerman & Tres Bainter

September 1: Head Usher: Ralph Diamond

Bill Burlingame, Chad Johnson & Kathy Diamond

SAFETY TEAM:

August 25: Buck Birdsong
Cliff Hale

September 2: Chad Johnson
& Bill Burlingame

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '19
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