



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

August 4, 2019

GATHERING MUSIC

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Choir and Praise Team

Lyrics: Christian H. Bateman (1843) | Tune: MADRID (Spanish Melody)
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*WELCOME

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

All: Proclaim his salvation day after day.

* May the Peoples Praise You

Refrain: May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!

All Your blessing comes that we may praise; may praise the Name of Jesus.

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love, and deepest joy; with endless life. *[Refrain]*

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe, and tongue; your church proclaims! *[Refrain]*

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.

Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.

All creation praise Your glorious name. *[Refrain]*

May praise the Name of Jesus. May praise the Name of Jesus.

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gena Bunn

* Come Thou Almighty King (Italian Hymn)

Come, Thou Almighty King. Help us Thy name to sing.

Help us to praise. Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come and reign over us; Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word. Gird on Thy mighty sword.
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success. Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter. Thy sacred witness bear.
In this glad hour; Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty, may we in glory see.
And to eternity, love and adore.

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Welcome! This morning we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you have not professed faith in Christ or if you are hearing the gospel for the first time, though you will not be partaking of the sacrament, it is our privilege to welcome you here. Perhaps what you experience will raise questions for you. After the service, we will be eager to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration in our life together. If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, we are honored to be worshipping with you this morning!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Sing with your heart! Scripture repeatedly commands God's people to praise him and encourage one another through singing (e.g. Isaiah 42:10, Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, James 5:13). How do we do this well? 18th century church leader John Wesley gave this advice: "Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven."

The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray. Jesus was not just a master at prayer, he was The Master. No one ever prayed like Jesus. So it is no wonder the disciples asked him to give them insight into how to pray. Jesus taught them (and us!) to begin by reminding ourselves of God's care and grandeur (Pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name"). Next he says to move into big requests that echo the heart and desires of God ("Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"). Then come the more personal aspects as we don't presuppose that the necessities of life will come to us naturally, but from the hand of God ("Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation.") Finally church tradition attaches a closing reminder of humble acknowledgement of God's control over all things. ("For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.") We do well to remember this model and allow it to guide us into meaningful conversation with God.

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 12:13-21

Doug Ashley

SERMON

"Rich or Poor?"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to forsake your sin, you are welcome to take Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, this time is still for you. Rather than coming forward to take the elements, please remain seated and contemplate taking Christ himself. The prayers that follow are supplied for your consideration.**

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance; for when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and live for you always. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Declaration: **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Response: **And also with you.**

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ellacombe)*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou God art present there.

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Everlasting God*

Refrain: You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint. You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever; our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer. *[Refrain]*

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

****Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City**

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Why do we “pass the peace” as part of the Communion liturgy? Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies a Christian's identity as peacemaker (Matt. 5:9; 2, Cor. 5:20). At the close of Communion we turn to our neighbors, extend our hands, look the person in the eye, speak the words “The peace of Christ be with you” and receive the response, “And also with you.” In doing so we connect with Jesus who extended himself to us to make peace (Col. 1:20-21) and live into his call to extend that peace beyond ourselves into the community of which we are a part (Ephesians 4:3).

Sunday, August 4, 2019 Announcements & Information

TODAY, PICNIC POTLUCK in Trinity Hall following worship service. There will be plenty of food. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 NAME IT...SING IT! The music trivia game where everyone sings along! Come join us in the Sanctuary following worship service as we sing various songs together just for fun and fellowship.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 CHURCH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Join us at 5:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall for fun, food, & fellowship as we enjoy watching *Mary Poppins Returns!* All ages invited - bring your kids and grandkids too! Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Bring dessert or snacks.

NURSERY AND TODDLER VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Interested in serving in the nursery or toddler rooms this fall? Join us for the Nursery Volunteer Training on **Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m.** 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.

DEACON AND RULING ELDER NOMINATIONS:

- Forms are available in the foyer explaining all of the details.
- Please continue to pray for our Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) as they guide us in the selection of two Deacons and four Elders. CONC members are: Eric Skoog (*Chair*), Lisca Van Zyl (*Chair-Elect*), Susan Shea, Becky Birdsong and Liz Johnson.
- 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.

SHAMPOO FOR SHELTERS HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEEDED:

shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, and body wash. These items (new, unopened) can be placed in the bright green bin in the foyer. The products will be distributed each month to some of the following shelters: Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, House of Hope Hospitality Rooms, Hope Haven for Women, and Family Promise of Longview.

MWL DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTES NEEDED! Longview Community Ministries new program, Meals With Love (formerly Meals on Wheels), needs drivers (see bulletin board). Please contact Terrye Hudson at tmhud5@yahoo.com or 903-720-5325.

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.

Church app coming soon!

THIS WEEK:

Today - Worship with Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Picnic Potluck

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - 5:30 p.m. - Praise Team

7:47 p.m. - The Backyard

UPCOMING:

August 11 - 11:00 a.m. Sing-a-Long

5:00 p.m. Movie Night: *Mary Poppins Returns*

August 21 - 6:00 p.m. Nursery Volunteer Meeting in Trinity Hall

August 25 - Celebration Sunday

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY:

August 4: Room 2: Katya Schmidt & Lauren Stoddard

August 11: Room 2: Noe Nelson & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

August 4: Head Usher: William McCluskey

Nico Fourie, Larry Northcutt, Landon Ashley, Kyle Ashley

August 11: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Fred Irwin, Bill & Beth Franklin

SAFETY TEAM:

August 4: Nico Fourie & Larry Northcutt

August 11: Buck Birdsong & Fred Irwin

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

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