



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

The Storm Is Passing Over

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WELCOME & *INVOCATION

Shelley Kral

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: **and all your saints shall bless you!**

*Beautiful One

Beautiful One, I love You.

Beautiful One, I adore!

Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

Beautiful One

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love.

Your cross has spoken mercy over me.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard;

no heart could fully know

how glorious, how beautiful You are!

Powerful, so powerful! Your glory fills the skies.

Your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing.

How marvelous, how wonderful You are!

My soul, my soul must sing,

"Beautiful One!"

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*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me;

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

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 do we pray in Jesus' name?

To pray in Jesus' name is not to recite an incantation or a formula which obligates God to listen to that prayer differently than he listens to prayers not offered in Jesus' name. Nor is it a matter of learning proper prayer etiquette (along the lines of teaching your children to be sure they say 'please' and 'thank you'). To pray in Jesus' name is to consciously offer prayer in accord with all that his name stands for. It is to pray recognizing that the only approach to God we enjoy is Jesus himself. It is to pray realizing that only because of what Jesus has done are we able to speak to the Father as Jesus himself did. It is to pray submitting our words and requests to the good and perfect will of Almighty God, as did Jesus Christ himself.

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“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” People often wonder about the story behind this favorite hymn. In the 1750s Robert Robinson was an angry and bitter teenager. He drank, gambled and caused trouble. But through the preaching of George Whitefield, God broke through Robinson’s heart and he gave his life to Christ. Several years later he went into the ministry during which time he wrote “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.” The story goes that later in life he wandered from the Lord and yet one day, while riding in a stage coach with a young woman he didn’t know she quoted to him from the hymn. He replied, “Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then.” It is said that she responded by telling him “Sir, the ‘streams of mercy’ are still flowing.”

And on that day when my strength is failing;
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we grieve the many expressions of our self-centeredness. Forgive us for overspending on ourselves and under-sharing with others; for being generous with criticism and miserly with forgiveness; for crying “victim” more readily than we cry “Abba.” Have mercy on us, Lord; have mercy on me. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Scotty Smith Every Season Prayers: Gospel-Centered Prayers for the Whole of Life

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“In [Jesus Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace!” Ephesians 5:1

Pastor: Know that in Jesus Christ, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it; mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I’m come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me, when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be.
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson
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CHILDREN’S LESSON

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Speak O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Music and Lyrics: Keith Getty
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SERMON LESSON

1 John 2: 3-27

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Know Assurance”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Blessed Assurance

David LaChance Jr. Bridge inspired by and Chorus taken from
"Blessed Assurance" by Fanny Crosby (1873).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* You Never Let Go

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back I know You are near.

And I will fear no evil for my God is with me.
And if my God is with me whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh! No! You never let go; through the calm and through the storm!
Oh! No! You never let go; in ev'ry high and ev'ry low!
Oh! No! You never let go; Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on;
a glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes;
we'll live to know You here on the earth.

And I will fear no evil for my God is with me.
And if my God is with me whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh! No! You never let go; through the calm and through the storm!
Oh! No! You never let go; in ev'ry high and ev'ry low!
Oh! No! You never let go; Lord, You never let go of me.
You keep on runnin' and You never let go singin'

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.
And there will be an end to these troubles.
But until that day comes, still I will praise You; Still I will praise You.

Lord, You never let go of me.

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Go Forth in His Name

**Please stand as able*

"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".

NEW MEMBERS CLASS Sunday October 7: Want to know more about Longview EPC? Our class will be in Room 104 following the potluck lunch. Please contact Pastor Doug at dashley@epclongview.org or 903.234.0032 if you are interested

WANT TO HELP? At KidMin - Dig In we are feeding around 25 on Wednesdays at 5:15. Visit our children's page at longviewepc.org to sign up. Also sign up sheet in the foyer or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EAFAD2FA1FA7-kidmin> to **sign up to bring a meal**. Your food will be the fuel for these PK4—5th graders during their next hour + of Bible Study & fun! Contact Carrie Northcutt for more information.

JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 5:15 FOR KIDMIN—DIG IN! Pre-K4 through 5th Grade: Please register your child by going to epclongview.org. Registration will also be available in person. A light supper will be served starting at 5:15. Invite your friends and get ready to DIG IN to the Bible! More information available at epclongview.org/connect/children or click the Button on the home page.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Ages PK4-5th grade—Teach Me to Worship-Gather in Rm 105
Parents—please "sign-in" your children at Room 105
 · Toddlers 2's & 3's—Play-n-Worship—Room 2
 · Infants & Babies—birth-24 months—Room 1
 · Junior High—Room 108
 · Senior High—Room 109

LIFE GROUPS— We have a place for you! More information in the foyer and The Good News. Also you can email Doug, Shelley or Mary LeTourneau

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL · *The Gospel Project* in Room 106 led by Leonard Wiley will engage in a narrative sweep of the entire Bible.
 · *Christian Thought* in Room 104 led by Larry Frazier— Study will explore topics drawn from the Bible and Christian Life.
 · *Faith in Life* in Room 107 led by Shelley Kral will dig into the book of Proverbs.

NURSERY :
Sunday, Sept 23 —
 Infants: Bonnie Howell & Volunteer
 Toddlers: Allie Maher & Leslie Carlile
Sunday, Sept 30 —
 Infants: Mary LeTourneau & Victoria Ratliff
 Toddlers: Sarah Harder & Jim Brun

USHERS & GREETERS:
 Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum
 September Head Usher: William McCluskey
September 23: Rick Poland, William McCluskey,
 Tres Bainter, ET Testerman
September 30: Buck Birdsong, Keith Moyes,
 Bill and Beth Franklin

SAFETY TEAM:
Sept 23: Jim Brun & Jason Hunt
Sept 30: Bill Bagley & Wil White

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you! Go to longviewepc.org for most info.
Prayer Ministry: Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing prayerteam@epclongview.org or by using the cards located in the friendship folders in your pew. Monthly prayer calendars are located in the foyer.
Tithes and Offerings are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, The website Serve/Giving tab also offers a credit/debit card option.
 New giving option: **TEXT 903-484-1002** for credit/debit cards follow the prompts or call 903.234.0032 and we will help.
Sermons and bulletins: Available on the website
Parents and kids: Don't forget the special activity bags in the foyer just for you! Each week there will be something new and special in them to help you learn more about God and have fun.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 7— First Sunday Worship Service with Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Potluck - (no Sunday classes that day).

HURRICANE FLORENCE EMERGENCY RELIEF: The EPC has launched an emergency relief fund to help churches in the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. To donate online, go to www.epc.org/emergencyrelief.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

- Today: Youth Fellowship—5:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays: EPC KidMin—Dig In! — 5:15 p.m.
 Confirmation Class—5:30 p.m.
 Choir rehearsal — 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Bible Studies
- Thursdays: Praise Team rehearsal—@ 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Save these Dates!

- Potluck—October 7
- New Member Class—October 7
- Family Movie Night—October 14
- Lunch Bunch—October 24
- Pumpkin Stomp—October 27

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18
 Ginia Northcutt '18
 Kathie Ramey '18
 Michael McMahan '19
 Matt Yost '19
 Jim Brun '20
 Kerri Daugbjerg '20
 Eric Skoog '20

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