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# LONGVIEW EPC

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

PRELUDE

Believe for It

Praise Team

WELCOME

Doug Ashley

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Everlasting God  
Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Shelley Kral

"It's Complicated: Sovereignty or Superstition?"  
1 Samuel 4-7

SONG OF WORSHIP

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

THE LORD AT WORK

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**Why Confession and Assurance?** Because Christians aren't perfect. In worship we confess our sins in order to remind us that, even though we have a relationship with Jesus that has set us right with God, we still struggle with doubt, unbelief, disobedience, hypocrisy, and rebelliousness. Jesus is without fault. We are guilty. Jesus is faithful. We are rebellious. Everything Jesus does is perfect. We are far from perfect. This is why we will never tire of confessing our sin and appreciating again our ability to rest on God's grace alone. We need to continually acknowledge that, because of our imperfection, apart from Jesus Christ, we have no hope to be the people God's holy character requires, we have no hope to be the people our love for God desires. But with Jesus, all of that changes. So confession and assurance in worship will come in many forms. Sometimes it will be explicit. Sometimes it will be in a song or prayer. But because of who God is and our desire to rejoice in all we have in Christ, we must do it.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

Congregational Meeting following  
Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, September 29

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. KidMin!

6:00 p.m. Praise Team

6:30 p.m. Choir

Youth Bible Studies

### **Congregational Meeting Today:**

The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service today for the purpose of recommending changes to our current leadership structure.

Please have all of your children with you for the meeting so all nursery workers can participate as well. You are welcome to use the Postlude time to pick up your children from the nursery.

Sunday, October 3

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

10:45 a.m. Fellowship Lunch

4:00 p.m. Children's Musical Audition & First Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, October 6

12:00 p.m. Prayer Team

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. KidMin!

6:00 p.m. Praise Team

6:30 p.m. Choir

Youth Bible Studies

Sunday, October 10

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

5:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Meeting

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