



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

We are a faith family walking together to know Christ and to make him known by engaging in dynamic worship, pursuing spiritual wisdom, investing in deep relationships, and affecting social renewal.

APRIL 22, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

When the Stars Burn Down (Blessing and Honor)

Jennie Lee Riddle, Jonathan Lee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: Friends, why are you here?

People: We are here to remember our one hope.

Pastor: What is that hope?

People: That there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Pastor: What does that mean?

People: It means there is one body and one Spirit. All who belong to Jesus by faith are united in him and will walk in a manner worthy of their calling: with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Pastor: Let us worship God!

**Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour,
The Hope of Nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures;
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see;
We're singing, for the glory of the risen King.

Welcome!

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

Please sign the attendance register located at the end of each pew.

Worship throughout the week.

Worship isn't something we merely do on Sundays. In fact, Scripture speaks of it as a way of life (Romans 12:1). Therefore we can view corporate worship as a springboard for weekly worship. Allow your Sundays to set the pace and tone of the rest of your week. Take your orders of worship home. Take sermon notes and bring them to regular attention throughout the week. Look up songs and hymns online and meditate on them. Re-read the passages of Scripture read in worship. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open up your heart to these and other ways you can worship this week!

Why have children in the sanctuary for the entire worship service? Our children are members of the covenant community (the church) so it is appropriate for them to be included in this primary activity of covenant worship (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 10:24-25). As they are, they will be present in the midst of Christians of all ages and see that it isn't their parents alone who believe, who alone worship through singing, prayer, sacraments and listening to God's word; but that there is a wonderful gathering of all kinds of people who meet week after week for this central activity. Likewise it counters the fragmenting of families so prevalent in our culture that separates us by age and robs us of intergenerational teaching. How many of us at one time or another have learned more from a child than an adult, or understood the children's lesson better than the sermon? Finally, having children in worship prepares them for the rhythms of church life, so as they grow older they can participate more freely because they understand the 'language' being spoken.

**Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness;
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made This heart adore You;
Hope of a life spent with You.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy;
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted;
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created;
All for love's sake, became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

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MORNING PRAYER

Shelley Kral

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Show Us Christ*

Prepare our hearts, O God.
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground.
Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us.
Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear.
Lead us in Your truth.

Show us Christ. Show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word.
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord!

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SERMON LESSON

John 17:20-26; Colossians 3:12-15

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Deep Relationships: Knowing One Another”

Beautiful Things

Lisa and Michael Gungor

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Doug Ashley

**The Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Let Us Be Known By Our Love*

Let us be known by our love.
In every word, in every deed, honor the Son.
Let our light shine in every eye.
Let us be known by our love.

For the glory of the Father.
For the glory of the Son.
For the glory of the Spirit.
Let us be known by our love. (joy, peace)

Let us be known by our joy,
In every home, in every heart, sing to the Lord.
Let our life show goodness and hope.
Let us be known by our joy.

Let us be known by our peace.
In every town, in every tribe, Jesus is king.
Let us go forth; heal and restore.
Let us be known by our peace.

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*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

What is going on during the sermon? We are being formed! The very act of listening to a sermon shapes us. In a postmodern American society that prizes radical equality (everyone's the same), the relativity of truth (everyone's beliefs are equally valid), and suspicion of power (I can't trust people in authority), we need to realize just how subversive and shaping it is for us to sit and listen to a sermon. When we sit, our posture is saying, "I'm submitting myself to the authority of the Bible." When we listen to preaching with teachable hearts, we are saying, "I'm looking to something outside myself to tell me what is true and inform my life." The very act of listening to a sermon makes us a counter-cultural people who begin to doubt some of the above-mentioned assumptions about the world. We become a people who look to God—not ourselves—to inform us, grow us, lead us, and equip us. Now we can see that it's not only the content but the very action of listening to a sermon that shapes us into who God wants us to be.

CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR DOUG TODAY:

Let's talk about who we are and where we are going as a church family. *Limited to the first 10 people who arrive this morning*, today's meeting is in room 104 at 11:00. There will be no meeting on the 29th but you may also schedule a meeting during the next week. Click the link in the Good News to sign up electronically or call the office at (903) 234-0032 and we will save you a spot.

RECEPTION LUNCH FOR REV. BEAU SULLIVAN & FAMILY, NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Join us to celebrate Beau and his family! Our fellowship team will provide a special meal of brisket and sausage for this potluck style lunch. We need some salads, side dishes and a few desserts (may-be some of Beau's favorites!). Please make this farewell reception a time of loving remembrance the Sullivans will cherish.

YOUTH SUNDAY AND SENIOR BANQUET: Sunday, May 6 is our annual Youth Sunday when we will be led by the youth of our church in worship. During our Senior Convocation, we will be honoring graduating high school seniors. **Reservations for lunch are requested** and can be made on the attendance register, by calling the church office at (903) 234-0032, or emailing info@epclongview.org. We are requesting a \$5 donation per person with a family max of \$20 (children 5 and under eat free). Graduating seniors and their families are our honored guests.

INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH: The Search Committee members are Chairman Jim Brun (Elder), Ellen Adams (Worship Team), Gordon Northcutt (Choir), Lisca Van Zyl (Choir), and Jim Taylor (congregation at large). Please see the church website for job description. Resumes will be accepted through April 30.

"SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS" VBS JUNE 11-15 At "Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus" VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. "Shipwrecked" is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life! Plus, we will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life! All children ages 3 (fully potty-trained, please) through 5th grade, please join us for this fun-filled week of learning more about how God rescues us!

GRATEFUL FOR YOU! We continue to be encouraged by what God is doing: creating a community of people committed to changing lives through his gospel. We are very thankful for your continuing prayers, service and financial commitment - the earthly fuel of this creation. Please contact Treasurer, Gordon Northcutt, if you have any questions.

3/31/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (March)	\$ 38,787	\$ 85,004	\$0	\$-46,217
Year to Date	\$160,661	\$219,528	\$0	\$-58,867

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$155,865

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, April 22 — Infants: Sarah & Victoria;

Toddlers: Tad & Mary Grace Carlisle

Sunday, April 29 — Infants: Mariana Sullivan & Victoria;

Toddlers: Terrye Hudson & Sarah

USHERS & GREETERS:

Sunday morning openers—Bob and Barbara Linthicum

April Head Usher—Dave Donaldson

Sunday, April 22 — Brian Daugbjerg family

Sunday, April 29 — Bailey & Nancy Salmon, Bill & Debbie Bankston

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, April 22 — Cliff Hale & Bill Burlingame

Sunday, April 29 — Clay Brelsford & Bill Bankston

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday, April 22:** Youth supper/fellowship
- **Wednesday, April 25:** Choir rehearsal at 6:45 pm
- **Sunday, April 29:** Farewell Reception for Sullivan family following worship
- **Wednesday, May 2:** Choir rehearsal at 6:45 pm
- **Sunday, May 6:** Youth Sunday & Senior Banquet
- **Wednesday, May 9:** Choir rehearsal at 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 12:** Men's Fellowship Dinner
- **Sunday, June 3:** Commissioning Sunday and lunch
- **June 11-15:** VBS "Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus"

"SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS" VBS VOLUNTEERS

Ahoy, Helpers! You are needed as we set sail for this year's Vacation Bible School! "Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus" will need volunteers to lead crews (hang out with some cool kids), teach Bible stories, make snacks, welcome kids at the registration table, play some amazing games, make crafts, building fun gizmos, sing, and have an amazing week! This is our church's chance to minister to around 100 kids from our own church and the surrounding community! Please contact Jenny Hubbard @ hubbardnw@yahoo.com or register under kids' ministries on our website www.epclongview.org

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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