



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Longview EPC is 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.

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GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Terry Osman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

All: Proclaim his salvation day after day.

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising! Eyes are turning to You; We turn to You.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You. We long for You.

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.

In Your presence All our fears are washed away. (Washed away)

Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us; worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Come have Your way among us. We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You. We turn to You.

In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new. You make us new.

Hosanna hosanna

Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche. Thankyou Music; Integrity's Hosanna! Music. CCLI License No. 11081661

*Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.

You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.

But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.

Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

You're a Good, Good Father.

It's who You are. It's who You are. It's who You are.

And I'm loved by You.

It's who I am. It's who I am. It's who I am.

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.

Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still.

As You call me deeper still.

As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

You are perfect in all of Your ways.

You are perfect in all of Your ways.

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

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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.

Welcome to all of you today!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

“Be Thou My Vision” is one of the most beloved ancient hymns in modern times. Not much is known about the 8th century Irish origins of the song's text and melody. What we can discern is that our ancient Irish brothers and sisters had a very holistic spirituality which this song exemplifies in expressing the desire for God to be in and around everything we do, anywhere we are. In the text God is personified as our “Vision,” the idea being that He is at the forefront of all of our thoughts and actions. Make it so, Lord Jesus, make it so!

You're a Good, Good Father.
It's who You are. It's who You are. It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You.
It's who I am. It's who I am. It's who I am.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our boast is in Christ and our hope is in you.

Forgive us, for our sins are many.
Free us, for you alone are able.
We confess our love for money.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: We confess our misuse of words.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: We confess putting our jobs above our relationships.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: We confess making excuses quicker than we offer apologies.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: We confess our pettiness, our selfishness, and our unforgiveness.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

All: *For the glory of your name, forgive and change us,
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.* (Scotty Smith, Every Season Prayers)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news:

“I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.”
(Jeremiah 33:8)

Know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven and strengthened to live a new life.

People: Thanks be to God!

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou, and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won;
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

*SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Word of God Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

Word of God speak! Would You pour down like rain?
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.
To be still and know that You're in this place.
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. (Word of God speak)

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SERMON LESSON

Psalm 121

Shelley Kral

SERMON

The Guardian's Way

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Come and Make Us Free Julie Anne Vargas and Zac Hicks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Doug Ashley

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.
What more can He say, than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not! I am with thee! Oh, be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand;
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell, should endeavor to shake;
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

*BENEDICTION

Shelley Kral

*POSTLUDE

Joy and Sorrow

**Please stand as able*

Tithes and Offerings at Longview EPC. Jesus calls us to give our 'first fruits' (the best and first of our resources - be they financial, intellectual, physical or relational) to God for his glory and the furthering of his kingdom. In so doing we live the gospel of Jesus Christ by enacting our conviction that everything we have is a gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14) and that he will take care of all our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Regarding financial giving, we practice in congruence with scriptures such as 2 Kings 12:9 and Matthew 12:41 where tithes and offerings were collected in boxes as people came and went from the temple. Longview EPC collects tithes and offerings in the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking a monetary offering during the worship service is in hopes of enabling visitors exploring the Christian faith to be present at worship without feeling obligated to contribute monetarily. Also, it reminds believers that giving is an extension of worship that may occur any day of the week and through a variety of means. **Parents**, we encourage you to discuss the importance of monetary giving with your children and provide them with repeated opportunities to either place your family offering in one of the boxes, or join you at the computer if you use the electronic giving option. Electronic giving is available at <http://www.epclongview.org/serve/giving>.

Are tithes and offerings the same thing? No. Scripture teaches that tithing is a means of teaching us to put God first in our lives, trusting that He will take care of all of our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Generally, a tithe (which literally means 'tenth' or 'ten percent') is the first ten percent of a person or family's income given to the all-purpose work of the Lord. An offering is financial giving above the tithe to a specific cause. An example of an offering received at Longview EPC is the **Mercy Fund**. This fund was established in response to Scriptures such as Galatians 6:10 which says: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (See also Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 5:3,16). This fund enables us to come alongside a brother or sister who is facing significant hardship by providing confidential financial assistance for short-term, emergency situations or unforeseen circumstances that may require long-term assistance. Designated donations to this fund may be made at any time. To apply for funds contact a Pastor or a Ruling Elder.

SUMMER...TIME! One of the best parts of the summer is TIME. With school being out and vacations being taken, summer is the prime time for TIME. Time with friends, time with family, time to relax, time to play, time to simply *be*. In that spirit, this summer we are inviting our faith family and friends to take time to *be* together. Instead of offering summer school lessons, we are offering Summer...TIME! Take the time after worship to gather in Trinity Hall and enjoy coffee and snacks and visit with old friends and make new friends. Spend a half hour as families, catching up and reaching out. Use the time to plan get-togethers with people you know, people you want to know better, and people you don't know at all! Invite someone to lunch, offer to make someone dinner, ask people to come along with your family to the movies. We are providing this TIME to help you make TIME for others. Who knows what the Lord will do as we make ourselves available to one another!

THANK-YOU RECEPTION FOR EMILY HOLLOWAY

Please join us today in Trinity Hall following the worship service to thank Emily Holloway for her service as our Children's Director. Please stay for refreshments and fellowship.

VBS JUNE 11-15

Monday through Friday mornings of this coming week, we will be conducting VBS 2018 as 90 children participate in "Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus"! Please pray for these children as well as the many adults who will be in leadership led by Jenny Hubbard as they all play, sing, and learn more about God.

There will be one final day of preparation today following the reception to create the stage for the week!

PLEASE PRAY FOR VBS

Luke 18:16-17 (ESV): *But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."*

We want to pray for all the parents and volunteers who will be serving God's children. Pray that God will bless all the parents who will serve their children by taking the time out of their busy schedules to bring them to VBS. Also pray that God will grant a special measure of power, love, wisdom, and grace to all of our volunteers as they strive to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to glorify His holy name.

PARENTS AND KIDS

We have 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!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, June 10 — Infants: Chad & Liz Johnson;

Toddlers: Rob & Emily Holloway & Noe Nelson

Sunday, June 17 — Infants: Kathie Ramey & Melissa

Hudson; Toddlers: Leslie Carlile & Noe Nelson

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

June 10 — Buck Otis & Chad Johnson

June 17 — Jon Kral & Brian Daugbjerg

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers—Bob & Barbara Linthicum

June Head Usher—Clay Brelsford

June 10 — Dave & Melanie Donaldson, Cindy & Clay Brelsford

June 17 — Brian Daugbjerg family

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Monday, June 11 - Friday, June 15:** VBS
- **Monday, June 18:** Summer office hours begin (Mondays, 9-1; Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9-4; Fridays, 9-1)
- **Sunday, July 1:** Communion and 1st Sunday potluck lunch

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18
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