



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.

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GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Rescuer Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler, Rend Collective

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Praise God, everybody!

Applaud God, all people!

**People: His love has taken over our lives;
God's faithful ways are eternal.**

All: Hallelujah! (Ps 117:1-2)

**May the Peoples Praise You*

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.

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

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

All the earth is Yours and all within. Each harvest is Your own.
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name.
To every nation tribe and tongue Your church proclaims;

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.

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**Glory to God Forever*

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be;
You were the King of kings, yeah You were, yeah You were.
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things.
Angels and saints cry out we join them as we sing.

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God forever!
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Creator God, You gave me breath so I could praise Your great and matchless name
all my days, all my days.
So let my whole life be a blazing offering; a life that shouts and sings
the greatness of our King.

Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory! Take my life and let it be Yours!
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Glory to God Forever by Steve Fee, Vicky Beeching. Sixsteps Songs. Used by permission CCLI #11081661

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 would be happy to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Why Sing? Worship is active, not passive; meaning the people up front are not "on stage" and people in the pews are not "the audience". Musicians are not singing to us, or for us. They lead as we all sing to God and for one another. We believe music of the church is a means by which we tell the world (and remind ourselves) of the great gospel of Christ in all its richness. We sing for God's glory and for each other's benefit. You may feel not singing, or singing softly, saves your neighbor from hearing to your less than stellar voice; but the opposite is true. It deprives your neighbor of the beauty of corporate worship; together making a joyful noise unto the Lord. So, may we invite you this morning to set your self-consciousness aside, bless your neighbor, and SING!

MORNING PRAYER

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, let this blest assurance control;
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious tho't; my sin not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight; the clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend! Even so, it is well with my soul.

PROCLAIMING

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.

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SERMON LESSON

Psalm 124

Elder Daniel Bond

SERMON

"Help"

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

Heavenly Father, forgive us for failing to love you as you deserve to be loved; for living lives marked more by busyness than kindness; for fueling resentment rather than forgiving offenses; for pampering ourselves while ignoring the poor. We offer our confession, trusting in Jesus' finished work and your promise of grace. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

Rescue Me

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Shelley Kral

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

Eye of the Storm

In the eye of the storm You remain in control.
And in the middle of the war You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.

When my hopes and dreams are far from me and I'm running out of faith,
I see the future I pictured slowly fade away.
And when the tears of pain and heartache are fallin' down my face,
I find my peace in Jesus' name.

"Eye of the Storm" by Bryan Fowler and Ryan Stevenson. © 2015 Moodswing Music

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

Missionary Dan Smith (see side bar)

**Let Your Kingdom Come*

Your glorious cause O God engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us, so we pray, "Your kingdom come!"

Let Your kingdom come! Let Your will be done,
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
'Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done; let Your kingdom come!

Give us Your strength O God; and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord use us as You want; whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel 'till our dying breath.

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

The God Who Is on Our Side

**Please stand as able*

**Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City

Welcome Dan Smith, Brittany, Jonah, and Penelope! During "The Lord at Work" portion of our worship service, we highlight some of the ways we see God working through our faith family to draw people nearer to him. This morning we will hear from Dan Smith, Director of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at the University of Arizona in Tucson, about how God is using RUF to minister to students on the campus as well as to the university itself.

FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PATRIOTIC POTLUCK: Today we worship with the Lord's Supper and then adjourn to Trinity Hall for a Patriotic Potluck Luncheon immediately following worship service. All are welcome to join!

SUMMER...TIME BEGINS AGAIN JULY 8! 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*. This summer we invite all in our faith family to simply *be together*. Gather in the foyer and enjoy coffee and snacks and visit with old friends and make new friends. 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! Who knows what the Lord will do as we make ourselves available to one another!

OUR LITTLEST ONES NEED YOU! Our nursery and toddler rooms are a wonderful way to serve the youngest in our faith family. During the summer with so many people traveling, there are lots of spots available to volunteer on Sunday mornings. If you are available, especially in July or August, please contact Jenny Bond (903-736-5353 or jennyb@epclongview.org) and plan to spend about an hour serving our sweet little ones.

LONGVIEW COMMUNITY MINISTRIES' FOODBOX NEEDS CEREAL: The Foodbox at LCM is in need of boxes or bags of cereal (any size but preferably large) as they are running low and this is a staple item for their distribution. Please take your donations to the LCM offices at 506 N. 2nd Street or you may bring them to our church office.

NEWGATE MISSION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

- The 3rd Saturday of each month serving breakfast for Newgate's 60-70 clients (biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, and milk) from 7-9:30 a.m.
- Lunch servers are needed at 11:30 a.m. on 3rd and 5th Tuesdays.

Thank you to those faithful volunteers who have willingly cared for and staffed these ministries. We are in need of additional help. Please contact the church office if you are available or have any questions.

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!

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are beginning to collect and update information in our church directory. If you would like to submit a different photo or make changes to your information, please send any updated photos, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc. to info@epclongview.org.

"BLESSINGS" TO WARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: We have the honor of providing weekend meals for children in need at Ware. Only \$80 will provide one child with nine non-perishable food items for each weekend of the 2018-19 school year. If you are willing to sponsor one (or more) children, please send your donation to Longview EPC by August 12 and write "Blessings" in the memo line. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Terrye Hudson at tmhud5@yahoo.com

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, July 1 — Infants: Suzi White & Melissa Hudson; Toddlers: Larry & Carrie Northcutt & Noe Nelson
Sunday, July 8 — Infants: Mary LeTourneau & Melissa Hudson; Toddlers: Noe Nelson & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers—Bob & Barbara Linthicum
July Head Usher—William McCluskey
July 1 — Keith Moyes, Rick Poland, ET Testerman, Karen Harris
July 8 — Tres Bainter, Shane Best, William McCluskey, Karen Harris

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

July 1 — Keith Moyes & Bill Bagley
July 8 — Jason Hunt & Jim Brun

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS HAVE BEGUN:

Mondays, 9-1; Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9-4; Fridays, 9-1

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July 4:** Church Offices Closed for Independence Day
- **July 11:** Next Youth Movie Night
- **July 19-22:** Jr High Mission Trip to Lake Jackson, TX

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18
Ginia Northcutt '18
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