



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

Trading My Sorrows

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Leader: Come before him with joyful songs.

People: We know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

People: We give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever!

All: His faithfulness continues through all generations!

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee/ No, Not One*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee; God of glory, Lord of love.

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness. Drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee. Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.

Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise!

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus; no not one, no not one.

None else could heal all our soul's diseases; no not one, no not one

Jesus knows all about our struggles. He will guide till the day is done.

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus; no not one, no not one.

There's not an hour that He is not near us; no not one, no not one.

No night so dark but His love can cheer us; no not one, no not one.

Jesus knows all about our struggles. He will guide till the day is done.

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus; no not one, no not one.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began.

Father Love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life!

Welcome!

May each person who enters through our church doors this morning find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together. Welcome to all of you today!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." For years prior to 1907, church musicians had unsuccessfully attempted to add words to the amazing "Hymn to Joy" in Beethoven's 9th symphony. Words had never quite matched the piece's magnificence. Presbyterian minister Dr. Henry van Dyke—preacher, poet, professor, and diplomat—broke the spell with the text of the hymn we sing today. If you pay attention to the words in the hymn, you'll notice van Dyke's attempt to describe the ongoing worship of God's creation to which humanity is called to unite themselves: "Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began!"

What is going on during the sermon? We are being formed! The very act of listening to a sermon shapes us. In a post-modern 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you made us for your glory, redeemed us by your Son, and sealed us with your Spirit. Therefore we joyfully confess Jesus as our righteousness, and we humbly confess our sins as our foolishness.

*Forgive us for sinning against you in how we think, what we say and what we do:
for living for the approval of men more than for the glory of your name;
for ignoring the convicting work of your Spirit and for heeding the seductive voice of our lusts.*

for acting out of ingratitude, discontent and demandingness.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:5-7)

Leader: Friends, believe this gospel!

People: *We live in the sure hope of God's promise!*

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful name it is!
What a beautiful name it is; the name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares to this!
What a beautiful name it is; the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us. So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is!
What a wonderful name it is; the name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful name it is. Nothing compares to this!
What a wonderful name it is; the name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory;
For You are raised to life again.
You have no rival. You have no equal. Now and forever, God You reign.
Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the glory. Yours is the name above all names!

What a powerful name it is!
What a powerful name it is; the name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful name it is. Nothing can stand against!
What a powerful name it is; the name of Jesus.

What a powerful name it is; the name of Jesus.
What a powerful name it is; the name of Jesus.

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PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

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 126

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“The Way Restored”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Joy of the Lord

Ed Cash/Rend Collective

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Facing a Task Unfinished*

Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees;
A need that undiminished rebukes our slothful ease.
We who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway,
Where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today;
With none to heed their crying for life and love and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.

We go to all the world with (His) kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ The Lord.

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission; the same glad message ours.
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee, we yield our powers.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The Source of Joy

**Please stand as able*

What are we supposed to do during the benediction? Receive the Lord's blessing! To aid with this, throughout the centuries some have lifted their heads and held their hands out, palms up. We lift our heads as a symbol that God does not leave us wallowing in our sin, but through Christ, he graciously lifts our head to look upon him as a friend once again, that we might receive His blessing rather than His righteous curse. We lift our hands to symbolize our need and eagerness to receive God's blessing.

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!

SUMMER...TIME CONTINUES TODAY! 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 cooking and serving breakfast for Newgate's 60-70 clients (provided from our church budget - 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.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Save the Date: Sunday, August 5th in Trinity Hall for Fun, Food, & Fellowship! More to come!

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 15 — Infants: Lizelle Fourie & volunteer needed; Toddlers: Noe Nelson & Karen Yost
Sunday, July 22 — Infants: Jenny Bond & volunteer needed; Toddlers: Noe Nelson & Kerri Daugbjerg

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers—Bob & Barbara Linthicum
July Head Usher—William McCluskey
July 15 — Dave & Melanie Donaldson, Buck & Becky Birdsong
July 22 — Wil & Suzi White, E T Testerman, Brian Daugbjerg

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

July 15 — Bill Burlingame & Dave Donaldson
July 22 — Nico Fourie & Wil White

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July 18:** 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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Jim Brun '20
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