

Pastor *Opportunity*



ONE HOPE
Presbyterian Church

Church Profile

In the spring of 2011, three Longview families began meeting in homes to read Scripture, pray, and discern their next steps, all longing for a church that was reformed, relational, missional, and liturgical. By the end of that spring, they were joined by other families seeking the same. In 2012, this group of families became a mission church of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church—One Hope Presbyterian Church.

One Hope soon outgrew meeting in homes and began renting spaces to accommodate the expanding congregation. For years, a bi-vocational pastor together with volunteers led the church in worship and ministry, a history that continues to shape our culture. Two of the founding elders were professors of biblical studies at nearby LeTourneau University, one of whom served as our first pastor. Many students, faculty, and alumni attend and are members. As One Hope continued to grow under bi-vocational and a provisional pastorship, we felt the need for greater stability. In 2020, One Hope acquired a church building in South Longview, and the following year, we called Craig Vanbiber as our Lead Pastor. After serving faithfully as a beloved part of our family, Craig retired from full-time ministry in 2025.

Today, One Hope continues to grow, filling our church building on Sundays with an energetic, youthful, and engaged congregation. We remain anchored in Ephesians 4, from which we derive our name, One Hope—a name that orients us to a vision of the good life. The name reminds us that we have but one hope, Jesus Christ—His mission and means for accomplishing that mission. His body gathers at One Hope to declare and to bear witness to that one hope, the transnational, multi-cultural, multi-generational Lordship of Jesus Christ, who by the Spirit is transforming us into a body of believers called to build one another up to love and invited to participate in Christ's ongoing mission of reconciling all things to God.

One Hope Timeline

2011

Several families begin worshipping in homes

2013

Becomes a particular EPC Church under Dr. Kelly Liebengood

2021

Calls Craig Vanbiber as full-time Teaching Elder

2012

One Hope becomes a mission church under Grace EPC, Lawrence, KS

2020

Acquires a church building (former Lutheran church)

2025

Craig Vanbiber retires

Foundational *Values*

ONE HOPE IS RELATIONAL

Although Christian doctrine can be summarized in creeds and confessions, following Jesus is not data or information or beliefs. Fundamentally, Christianity is about being in relationship—relationship with God and relationship with other people. One Hope Presbyterian is a place where people connect to God through worship and sharing the sacraments and connect to each other through fellowship, sharing of resources, and strengthening families. In this way, we are a reconstituted family seeking to orient ourselves to God and to each other, rather than to our individual selves.

ONE HOPE IS CONFSSIONAL

We affirm the historic, orthodox Christian faith as revealed in Scripture and summarized in the Nicene Creed. The historic protestant reformed confessions and catechisms of the church (like the Westminster Confession of Faith and catechisms), while subordinate to the Bible, set forth our understanding of biblical truth in a concise and reliable form.

ONE HOPE IS MISSIONAL

As a community of Jesus followers, we are called to join in God's mission in Longview, Texas, and the world. God's mission (or *Missio Dei*) as revealed in scripture is to redeem and restore the world through the advancement of the gospel. When people encounter Jesus, alive and ruling as king, they catch a glimpse of His coming kingdom of heaven. This mission infuses the entire life of a believer. So every believer is to be an agent for the kingdom of God and to carry that mission into every sphere of life.

ONE HOPE IS LITURGICAL

Liturgy is what God's people do when they assemble to worship God as one body. By following both a historic liturgy and the liturgical calendar, One Hope's worship follows a historical pattern of Christian worship that connects believers across the ages and around the world. Because worship is where God meets His covenant people (not just individuals), we pray together, sing together, confess our aspirations and shortcomings together, and share the Lord's Table together. By following this pattern on Sunday, we seek to shape our affections the other six days of the week.



One Hope Distinctives

COMMUNITY OVER PROGRAMMING

Hospitality and community are One Hope's superpowers. We prioritize shared life together. Because many of us are transplants without a local extended family, deep relationships are fostered from mutual dependence and support rather than programming. This has produced a "Bonhoeffer-style" life together where members genuinely function as family.

INCARNATIONAL APPROACH

We do not run a missions program as one ministry among many but rather see the Church as God's mission-people who are meant to be discipled and sent out, to engage incarnationally in their spheres of life, to bless, listen, witness faithfully, and practice radical hospitality. Ministry is shared by and among church members rather than by staff. Our midweek gatherings are called *Missio Dei* to emphasize that our good works are a way of participating in God's redeeming mission for the world, through His authority on earth—the church.

ORIENTATION TO CHRIST'S WORK

One Hope does not have a mission or a vision statement. Instead, we aspire to join Christ in His vision and mission—passed down to us through the witness of the Scriptures and made known to us by the illuminating work of the Holy Spirit. Through our liturgy and weekly Eucharist, we orient ourselves to participating in His mission and vision each Sunday. Each week, with the aid of the Christian calendar (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, the Ascension, and Ordinary Time), we retell the story of Jesus and seek to more deeply inhabit His way of telling time.

THEOLOGICAL DEPTH AND DIVERSITY

Our congregation is relatively educated and biblically literate, and our informal relationship with LeTourneau University enriches us with gifts in academic biblical studies and theology. At the same time, we frequently reference the motto adopted by the EPC: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." Members come from diverse denominational backgrounds and hold different doctrinal commitments, but we joyfully unite in valuing worship of God together and displaying Christ-like love to one another.



By The Numbers

Active Ministries



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- Nursery
- Bible Explorers
- Middle School/Confirmation
- High School



ADULT MINISTRIES

- College
- Women's Bible Study
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Bible Study
- Men's Ministry



CARE MINISTRIES

- Member Care
- Benevolence Team



WORSHIP MINISTRIES

- Music Teams
- Tech Team
- Preaching Huddle



130 Church Members

50 Family Units

195 Weekly Worship Attendance

Missio Dei (Wednesday) Attendance

50 Adults

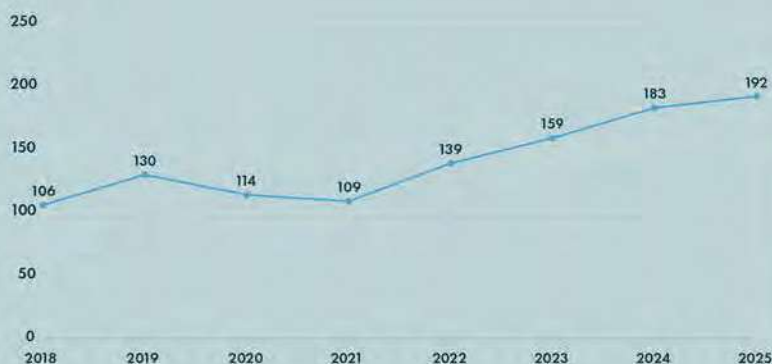
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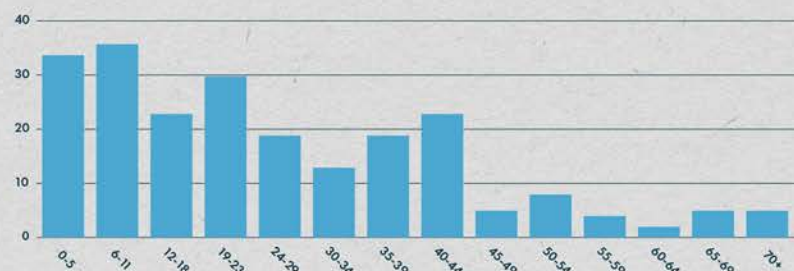
3 Active Elders

6 Active Deacons

Average Weekly Attendance



Ages of Members & Regular Attenders



Pastor Profile



One Hope Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time pastor to shepherd the congregation.

We seek a pastor marked chiefly by contagious trust in and devotion to the Triune God, expressed in a daily walk with God in Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The pastor's ministry at One Hope will flow from his private, vibrant practice of spiritual disciplines such as prayer. He will shepherd the congregation with the humility of one under Christ's authority and the confidence of one who recognizes God's gifts and calling.

We hope for a shepherd who demonstrates exceptional leadership, identifying, developing, and maximizing the congregation's gifts, raising up other leaders, and providing the administrative aptitude to advance the church's mission. One Hope cultivates deep congregational participation, including preaching, teaching children, ministering to others, and serving as elders and deacons. The church needs clear Spirit-directed, body-informed leadership to facilitate, organize, and enhance the gifts present in the congregation, working alongside the elders and deacons to maximize its gifts and strengths.

Our next pastor will be equipped to proclaim the Gospel and teach Scripture with skill, depth, and fidelity. He will take joy in Scripture as he partners with and equips others in the congregation to minister the word. Under the EPC's umbrella and historical Christian orthodoxy, the pastor should be equipped and enthusiastic to shepherd congregants from a range of Christian backgrounds and multiple theological perspectives.

Our body's relational orientation calls for a pastor who is deeply relational and compassionate, helping its people to connect well with one another and continuing to cultivate an atmosphere of connection in which every church member is seen and cared for with love. As we grow, we recognize that no pastor can maintain meaningful personal connection with all congregants; nevertheless, we seek a shepherd who values life together as we do and seeks to foster those connections. Pastoral presence (doing life together) matters more to our congregants than pulpit performance. We hope for a leader who can also continue to help us reach our community in love and care, cultivating partnerships and opportunities for relationships with our neighbors.



Pastor Responsibilities

In partnership with the Session of One Hope Presbyterian Church, the pastor will:

Cultivate a personal relationship with God that evidences attentiveness to His word, mission, and work within and through His church.

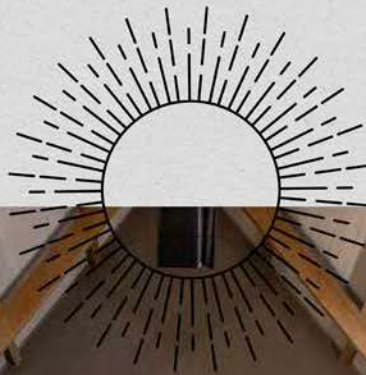
Orient the church to active participation in the life and mission of God by equipping the church to discern and attend to God's call.

Encourage the growth of the members of One Hope Presbyterian through discipleship, fellowship, education and formation.

Provide and oversee proactive pastoral care through spiritual direction, hospitality, visitation, counsel, and response to crisis situations.

Oversee the planning and leadership of worship services.

Oversee the administration of the church, lead the Session of the church, and serve as an active member of the Presbytery and EPC General Assembly.



Living in Longview: City Profile

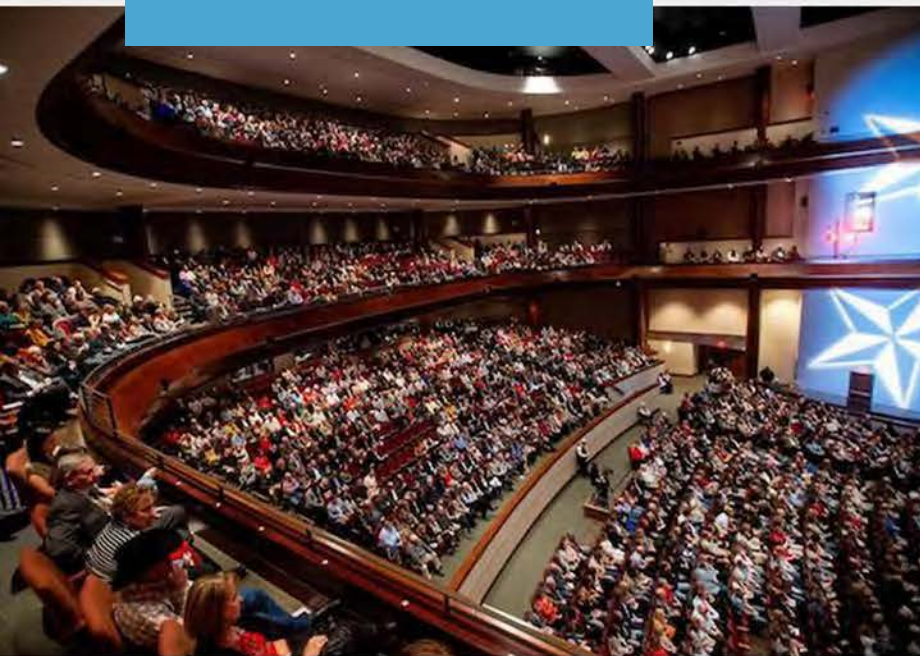
Longview is a friendly, welcoming city in East Texas with a city population of about 82,000 and a metro area of 218,000. Set amid the “Piney Woods,” of Texas’ most picturesque natural region, Longview is a regional hub for outdoor recreation and leisure travel, and it is known for its year-round calendar of charming festivals, its growing mix of fine and quirky dining, and its revitalized historic downtown.



Known as a family-friendly town, Longview boasts children’s theater, arts, sports, and related organizations, numerous parks, affordable cost of living, A-rated public schools, several private schools, and a robust homeschooling community.



Ten miles of connected, maintained greenways enhance recreation opportunities, as do nearby lakes and woodlands. Longview contains a recognized cultural arts district that includes facilities and performing venues, including the S.E. Belcher Jr. Chapel and Performance Center at LeTourneau University.



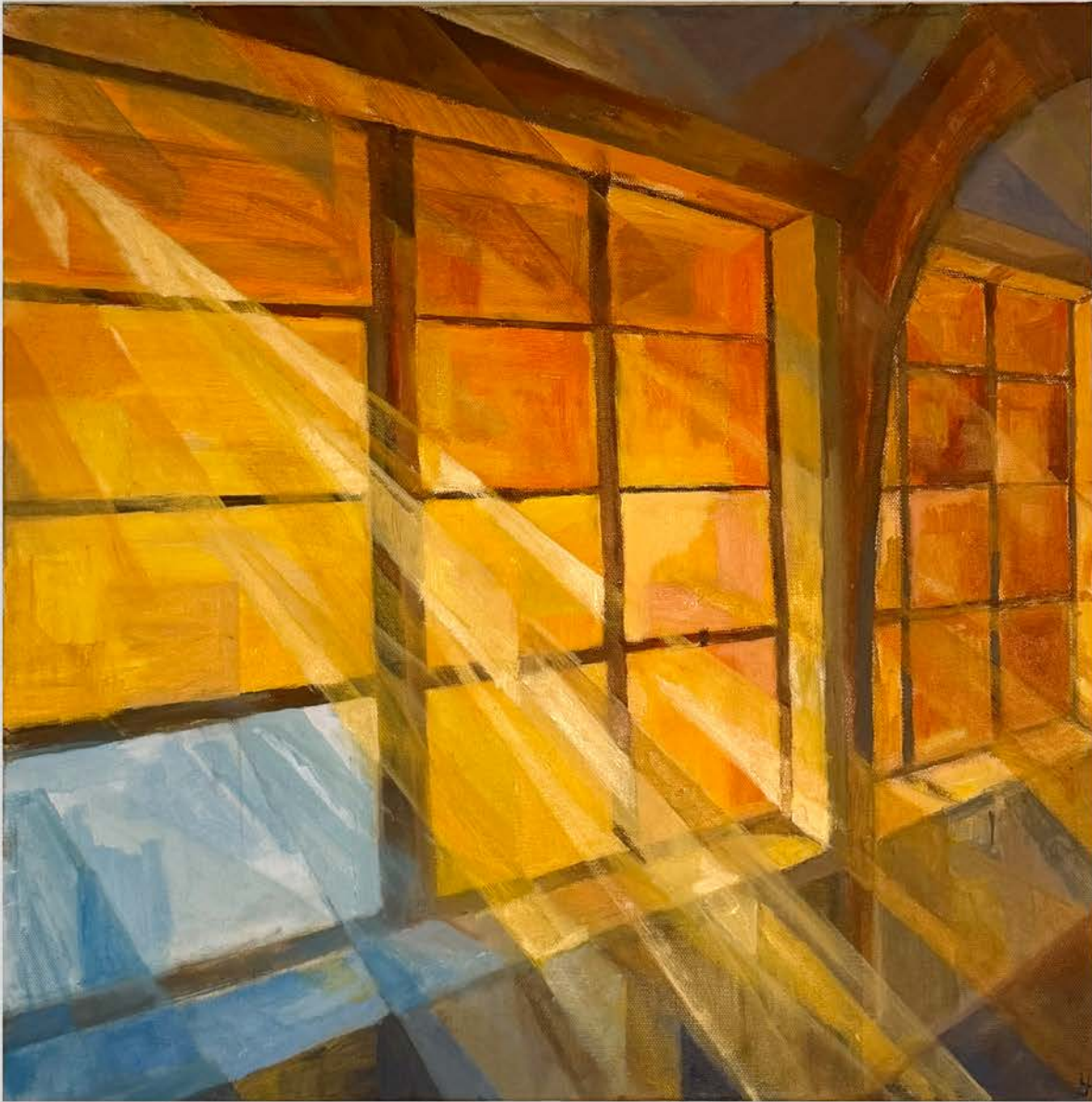
Located along Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 80, Longview is served by its own commercial airport and is one hour from Shreveport, Louisiana and Tyler, Texas, two hours from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and three hours from Houston.



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