TIME OF PREPARATION

“Loving God, as I embark on the adventure of this new day, I will imagine you as my mother or father, teaching me to walk with cords of human kindness and love, a tether as you guide me along. Therefore I will not fear failure or worry that I will not have enough time or goods should I give a little to those in need.”

— Prayer of the Day, Feasting on the Word

GATHERING MUSIC

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (songbook #1)
“Be Thou My Vision” (songbook #2)
“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” (songbook #3)

IN THE LORD
Slane
SHOWALTER

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Western PA Diaper Bank
Mary Alice Lightle
on behalf of Presbyterian Women

* SHARING GOD’S GOOD NEWS

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell of the Lord, who has redeemed them from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and west, from the north and south.
People: When they cried to the Lord in their trouble, God delivered them from distress and led them by a straight way.
Leader: O thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love, for the thirsty are satisfied and the hungry are filled with good things.
People: Let us worship God together!

* HYMN

“God Is Calling Through the Whisper” (songbook #4)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith” (songbook #5)

We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in the holy Word; God’s never failed us yet. O, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.
We’ve come this far by faith.

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!


MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN
There is an Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance.

* HYMN “Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us” (songbook #6) Austin

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Hosea 11:1-11 The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON “Finding our Way after Going Astray” The Rev. Dr. Bush

GREETINGS FROM MALAWI Abusa Mercy Chilapula

OFFERING INVITATION
We offer our gifts in response to God’s love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Cantique de Jean Racine” Gabriel Fauré
English text by Harold Heiberg

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION Old Hundredth

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye! Send down on us the fire of thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illumining, that they may waken thy mercy to tell! O Christ, bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee. A cept the hymns we chant to thine everlasting glory and these thy gifts we return unto thee!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
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**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.  
The Lord be with you.

People: Y también contigo.  
And also with you.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.  
Lift up your hearts.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.  
We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

“Together We Serve” (songbook #7)

**Charge & Benediction**

San Anselmo

The Rev. Dr. Bush
Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE
Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: Abusa Mercy Chilapula
Andrea DeVries
Isaac, Sonia, and Annabel Degenholtz
Bill Johnson
Mary Alice Lightle
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
Chancel Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME
Following the service, please join us in the Narthex for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pam Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS
If you would like to purchase flowers for our worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x11). The cost is $50 a Sunday during the summer.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY
8:45 am .......Journey Prayer. A service that includes singing, reading of scripture and shared prayer in the style of the Journey Worship service. This time of prayer will be alternately led by Pastors Randy, Patrice and Mary Lynn. In Social Hall.

10 am ........Courtyard Summer Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and gathering music prior to the service.

Extended Session
After the Moments with the Children during the 10 am Summer service, a children’s ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.
There is only one Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance. It is available every Sunday.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP
Labyrinth Prayer Walk
A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.
Mondays, 7 am to 1 pm
Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer
Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.
Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway)
Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to listen for the still, small voice of God. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.
Open everyday

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to:

Stay after today’s service for our Fellowship Time in the Narthex. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the Reaching Out, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend a New Members and Friends Class on Sept 25 and Oct 2 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
SONG BOOK

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016 ♦ 10 AM WORSHIP

East Liberty Presbyterian Church
THE CATHEDRAL OF HOPE

116 S Highland Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
www.ELPC.church
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.
Capo 1: (D)  (G)  (D/#)  (A7)  (D)  

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,

(Bb)  (D)  (G)  (A)  

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!

(G)  (D)  (F#7)  (G)  (A)  

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

(Bm)  (D/#)  (G)  (D)  

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.
#3 — **WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

**Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,**

**lean-ing, lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and secure from all alarms; lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): “Underneath are the everlasting arms.” Their joint effort has proved very popular.

**TEXT:** Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887  
**MUSIC:** Anthony J. Showalter, 1887  
**SHOWWALTER**

10.9.10.9 with refrain
#4 — **God Is Calling Through the Whisper**

1. God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
   through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.

2. God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
   through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.

3. God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
   through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.

Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:

God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

**TEXT:** Mary Louise Bringle, 2003

**MUSIC:** Polish carol; harm. Willbur Lee, 1958

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We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,
trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God’s nev-er failed us yet.
O, can’t turn a-round, we’ve come this far by faith. 
We’ve come this far by faith.

This refrain from a longer hymn could well be understood as a black gospel reflection on several biblical passages: 2 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Samuel 7:12, and 1 Chronicles 17:16. All these texts bear witness to God’s faithfulness toward all who are engaged in the pilgrimage of faith.
1 Like a mother who has borne us, held us
2 Like a father who has taught us, grasped our
3 Though as children we have wandered, placed our
4 When we offer food and comfort, grasp our

close in her delight, fed us freely from her
hand and been our guide, lifted us and healed our
trust in power and might, left behind our brothers,
neighbor’s hand in love, tread the path of peace and

bod- y, God has called us into life.
sor- rows, God has walked with us in life.
sis- ters, God still calls us into life.
just- ice, God still walks with us in life.
#7 — TOGETHER WE SERVE

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)

Bb F Gm Dm7

1 Together we serve, united by love,
2 We seek to become a beacon of hope,
3 We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
4 Together, by grace, we witness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)

Eb Bb Cm7 Fsus F

inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)

Bb F Eb Dm

We work and we pray through sorrow and joy.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We offer a home to those who will come,
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)

Bb Eb Bb Cm F7 Bb

extending God's love to the last and the least.
until we see Christ in each person we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
remembering love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

TEXT and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon, 1996

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Welcome to Worship at ELPC!

We are thankful you have chosen to worship God this summer with us. Please note that while the location of our 10 am worship service is in the courtyard, seating is also available in the 3rd floor Music Room, and on the 3rd floor balcony overlooking the courtyard; where the service is projected onto a large screen, and the patio seating is shaded. For the safety and comfort for all worshiping, those arriving after seating in the courtyard is full will be directed to the 3rd floor for additional seating, which can be easily accessed by any staircase from the 1st floor, or by taking the elevator. Thank you!

Journey Prayer

A Journey Prayer time of sharing and gathering of the Journey worshipping community will be held each Sunday morning (through Sept 4) at 8:45 am in the Social Hall. Journey Prayer will include singing, reading of scripture and shared prayer in the style of the Journey Worship service. This time of prayer will be alternately led by Pastors Randy, Patrice and Mary Lynn. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Summer Film Series

ELPC’s Mission Board invites you to attend the final film in their 2016 Summer Film Series after this morning’s worship service in Room 234. The viewing of Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA is hosted by the Peace Committee.

Hand Fans

Keep cool while at worship this summer with the new hand fans available near each entrance to the worship area. Please leave them at the exit when worship is over.

Diaper Drive Need Does Not Take a Summer Vacation

One in three families struggles to provide diapers. If you can help with this need, please leave your gift of diapers in the church office (sizes 5 and 6 are needed most). Presbyterian Women thank you.

Feeling Crafty?

New helpers of all skill levels are always welcomed at these groups. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021; dnjcks@verizon.net).

Knitting Group — Tuesday, Aug 2, 1–3 pm, Rm 244
Toy Makers — Wednesdays, Aug 3, 17, 31, 9 am–Noon, Sewing Rm
Sewing Group — Monday, Aug 15, 2:30–6 pm, Sewing Rm

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Event — Aug 5

This summer, young adults are exploring the intersections of Christianity with other faith traditions and other cultures. Young adults are invited to express interest in a selection of summer programs by RSVPing via Facebook (or via Wil if not on Facebook). The next event will be Hebrew Chant on Friday, Aug 5 at 7 pm in our Garth. This is also a TRAIL young adult event. Please see Wil Forrest for more info.

Mission Trip Recaps — Aug 14

Join us on Sunday, Aug 14 as our youth mission trip teams share stories and pictures from their trips during worship at 10 am, and then help host Fellowship Time following the service. Youth and parents should plan to attend.

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering — Aug 14

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself. The next LGBTQ Ministry business meeting will be held on Sunday, August 14 at 11 am in Room 234. The next spiritual gathering immediately follows the business meeting, and lunch will be served. To attend or to learn more about the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

Special Worship Service to Celebrate our International Partnerships

Today’s Deacon-On-Duty

The Summer service DOD is Matt Stufft.

TODAY AT 7:00 PM

All are welcome to join us this evening at 7 pm in the Sanctuary for a worship service where we will celebrate the 25 years of partnership with the Presbyterian denominations in Blantyre Synod – Malawi and in South Sudan.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Sue Bailey, Suzanne Bennett, Jason Dauer, Mike Dillon’s sister Carol, Katelyn Haas’s friend Kathleen, Kathey Hackney’s brother Kevin, Cathie Hajdu, Jan Herzer’s friends Bob, Sharon and Francine, Ida Joiner, Sandy Kalsey, Pam Kimmel’s niece Jen, Mary Anne Kirby, Gloria Knopp, Deborah Marx’s friends Monica and Chris, Jan Pressman’s daughter Caryn, Judy Roberts, Jim and Carolyn Russ’ daughter Laura and her family, Heather Schoenewolf’s aunt Judy, Pat Valoon’s friend Kristen and Jerry and Evie Wrzosek’s daughter-in-law Jessica.

There are Prayer Boxes, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

**Committee Meetings This Week**

Membership & Outreach.............. Today, 11:15 am (Rm 244) Christian Education....Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Pastor’s Conf Rm)

**Summer Celebration of Service — Aug 18**

All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our 7th annual Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers from 6-7:30 pm on Thursday, Aug 18 in the Courtyard. Main dish and drinks will be provided, but you may bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please label any containers with your name if you want it back. No serving utensils are needed. Come for a few minutes or stay the entire time!

**Sunday Worship with Islamic Center of Pittsburgh — Aug 21**

The ELPC Mission Board has entered into a collaborative interfaith relationship of learning and friendship with the members of the local Muslim community. Many of the gatherings have been offered at the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh (ICP), where people of all faiths have been greeted with warm hospitality and a genuine desire to get to know and support one another. Now, we have an opportunity to return the same radical hospitality that we have received from our sisters and brothers at ICP.

On Sunday, Aug 21, members of ICP will join us for worship in the Courtyard and lunch in the Social Hall. Following lunch, Kelcey Sharkas, outreach coordinator at ICP, will facilitate a seminar entitled How to Be a Muslim Ally.

The Mission Board cordially invites and encourages all ELPC members and friends to offer a warm, radically hospitable welcome to our guests and to extend their Sunday at church by participating in lunch and the seminar. For more info, please see Michele Bossers or Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy.

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**In Our Community**

**Palestinian Peace Activist Events — Today, Aug 1 and 2**

For 11 years the citizens of the West Bank village of Bil’in, along with Israeli and international peace activists, have held weekly non-violent demonstrations against the Israeli separation wall and the encroachment of illegal settlements. Palestinian peace activist Iyad Burnat, head of the Bil’in Popular Committee against the Wall, is in Pittsburgh as part of a U.S. tour to describe his life in the occupied West Bank and promote his book Bil’in and the Nonviolent Resistance. Iyad will speak at 1st Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh today at 12:15 pm and at a potluck dinner at the Thomas Merton Center this afternoon at 4 pm. He will also participate in a panel discussion at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Aug 2 at Valley View Presbyterian Church.

**Volunteer to Support Local Immigrants — Aug 2**

ELPC has received a special invitation from Jewish Family and Children’s Services to attend a volunteer kick-off event for individuals interested in supporting local immigrants. Volunteer opportunities include helping immigrants complete citizenship applications, being an English conversation partner, tutoring in civics and history for the citizenship test, and helping with community events relating to citizenship. This event will be held at Rodef Shalom (4905 Fifth Ave) on Aug 2 at 7 pm.

**i SERVE**

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

New Member Host

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14). Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities.

**Save the Date**

AUGUST 28TH EVENTS

Following the 10 am worship on Sunday, Aug 28, there are three options for you to consider attending.

- The final summer Soul Food class will be held.
- Anyone interested in learning more about assisting in worship is invited to a brief informational meeting in the Chapel. Dozens of volunteers help each week to make sure our Sunday worship services are welcoming, accessible, and effective. Come learn how you can share your gifts in this way!
- An initial conversation on gun ownership and gun control will be held following worship for anyone interested in sharing their stories on this timely justice issue. Our hope is to offer a faithful and respectful dialogue that seeks to find points of commonality and consensus on a topic that is too often divisive for our community.