TIME OF PREPARATION
“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” — Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
“Adagio in E” Frank Bridge

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Wil Forrest
LGBTQ Learning and Discussion Series

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE
Leader: La paz de Cristo está con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: Y también contigo. And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP
David Carl
Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, for you are the God of our salvation.
People: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
Leader: By your strength you established the mountains.
People: You silence the roaring of the seas and the tumult of the people.
Leader: All the ends of the earth are awed by your acts.
People: You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for you.
Leader: Let us worship our awesome God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #755
“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing” Weisses Flaggen

CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Dr. Bush
No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When our transgressions overwhelm us, you forgive us. When the brokenness in the world causes us suffering, you care for us. With gratitude we trust in your mercy and we place our hope in you. By your grace, heal the wounds we have caused and the wounds that afflict us. Transform us and this whole world, that we might be a new creation, and that through us your love and justice and peace may abound.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
Leader: Sisters and brothers, the news is so good that we can scarcely believe it:
God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give
thanks to God and by the Spirit’s power, share the good news in word
and deed! Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Complete”
The lyrics to this song are projected on the Sanctuary screens, and also printed below.

Here, I am, O God. I bring this sacrifice, my open heart.
I offer up my life, I look to you, Lord.
Your love that never ends, restores me again.

So I lift my eyes to you, Lord.
In your strength will I break through, Lord.
Touch me now, let your love fall down on me.
I know your love dispels all my fears.
Through the storm I will hold on, Lord.
And by faith I will walk on, Lord.
Then I’ll see beyond my Calvary one day, and I will be complete in you. (repeat all)

I look to you, Lord. Your love that never ends, restores me again.

So I lift my eyes to you, Lord.
In your strength will I break through, Lord.
Touch me now, let your love fall down on me.
I know your love dispels all my fears.

Through the storm I will hold on, Lord.
And by faith I will walk on, Lord.
Then I’ll see beyond my Calvary one day.
And I will be complete in, I will be complete in, I will be complete — in you.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9 David Carl

Moments with Our Children The Rev. Dr. Bush

Sacrament of Baptism The Rev. Dr. Bush

Presentation of: Marcus James Karns, son of Jason and Julia Karns
Lucia Ann Iona Slate, daughter of Nico Slate and Emily Mohn-Slate

Profession of Faith Act of Baptizing

* Hymn #373 “O Day of Peace” Jerusalem


Sermon “Climate Change” The Rev. Schoenewolf

Time of Silent Reflection
Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding. (Albert Einstein)

Johannes Brahms' (1833-1897) A German Requiem (Ein Deutches Requiem) was composed between 1865 and 1868. It differs from traditional liturgical Requiems in that the text is taken from passages in the German Luther Bible instead of the Roman Catholic Requiem Mass and the text is in German instead of Latin. The work comprises seven movements and is Brahms' longest composition.

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869) was a prolific composer and virtuosic organist. He was very influential in the development of the French symphonic organ, but his compositions never gained the prominence as those of his contemporaries, such as César Franck.
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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
David Carl
Wil Forrest
Laura Ristau
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/ Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: David Bellin and Hallie Mattila
Beadle: Mike Dillon
Crucifer: Josh Bellin
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room 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 Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers today are in loving memory of Jack and Margaret Coontz, presented by Phyllis Coontz, Elaine, Josh and David Bellin.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am........Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall. O dt 30 — Sharron Boddy, seminary intern from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary preaching.

11 am...........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. O dt 30 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the Moments with the Children during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children’s ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session “Ticket” and that your child bring it with him/her to Extended Session every week.

* Young Children’s Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.
* Pre-school age children (through grade 1) — Room 151.

♦ 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 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 McKelvy Room. 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 Nov 27 and Dec 4 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
Mission Month Offering:  
Follow-up to Conversations on Gun Ownership  
Join us after the 11 am service in Room 234 as we follow-up our faithful discussion on gun ownership and control by educating ourselves on the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and local laws. We will be joined by a Zone 5 Pittsburgh police officer and Bruce Ledewitz, professor at Duquesne University School of Law. A light lunch will be served.

Writing as a Spiritual Practice  
Thomas Merton’s first—and arguably his most famous—book is his spiritual autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*. Since his death, many books have been published as compilations of, or based upon, the volumes of journals that he left behind. Join us in the Music Room from 12:30-3 pm as ELPC member Dr. Brent House explores with us this practice of spiritual journaling and memoir writing as a way to draw nearer to ourselves and to God. A light lunch will be served.

ONC Needs Your Suggestions  
The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is looking for members of the congregation committed to our church’s mission who are willing to be considered for the office of Deacon or Elder. The ONC will present the slate of candidates for election at the congregation’s annual meeting in February. You can help us develop a slate of candidates who are dedicated and representative of our congregation. *Candidate Suggestions for ELPC Boards* forms are available in the church office now.

Today’s DODs  
Today’s *Journey* service DOD is *Mary Evrard*.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is *Susan Spangler*.

** Tween Campfire — Oct 28  
Tweens in grades 4–6 are invited to join us in the Courtyard for games, dinner, s’mores, and more on Friday, Oct 28 from 6-8 pm! Contact Sara Hackett to participate (SaraH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x20).

** Tulip Planting and Fall Cleanup — Oct 29  
If you would like to help plant tulips and do some grounds cleanup at ELPC, please join us on Saturday, Oct 29 from 9 am—Noon. Contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447) for more info.

** Visit to Slippery Rock University — Oct 29  
Youth in high school are invited to attend a Slippery Rock University (SRU) Showcase on Saturday, Oct 29. Contact Anthony Williams to attend or for info (412.292.7935).

Thanksgiving Food Drive — Bags Distributed Oct 30  
Share the abundance in your life with others this Thanksgiving. The ELPC Neighbors and Christian Education Committees invite you to donate Thanksgiving meal items for the EECM Food Pantry. Shopping bags with a grocery list will be distributed at worship on Sundays, Oct 30 and Nov 6. Bags filled with food donations are due back on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 13. For more info, contact Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x30).

Full Inclusion Sunday — Oct 30  
We welcome The Renaissance City Choir as our special musical guests for 11 am worship on *Full Inclusion Sunday*, Oct 30. We will also have a sign language interpreter at the service, and bagpipes!

Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians: A Learning & Discussion Series — Begins Oct 30  
All who want to learn how to better support LGBTQ Christians are invited to a three-part learning and discussion series, beginning on Sunday, Oct 30. These stand-alone sessions are designed to be an educational and development series (not debates). A simple lunch will be served.  
* If you need childcare, or would like to attend, please RSVP to Wil (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).
* Understanding Language and LGBTQ Basics—Oct 30  
  Sample Question: “What does the Q mean?”
  Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Betty Hill, executive director of Persad; co-sponsored by the Mission Board
* The Bible and LGBTQ Inclusion—Nov 6
* History, Polity, Theology, Oh My!—Nov 13

The Knitting Group — Nov 1  
The Knitting Group will meet on Tuesday, Nov 1 in Room 244 from 1–3 pm. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021).

Local Mission and Service Opportunities — Begins Nov 1  
Looking for a way to connect with mission and fellowship at ELPC? Serve with the Neighbors Committee this fall.  
* The OHM Circles Dinner—*Tuesday, Nov 1*
  Help prepare and/or serve dinner to Open Hand Ministries’ families. Contact Allison Freeman (sneezemd@comcast.net) to help.
* OHM and GCF Workday—*Saturday, Nov 5*
  We will begin a home rehab in East Liberty and harvest at the farm from 9 am—3 pm. For details or to sign up, contact Emily Rosenthal (412.963.0139).
* The Holy Spirit Breakfast Team—*Sundays, Nov 13+27*
  Cook and serve breakfast to Open Hand Ministries’ families. Contact Allison Freeman (sneezemd@comcast.net) to help.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Sherry Anderson, Linda Benedict, Carol Bonner’s friend Betty, Kate Carlson’s cousin Jack, Mike Dillon’s sister Carole and her husband Ken, Rob Gallaway, Sharon Geibel, Jan Herzer and her friends Francine, Bob and Mick, Buzz Hutchison, Ida Joiner, Morris Jordan, Sandy Kalsey, Pam Kimmel’s niece Jen, Lee Lewand, Deborah Marx’s friends Monica and Chris, Polly McQueen’s brother Clay, Sonya-Marie Morley’s friend and Deborah Marx’s cousin Eileen and her family, Paul Martin’s cousin Jeff, Eric McCarty’s friend Chris, Jon Nelson’s friend Clair, Gail Noden, Jack Phillips, Jan Pressman’s daughter Caryn, Heather Schoenewolf’s cousin Louise, Kay Shissler and Marilyn Castle’s sister Linda, Jamee Todd, Anthony Williams’ wife’s grandmother, and Pat Valoon’s friend Robert.

Our condolences to Jonathan Brown on his father’s passing.

Our condolences to Pat Valoon on her friend’s passing.

Taizé All-Saints Procession — Nov 2
Join us at a special Taizé service on Wednesday, Nov 2 at 7 pm as we remember those saints in our lives who have gone before us. We will have a candlelit procession into the Sanctuary and Trinity Chapel, where prayers will be spoken and sung. Join us and share in this moving remembrance service.

Young Adults First Friday TRAIL Event — Nov 4
Spend your Friday night playing games with friends at the First Friday @ Game Night TRAIL young adult event on Nov 4 at 7 pm at Quaker Meeting House (4836 Ellsworth Ave, Shadyside, 15213). Bring a board game to share.

All-Church Talent Show — Nov 5
Join us on Saturday, Nov 5 for an evening of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the talents of church members of all ages. Gather in the Social Hall for a potluck dinner at 5 pm. The Christian Education Committee will provide chili and rice, but please bring a side dish to share. All talents are welcome, but please keep your act to less than three minutes. If you’d like to perform, email Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net), RSVP on the ELPC Facebook page, or sign up on the 2nd floor CE bulletin board.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

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

♦ Volunteers Needed for Thanksgiving Feast on Nov 20 ♦

Committee Meetings This Week
Membership & Outreach...............Today, 12 Noon (Rm 244)
Centennial Fund..........................Monday, 6:00 pm (Session Rm)
Officer Nominating............ Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Pastor’s Conf Rm)

Explore the Story: ELPC’s Glass — Nov 6
Join Elder Steve Evrard on Sunday, Nov 6 for a 45-minute study of the stained glass in ELPC’s Sanctuary and Chapel. The tour will begin immediately after our 11 am worship service. Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary.

Reiki Training — Nov 20 and Dec 4
If you would like to be attuned and learn to use Reiki, a spiritual healing art and form of complementary medicine, register for our two-part (Reiki 1 and 2) training on Sundays, Nov 20 and Dec 4 from 9 am-1pm, led by Douglas James. The cost is $60 and scholarships are available. Forms are online and on the SLC bulletin board.

Church School Classes
Oct 30 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
Contemporaries and Seekers — “Paul Tillich: The Pittsburgh Dialogues: Religious Education of Children and Theology of Art” led by Dr. Ron Stone in 2nd floor Parlor
Soul Food — A concluding discussion of chapter three of The Gift of Being Yourself led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Pam Napier-Barnes, and Michele Bossers

Musicians
of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

present

A Brass Spectacular!

Musicians of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the Philadelphia Orchestra Brass Sections (with members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra) will present A Brass Spectacular in the ELPC Sanctuary TODAY at 6 pm.

All are welcome to attend this free event!

#musiciansofsteel #themusicwontstop