TIME OF PREPARATION
“We boast our emancipation from many superstitions; but if we have broken any idols, it is through a transfer of idolatry.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson

“You can safely assume you’ve created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.” — Anne Lamott

GATHERING MUSIC
“Make a Joyful Noise to God!” (songbook #1)
“God Is Here Today” (songbook #2)
“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” (songbook #3)

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)
Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.
People: And we, your faithful people, bless you.
Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.
People: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.
Leader: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
People: The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all creation.
Leader: Let us worship God!

* HYMN
“The God of Abraham Praise” (songbook #4)

CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, you uphold those who are fearful, who are falling or beaten down. You raise up all who are bowed down and heavy laden. Therefore we come before you to confess our sins — both things we have done and things we have left undone — in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and mercy. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: It is through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us that we are strengthened inwardly and outwardly. We live fully in the love of Christ and as heirs of Christ’s promises. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! Praise God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 17:16-23

Barbara Griffin

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

Children of any age are welcome to come to the front of the worship space for 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

“The Lord Is God” (songbook #5)

AZMON

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 20:4-6; Acts 17:24-25, 28-29

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SERMON


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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

“Consecration”

Frederick Chatfield

Text by George Herbert
* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

**Doxology at the Presentation**

* Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Barbara Griffin

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.

Leader: We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received. Multiply these gifts that we give this day so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you.


**Closing Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord” (songbook #6)

**Charge & Benediction**

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: Barbara Griffin
Sara Hackett
The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
Michael Painter, Accompanist
ELPC Summer Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time
Please join us in the Narthex after worship 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 x118).

♦ Worship Flowers
The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Riethmiller’s 100th birthday by her family.

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is $150 a Sunday ($75 during July and August when we worship in the Courtyard).

♦ Worship Next Sunday
Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 9 at 8:45 am in the Social Hall.

10 am............SUMMER WORSHIP. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir.
Aug 5 — The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan preaching.

Summer Extended Session
After the Moments with the Children during the 10 am 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 — Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Avenue 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 Avenue hallway)
Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC. Available 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 an Inquirers’ Class to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Kopp for more info about future classes (412.441.3800 x122; GloriaK@coh.net).

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

Additional seating is available in the first floor Garth
Church Events and Announcements
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TODAY AT ELPC

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

Systemic Racism Film Series
The Mission Board will host today’s viewing in the Systemic Racism Film Series after worship in the Social Hall. The final film in this series, The Canary Effect, looks into the effects that the U.S. and its policies have on Indigenous Peoples (Native Americans). Delving deeply into the historic realities of the American Indian, this film details the genocidal practices of our government and its effects on present-day Indian country. Featuring interviews with the leading scholars and experts on Indian issues, the film brings together the past and present on film. All are welcome!

Today’s Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)
The summer worship service DOD is David Cowan.

Live-Streaming of our Service on Facebook
Portions of our Sunday worship service are streamed live on our Facebook page each week. So even when you travel, you can worship with your ELPC family!

Soul Food Adult CE Class
The Soul Food adult Christian Education class will meet today after worship in the Highland Room to review thoughts about The Book of Joy.

Young Adult Ministry Events — Aug 3 and 12
* First Friday @ Arsenal with Sanctuary — Aug 3
  The YAMs (young adult ministry) are invited to meet at Arsenal Bowl (4310 Butler St, Lawrenceville) and make some new friends at the TRAIL young adult event First Friday @ Arsenal with Sanctuary on Aug 3 at 7 pm. We will gather there with folks from a recent church plant called Sanctuary Faith Community to share fun and conversation. Visit www.sanctuarypgh.org for info. Contact Wil Forrest to participate (Wil@coh.net).

* Mystery Outdoor Adventure — Aug 12
  Choose between three different mystery options of how we will spend our afternoon on Sunday, Aug 12. Please meet in the 2nd floor Parlor at 11:30 am. All you need to know is to come dressed to be outside and to bring your sense of adventure. Bring money for lunch.

Open Hand Ministries — Aug 4 and 7
Please join us for one or both of these opportunities to serve in our church neighborhood with Open Hand Ministries (OHM) — be in fellowship and have fun!

* Workday — Saturday, Aug 4, 9 am-3 pm
  OHM is currently working on rehabbing two houses in Garfield. No special skills needed! Please contact Emily Rosenthal (ejr116@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x130) for details.

* Circles Dinner — Tuesday, Aug 7
  Donate food, serve dinner, or help with both! Meet the OHM families that are working on goals of homeownership. Food donations needed: side dishes, salads, desserts. Contact Gina Anderson (503.956.4736; regina@wholechoice.net) for info.

Stained Glass Tour — Aug 5
Join tour guide Penn Hackney following worship on Sunday, Aug 5 for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather in the Chapel following worship. Designed and created by eight Pittsburgh stained glass shops during the 1930s, the windows tell the history of Presbyterianism and our faith, as well as many Biblical stories, including the amazing depiction in the balcony of Revelation.

Worshiping with Rennerdale — Aug 12
On Sunday, Aug 12, ELPC will welcome Pastor Jodi Flack and members of First United Presbyterian Church of Rennerdale to worship. ELPC Deacon Sonya-Marie Morley, a rising senior at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has served as seminary intern at Rennerdale for the past year. Located in Carnegie, Rennerdale is a 115-year-old church that’s home to families with deep roots in the community. Join us for worship and see what God is doing in, through, and between these two houses of faith!

LGBTQ Ministry — Aug 19
All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering on Sunday, August 19 at 11:30 am. Please contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

The Great Exchange: The Great Outdoors — Aug 26
Folks of all ages are invited to participate in The Great Exchange following worship on Sunday, Aug 26. Together, across the generations, we will explore fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of “nature.” We will have a simple lunch while sharing our stories with one another in the Social Hall. No preparation is necessary, just come and enjoy!
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

- Tim Benedict’s brother Mark
- Carol Chontos’ father David
- Martha DeMarzi’s sister Genie
- Doris Dick’s mother Mary
- Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea
- Valerie Dixon’s mother Willa
- Shirley Fair, Karen Fraser
- Crystal and Sean Gilroy and their family
- Jan Herzer’s friend Max, Lee Lewand
- Pam Kimmel’s niece Jen
- Heather Lawrence’s sister Christine
- Joel and Beth Minnigh’s friend Shirley
- Nicole Molinaro’s sister Janine and friend Joyce
- Marti Moore, Gail Noden
- Karen Overfield’s husband Russ, Rhonda Perroz
- David Phillips’ mother Nellie
- Janet Pollard’s mother and brother
- Gloria Ritchey’s daughter Reva and grandson Gianni
- Carol Schaef, Matt Stufet’s mother Linda
- Jamar Thrasher’s grandmother Joann
- Erin Starzynski’s mother Judy and Pat Valoon.

Congratulations to Matt and Leslie Lazor on the birth of their daughter Martha.

Condolences to Julianne McAdoo on her mother’s passing.

Condolences to Karly Threets on her uncle’s passing.

Condolences to the family of Gabriel D’Abruzzo on his passing.

His funeral service will be held at 3 pm today in the Sanctuary.

Committee Meetings This Week

- Centennial Fund: Monday, 6:00 pm (Highland Rm)
- Property: Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Highland Rm)
- Personnel: Wednesday, 6:00 pm (Rm 250)

Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers — Aug 23

In the past year, have you served as a greeter and/or usher? Sang in a choir? Served with Open Hand Ministries? Mentored or provided meals at Food 4 Thought? Helped with church yardwork? Taught at Church School? Gave your time or talent in any way?

All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our annual Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers on Thursday, Aug 23 from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard. More info will be coming later; just plan to save the date and share food and fellowship!

In our Community

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team Visits Pittsburgh Next Week!

In light of recent local flooding, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has reached out to our presbytery and will be sending a National Response Team to Pittsburgh August 1-5. As part of their visit, they are seeking to support the needs of the presbytery and to care for its members regarding past, present, and future disaster-related incidents.

Many congregations have assisted with local flood relief efforts over the years. If you and your congregation have been involved in this type of work locally or would like to be, we encourage you to meet with the National Team while they are here. They can assist you in connecting with other agencies in the community who are coordinating flood relief efforts so the work of your congregation can be more effective in responding to the needs of your community.

To schedule time with the National Response Team, please email Cathy Nelson (cnelson@pghpresbytery.org).

“Sanctuary” Artwork by ELPC Members

Concept Art Gallery (1031 South Braddock Ave next to the Regent Square Theater) is hosting a show of work by congregation members Doug Cooper and Stefani Danes called Sanctuary: Sacred Space in a Secular World.

Proceeds from sales will benefit the Building Our Future campaign. At the conclusion of the exhibition on Aug 31, the piece City Church City will be installed at ELPC. Stop by Concept Art Gallery to see the exhibit before it's over!

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE Love in Action webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Needed Starting this Fall:

Food for Thought Mentors and Meal Team Members