TIME OF PREPARATION

“Reflection [Wisdom] is a flower of the mind, giving out wholesome fragrance; but revelry is the same flower, when rank and running to seed.”

— Desiderius Erasmus

GATHERING MUSIC

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (songbook #1)        HYMN TO JOY
“God Is So Good” (songbook #2)        GOD IS SO GOOD
“God of Grace and God of Glory” (songbook #3)        CWM RHONDDA

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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 Hebrews 11, 12 and 13)

Bill Johnson

Leader: As people gathered to worship God, let us ask ourselves: What is faith?
People: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Leader: What is our hope and greatest joy?
People: Our hope abides in the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, and who will make us complete in everything good so that we may do God’s will, with works that are pleasing in God’s sight.
Leader: What is our calling this day and always?
People: That we lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ever looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
Leader: Well spoken! Let us then prepare our hearts and together worship our God.

* OPENING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision” (songbook #4)        SLANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.
PRAYER FOR THE EVENING:
God of Hope, confirm for us at the close of this day your promise to be with us always. Release our concerns for things done and left undone. Give us your peace so that we rise refreshed to serve you tomorrow with openness and love. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel.
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”


NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 2:12-17

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed kindergarten or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

* HYMN

“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” (songbook #5)

Madeleine

APOCRYPHA SCRIPTURE LESSON

Sirach 24:1, 13-22

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Fragrant Wisdom”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The book of Sirach, also known as Ecclesiasticus, is in the form of instructions being passed along to younger readers. It contains proverbs on a variety of topics, including references to the feminine figure of Wisdom (ch. 24). The book was written in Hebrew around 180 BCE, so it is considered part of the apocryphal writings from between the time of the Old and New Testaments.
**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**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.

Franz Joseph Haydn

“*The Heavens Are Telling*” (from *The Creation*)

text from Ps. 19:1-3

**DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION**

Old Hundredth

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.

Leader: Generous God, you pour out blessings and cover us with gifts of love. We are called to do likewise in this world, to be blessings filling every room we enter like a fragrant offering. Accept what we bring this day and transform it into deeds of mercy and expressions of loving-kindness. In Jesus’ name we pray.

People: Amen.

*HYMN*

“Great God of Every Blessing” (songbook #6) AURELIA

*CHARGE & Benediction*

The Rev. Dr. Bush
As part of ELPC’s mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Bill Johnson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
ELPC Summer Choir
Michael Painter, A companionist
Denise Sheffey-Powell, Soloist
Jon Erik Schreiber, Soloist
Todd Farwell, Soloist
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for a special Fellowship Time reception in honor of Anthony Williams. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers today are with love and honor to Anthony P. Williams from his wife, children, mother, brother, aunts and uncles and Anthony’s ever present grandparents, Paul and Fannie Williams.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Our summer worship schedule has begun. Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 8 at 8:45 am.

10 am...........Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir.

Summer Extended Session
After the Moments with the Children during the 10 am service, a children’s ministry for those who have completed Kindergarten and younger is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities in the Nursery Suite on the 1st floor near the Highland Ave entrance. A simple snack is served. It is available every Sunday.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk
A 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.
Mondays, 8 am to 1 pm
Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer (Chapel)
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. 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 also:

Stay after today’s service for a special reception in honor of Anthony Williams in the Social Hall. 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 our Inquirers’ Classes on Sept 29 and Oct 6 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
Church Events and Announcements
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TODAY AT ELPC

Special Fellowship Time Honoring Anthony Williams
Today after worship in the Social Hall, we will celebrate Anthony Williams’ 18 years of service during a special fellowship time in his honor. Late this spring, Mr. Anthony was named Head of School of The Neighborhood Academy. With this exciting transition in his life, Mr. Anthony has discerned the need to step down from his role at ELPC to dedicate his time and energy to his new position. We give thanks for Mr. Anthony – for his impact on the lives of many here at ELPC and at TNA. Please join us to thank him and wish him well on the next leg of his journey!

Summer Film Festival
Join the Mission Board Committees today after worship in the Good Samaritan Room to view BlacKkKlansman, the final film in their Summer Film Festival. From visionary filmmaker Spike Lee comes the incredible true story of an American hero. African-American detective Ron Stallworth sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan with the aid of a more seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman, as they team up to take down the extremist hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric. Sponsored by Peace Committee.

Youth and Young Adult Events — Aug 20 and 30
For more info on these events, or to RSVP, please contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

**Tuesdays in the Park** — Tuesday, Aug 20, 5:30–7 pm
Our last Tuesdays in the Park summer series will be at Friendship Parklet in Friendship! Caliente pizza will be provided, but feel free to bring your own food and drink. We will have blankets to sit on, so bring a chair if you would like. Let’s soak up the end of summer outside sharing good food and conversation with each other.

**Drive-In Movie Time** — Friday, Aug 30, 6:15 pm
Let’s take a trip back in time and experience the movies outdoors at Dependable Drive-In Theater (549 Moon Clinton Rd, Moon). We will meet at ELPC and leave the Highland Ave circle drive at 6:15 pm. Things to bring: money for concession stand (or your own snacks), a chair and any extra you might have for fellow YAMs, and a blanket/jacket as it gets chilly at night. Please RSVP.

Summer Celebration of Service of Volunteers — Aug 22
As a faithful ELPC servant, you are invited to the Annual Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers on Thursday, August 22 from 6-7:30 pm in the Garth (Social Hall if raining). Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, fixings and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring either a side dish or dessert to serve about 8 people. If you want your container back, please label it with your last name. No need to bring serving utensils or to RSVP. Just come and attend a relaxing evening of fellowship, food and appreciation! Let us serve you in thanks and gratitude!

Tower Tour — Aug 25
Climb the heights of our church’s landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction during a Tower Tour on Sunday, Aug 25 after worship. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

Café Justo Coffee for Sale — Aug 25
Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during Fellowship Time on Sunday, Aug 25. For just $10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative. Check or cash only please.

Free Cathedral Concert: DEANNA WITKOWSKI TRIO
Sunday, September 29, 3 pm
The 9th season of Cathedral Concerts season kicks off with the New York City based Deanna Witkowski Trio performing a mix of Brazilian, jazz, classical and sacred music. Known for her thrilling performances that combine virtuosity and heart, pianist-composer-vocalist Witkowski returns to Pittsburgh after her recent performances at Heinz Hall with the PSO and at City of Asylum performing an all Mary Lou Williams program. This trio will also be performing during the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Sept 29.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

David Carl’s friend’s son Morgan, Rev. John Dalles, Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea, Agnes Green, Liz Hopkins’ mother Margery, Morris Jordan, Heather Lawrence’s sister Christine, Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory, Rhonda Perroz, ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife, Jan Pressman’s friend Sharon, Heather Schoenewolf’s aunt Mary Lou and uncle Jim, Tim Sergi’s sister Kimberly, Pat Valoon, and for those who face a lifetime in jail or prison.

Condolences to Jon Nelson on his sister’s passing.

Congratulations to Katie (Nordquist) and Matt Sebastian on the birth of their son Isaac.

Committee Meetings This Week

Health........................................ Today, 11:00 am (Session Rm)
Youth & Young Adults ...........Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)

LGBTQ Ministry — Sept 1
You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Sept 1 at 11:30 am as we share food and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Sept 3 and 9
Join Presbyterian Women at 10 am on Tuesday, Sept 3 and/or Monday, Sept 9 at 7 pm as they begin their 2019–2020 Bible study titled Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

Renewable Energy Fair — Sept 8
Do you want to find out how to switch to all renewable electricity? Are you trying to decide whether solar panels would work on your house? Do you know how to measure your carbon footprint? To find answers to these questions and other energy use matters, come to the Renewable Energy Fair hosted by the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee in the Social Hall after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service on Sept 8. Representatives of several renewable energy suppliers will be available to answer your questions and to help you make the switch, and a solar energy advisor (bring your electric bill). A light lunch will be provided. Contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

YAM Weekly Bible Study — Begins Sept 9

Just Engagement: The Power to Change is an eight week Bible Study for YAMs beginning Monday, Sept 9 from 6-8 pm that includes grounding in scripture, and reflection on past and present social movements. Two books are needed for the study, financial assistance is available. This series is sponsored by the Justice Committee. Please contact Kelli Booher to register (Kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

In our Community

Community Prayer & Healing Service — TODAY!
Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church (6111 Rodman St, 15206) is hosting a Community Prayer and Healing Service honoring the memory of Pittsburgh Police Officer Calvin Hall today at 3 pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Vigil for Sheldon Stoudemire — Aug 25
All are welcome to attend a vigil to celebrate the life of the Rev. Sheldon Stoudemire and to witness to the devastating destruction caused by senseless gun violence at Northside Common Ministries (1601 Brighton Rd, 15212) on Sunday, Aug 25 at 2 pm.

The Chapel Market is in need toiletry items and diapers (sizes 5/6). Please leave donations at the Highland Ave lobby entrance.

Hope Academy’s Fall Term — Begins Sept 21
The Fall term of Hope Academy classes begins Sept 21. Visit www.HopeAcademyArts.com to register, apply for scholarships, RSVP for information sessions, or schedule an audition. Additional details are available online, or contact Linda Addlespurger, Hope Academy Director (HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com).

Become a Member of our Faith Family — Sept 29 and Oct 6
Attend an Inquirers’ Class on Sundays, Sept 29 and Oct 6 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Stream Our Sunday Worship Service
www.tiny.cc/elpc-stream

Did you know ELPC livestreams its worship service each Sunday? If you find yourself unable to attend worship or are enjoying a summer vacation, we hope you will join our faith family in spirit. Subscribe to us on YouTube or follow us on Facebook—and tune in! Past services also are available at www.ELPC.church.