TIME OF PREPARATION

“Almost a quarter of a century after the Iron Curtain came down, walls are going up again. In steel and concrete, with watchtowers and barbed wire, mankind is building separation barriers at a rate perhaps unequalled in history - at least 6,000 miles in the last decade alone.”

— The Guardian

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Praise and Thanksgiving”
arr. Sondra K. Tucker

“The Brass Roots
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Now Thank We All Our God”
(Marche Triomphale)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music / Prelude.
Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

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

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel-Palestine,
People: For God has looked favorably on God’s people and redeemed them.
Leader: Blessed be the Lord of this nation and all nations,
People: For God has called us God’s own beloved and called us by name.
Leader: Blessed be the Lord, Creator of all that is and all that will be,
People: For God has blessed creation and called us to worship, to praise, and to serve.
Leader: Come, let us bless God, revealed in Christ Jesus our risen Lord!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pius XI in 1925, with the last Sunday in October allotted for its observance. From 1970, it has been kept on the last Sunday before the beginning of Advent. It celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ that shall lead humankind to seek the peace of Christ.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Almighty God, you brought forth the world out of mercy and love, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We acknowledge the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have served idols of wealth and privilege, followed false gods of violence and fear, and not loved our neighbors as ourselves. This day may you break our wills, instruct our hearts in the ways of peace, release us from the fear of death, and free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Hear our prayers of confession.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of light and life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
I Peter 2:1-6 John Buckley and Emily Rosenthal

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING
Recognition of Robert Polk and Allen Miller

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed first grade 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 #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TRURO


SERMON “Brick Laying and Peace Making” The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER
The Rev. Schoenewolf
The Lord’s Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING Jan Herzer

OFFERING INVITATION
Jan Herzer
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.

This day in history is the birthday of philosopher Baruch Spinoza (1632), composer Scott Joplin (1868), basketball player Oscar Robertson (1938), and actress Katharine Hepburn (1978); the date Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald (1963), and the inaugural flight of Palestinian Airlines at Gaza International Airport (1998).

Before I built a wall
I’d ask to know
what I was walling in
or walling out,
and to whom I was like
to give offense.
Something there is that
doesn’t love a wall,
that wants it down.  
(Robert Frost)

If “they” are with Christ
and Christ is with us,
then “they” cannot be
very far away from us.  
( Teilhard de Chardin)
O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible. God is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God; sing praises. Sing praises to our King; sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen. God sitteth upon the throne of God's holiness. Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION*

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*

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: Almighty God, receive our offerings and pledges given for the sake of Christ our Lord and the particular ministries of this church. Make us worthy stewards of your gifts and peacemakers committed to tearing down the walls that divide us. Make us generous citizens of the realm of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

*RECessional HYMN #643*

"Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Virgil Fox

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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Ralph Vaughan Williams' (1872-1958) setting of Psalm 47 was composed in 1920 for organ, brass, and percussion. It is frequently heard with organ solo as the accompaniment, and sometimes with full orchestra.

Go out into the world in peace, declaring Christ as savior and ruler over all creation. Go out into the world with courage, supporting the ways Christ gives light to those who sit in darkness and guides our feet in the way of peace. (from Luke 1:79)

Virgil Fox's (1912-1980) setting of Now Thank We All Our God is an arrangement of the third movement of Bach's Cantata No. 79. In the original, the chorus is singing the hymn tune.
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 incidenices 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 Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Jan Herzer
John Buckley and Emily Rosenthal
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Michael Painter, Organ Accompanist
The Brass Roots:
   Samuel Eisenhandler, Trumpet
   Matthew McCormack, Trumpet
   Rana Jurjus, Horn
   Morgan Wynn, Trombone
   John Caughman, Tuba
Acolytes: Mabel Buben and Liam Cowan
Beadle: Mark Statler
Crucifer: Nicholas Gerber-Boeldt
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time

Please join us in the Social Hall (basement level) after worship for our Giving Thanks Feast. All are welcome!

♦ Worship Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are in loving memory of Dr. Paul C. Williams on his birthday, from the Williams, Fabilli and Motley families.

♦ Sunday Worship — 1st Sunday in Advent

8:45 am........Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
   Dec 1 — Samantha Coggins preaching.
11 am........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
   Dec 1 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the Moments with our 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 NAMETAG that your child wears to Extended Session every week.
* Young Children’s Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.
* Preschool age children (through grade 1) — Room 110B.

♦ Weekday Worship

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.
   Mondays, 9 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 (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 our Giving Thanks Feast 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 an Inquirers’ Class on Sundays, Dec 1 and 8 during the Sunday School hour to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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

**November 24, 2019 • Christ the King Sunday**

**TODAY AT ELPC**

**Giving Thanks Feast**
All are invited to our *Giving Thanks Feast* downstairs in the Social Hall following today’s Sanctuary worship service.

**Church Tour**
After worship this morning, learn about our church’s beautiful stained glass windows with guide Tom Morton. Please gather in Highland Lobby.

**Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)**
Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services.
The *Journey* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Trish Buben**.

**Wholistic Wellness Ministry**
The *Wholistic Wellness Ministry* (WWM) would like to thank all who completed our health questionnaire. In moving forward to address your health needs next year, it appears that mental health is the area of greatest interest. In recognition of that, we will focus first on mental health. More information will follow in January.

**Young Adult Thanksgiving Day Movie Night — Nov 28**
Need a break from Thanksgiving festivities? Looking for something to do on this day? Join your Young Adult friends for a movie night at Waterworks Cinema (930 Freeport Rd, Aspinwall) on Thanksgiving, Nov 28. We will vote on a movie. RSVP to Kelli (KelliB@coh.net).

**Hanging of the Greens — Nov 30**
In preparation for the season of Advent on Dec 1, the Worship, Music & Arts Committee invites you to help put up some Christmas trees, garlands, and Advent decorations on Saturday, Nov 30 from 10 am-1 pm. Contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111) if you can help!

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**Support the Giving Tree — Dec 1 and 8**
The ELPC Deacon Board organizes the *Christmas Giving Tree* to benefit children and families from East End Cooperative Ministry, ELPC’s Mission and Christian Education Ministries, and—for the first time—Casa San José. On Sundays, Dec 1 and 8, the *Giving Tree* will be in the Social Hall during Journey worship, and by the Highland Ave entrance from 9:30 am–12:30 pm. The *Giving Tree* will also be available during our Taizé prayer service on Wednesday, Dec 4. Deacons will be on hand to help you record your name and phone number, along with the information from your tag.

Wrapped gifts, with tags attached, are due by noon on Sunday, Dec 15. If you would like to participate by donating money, make your check out to *ELPC Giving Tree* and deliver it to the church office or Pastor Patrice.

**Tween Craft Night — Dec 6**
Tweens in grades 4–6 are invited to enjoy crafts and pizza at *Tween Craft Night* on Friday, Dec 6 from 6-8 pm. If you are working on a project, bring it with you. There also will be craft supplies here—some of which will make great Christmas gifts. Friends are welcome! RSVP required to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

**Young Adult Dinner — Dec 6**
Young Adults are invited to a dinner hosted by Pastor Randy and his wife Beth at the manse on Friday, Dec 6 at 6:30 pm. You’re welcome to bring along a dessert or cider to share! Come join in a time of conversation, fellowship and good food. RSVP by Dec 3 to Kelli (KelliB@coh.net).

**Toymakers’ Toy Sale — Dec 8**
The Toymakers’ annual *Toy Sale* will be held following the Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, Dec 8. Our special project this year is a fleet of Noah’s arks, each complete with Mr. and Mrs. Noah, a small herd of animals with a handy carry-all bag, and also some seasonal decorations.

**Christmas in East Liberty — Dec 13**
Our *Cathedral Concerts* series continues with *Christmas in East Liberty* on Friday, Dec 13 at 7:30 pm. The Brass Roots, conductor Lance LaDuke, organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore, and the ELPC Chancel Choir will combine for an East Liberty tradition, featuring holiday favorites for brass, organ, choir, and audience! The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be received.

**Middle School Mission Project — Dec 14**
Youth in grades 6–8 are invited to go shopping on Saturday, Dec 14 from 11:30 am-2:30 pm to help choose gifts for children who are spending the holiday season in foster care. We will have lunch after pageant rehearsal and then walk to Target. RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

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**Become a Member of Our Faith Family**
Sundays, Dec 1 and 8
Attend an *Inquirers’ Class* on Sundays, Dec 1 and 8 from 9:45-10:45 am to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Gloria Knopp to register (GloriaK@coh.net).
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

David Carl’s friend’s son Morgan,
Martha DeMarzi’s friend
Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law,
Agnes Green, Mary Lenox’s friend Claudia, Lee Lewand,
Deborah Marx’s friend Sharon, Julianne McAdoo,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay, Marti Moore,
Carolyn Russ’ friend Norman,
Heather Schoenewolf’s niece Rose, and Pat Valoon.
Our condolences to Ing Kalchthaler on the death of her mother.

NO Committee Meetings This Week
The church building will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. ELPC pastors and staff wish you and yours a blessed holiday!

Children’s Christmas Pageant of “Why?” — Dec 15
Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec 15 at 10 am as we consider the reason for the season in terms of our faith and our lives at the annual children’s Christmas Pageant. Notes: Dress rehearsal for all participants is on Saturday, Dec 14 from 9:30–11 am, followed by a Christmas party for the participants. If a student can’t attend rehearsal, but will be here for the pageant, they are welcome! Let your Church School teacher know.

Heretics, Doubters & Other Saints — Dec 15
The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to our next Heretics, Doubters, and Other Saints gathering. This time, we’ll explore what do/don’t we think/believe about Christmas? Join us in the 2nd floor Parlor on Sunday, Dec 15 from Noon-3 pm for an open conversation where all ideas and questions will be welcome! Lunch will be provided.

ELPC to Receive The Christmas Joy Offering — Dec 15
The only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ, and The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the coming of Jesus Christ, the “perfect gift” from a gracious God. We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, Dec 15 at all worship services.

New Jail Ministry
ELPC is joining several other churches in supplying magazines, paperback books, dictionaries, Bibles, calendars, and puzzle books to inmates at the county jail. (No spiral bound or books/magazines of a military/weapon nature.) Donations may be left in the box at the Highland Lobby. Contact Judy Mancini (412.299.6160) for info.

LGBTQ Ministry Events
All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Jan 12 at 12:30 pm to share lunch and fellowship. In December, we will be doing our annual Advent retreat and attending the RCC holiday concert together. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net) for more details or to attend.

In Our Community

43rd Annual East End Interfaith Service — Nov 26
All are welcome to the 43rd annual East End Interfaith Service on Tuesday, Nov 26 at 7:30 pm at Temple Sinai (5505 Forbes Ave, 15217). The speaker will be the Rev. Liddy Barlow, Executive Minister of Christian Associates of SW Pennsylvania. Please contact Cantor Laura Berman (412.421.9715; cantorberman@templesinaipgh.org) if you can add your voice to the community choir that night.

Holiday Maker Fair & Market — Dec 5
Join the East Liberty branch of the Carnegie Library for an evening of gift making, local shopping and seasonal refreshments on Thursday, Dec 5 from 6-8 pm. Crafts will be available to make, and local vendors will feature products for sale. For more info, call 412.363.8232.

Gifts of Hope Fair Trade Shopping Event — Dec 7
Attend the Gifts of Hope Fair Trade Shopping Event with over 15 worldwide vendors, live music, and complimentary coffee and donuts at East End Cooperative Ministry (6175 Harvard St, 15206) on Saturday, Dec 7 from 10 am-2 pm. For more info, visit www.pittsburghfairtrade.com.

Pittsburgh Youth Chorus Winter Concert — Dec 8
The talented young singers of Pittsburgh Youth Chorus will present their annual winter concert on Sunday, Dec 8 at 4 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. Hear heartwarming music for the holiday season, with an audience sing-along. For info and tickets, visit www.pittsburghyouthchorus.org.

RCC Holiday Concert — Dec 14
The Renaissance City Choir presents its holiday concert The Many Moods of the Holidays in the ELPC Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec 14 at 7:30 pm. The concert explores the emotions that this time of year elicits from people. A cookie reception will follow in the Social Hall. The 95 member choir is Western PA’s only LGBTQIA+ choir. Tickets are available online at www.rccpittsburgh.org.

Sunday School Classes — Dec 1 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “The Messianic Psalms” facilitated by Carolyn Russ
Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:36-44 facilitated by Lora Betha and Jan Irvin
Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “The Challenges of a Spiritual Coordinator Doing Hospice Work” presented by the Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes
Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Fish Stories, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Mike Chang, Sharla Yates, and Michele Bossers