



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

JULY 10, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another ...We do not become fully human until we give ourselves to each other in love. And this must not be confined only to sexual fulfillment: it embraces everything in the human person - the capacity for self-giving, for sharing, for creativity, for mutual care, for spiritual concern.”

— Thomas Merton, *Love and Living*

GATHERING MUSIC

“Down to the River to Pray” (*songbook #1*)

“Be Unto Your Name” (*songbook #2*)

“Again I Say Rejoice” (*songbook #3*)

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD’S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Frances Wilson

Leader: The great commandments are these — that we should love the Lord your God

People: **With all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind.**

Leader: And love your neighbor as yourself,

People: **With all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind.**

Leader: In doing this we discover true life, faith, and joy.

People: **Let us worship and serve our God!**

* HYMN

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (*songbook #4*)

I’M GONNA LIVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, yet we do not behave in ways that honor you or embody your righteousness here in the world. We do not defend the weak and the struggling. We do not uphold the poor and the oppressed. We busy ourselves with meeting our needs first, rather than bearing fruits of justice within the community at large. Rise up, O God, to remind us of what we should do and how we should live. Provide your grace and guidance, as a mother or father who corrects beloved children. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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

July 10 • 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN

“Change My Heart, O God” (*songbook* #5)

CHANGE MY HEART

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: God’s unconditional love does not seek appearances or conditions, but loves in such a way that we are restored to health and to wholeness. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

Frances Wilson

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Members: John Bavaro, Scott Eckes, Nancy Fultz, Brent House, Ida Joiner, Aaron McConnell,
Joseph Robinson, Gina Spangenberg and Antwone Wright

Friends: Kate Dillon, Matt Dillon, Patti Fountain, Nancy Gippert and Tony Richardson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Antwone Lucas Wright

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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**

“Give Thanks” (*songbook* #6)

GIVE THANKS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Hope, the Bearer of Fruit”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lord, Send Your Spirit”

*Lord, send your spirit
Lord, send your power
Lord, send your glory
So that we can be used by thee*

*Lord, send your spirit
Lord, send your power so you can
Use me, Lord, use me, Lord
Use me, Lord until my hands look new
Use me, Lord, use me, Lord
Use me, Lord until my feet do too*

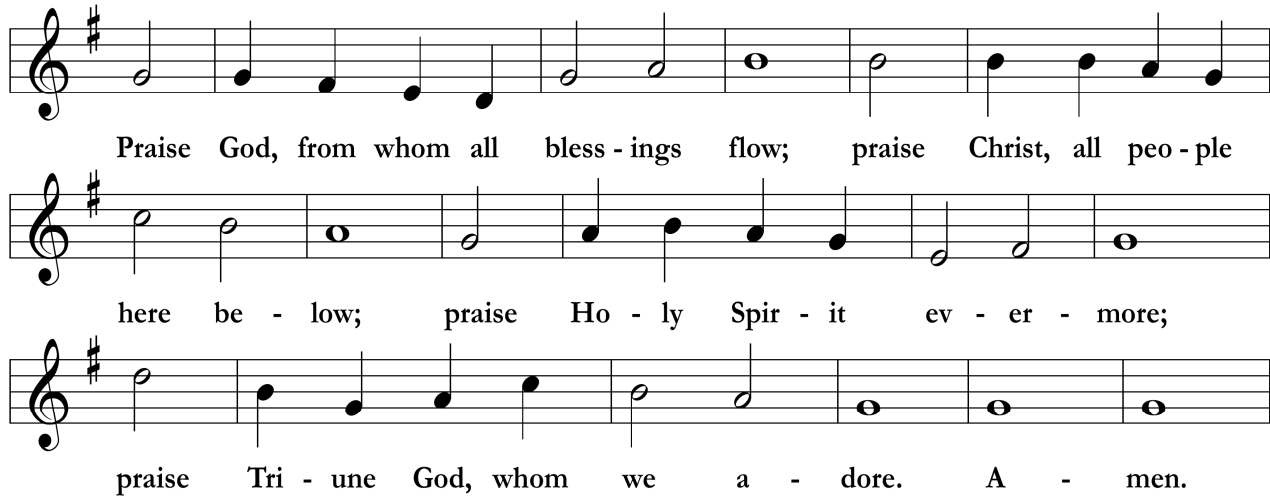
*Send your spirit, send your power
Send your glory, fall on us
Send your spirit, send your power
Send your glory, fall on us
So that we can be used by thee*

Lord, send your spirit

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* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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: Thank you God for the gifts we've received from your gracious hand. We offer these gifts and tithes to you, asking for your direction as we work each day to shine your kingdom of light brightly in this world. In Christ's name.

People: Amén.

Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

"When the Saints Go Marching In" (*songbook* #7)

WHEN THE SAINTS

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush



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♦ **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Frances Wilson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
Journey Praise Team
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for a reception to welcome our congregation's new members, sponsored by ELPC's Membership and Outreach Committee. 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 \$100 a Sunday.

♦ **WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

During the summer, we adjust our Sunday worship schedule to enjoy the glory of the season.

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.
July 17 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

10 am **Courtyard Summer Worship.** Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and gathering music prior to the service.
July 17 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

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* to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22) on future classes.

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Journey Prayer

A *Journey Prayer* time of sharing and gathering of the Journey worshipping community will be held each Sunday morning (through September 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!**

Renovation Presentations – Today

Join with representatives of our architectural firm, Pfaffmann + Associates, to hear about the current plans for church renovations. They will be leading a presentation today at 8:30 am and again at 11:30 am in the Chapel. It is our hope to begin construction in early Fall 2016, so come learn more about the work and improvements soon to begin!

Summer Film Series – Begins Today

ELPC's Mission Board invites you to attend their 2016 Summer Film Series. *Just Eat It. A Food Waste Story* kicks off the series today after the 10 am service in Room 234. Hosted by the Neighbors Committee, the viewing of this film will show food lovers Jen and Grant diving into the issue of food waste from the farm, through retail, and all the way to the back of their own fridge. The additional films are:

- ✦ *The Canary Effect* — July 17 (host: Justice Committee)
- ✦ *The Imitation Game* — July 24 (host: Justice Committee)
- ✦ *Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA* — July 31 (host: 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.

Nametags

Don't have a nametag yet? If you wish to have a nametag made for you, please sign up on the list on the Narthex table. Print your name clearly and expect your nametag to be hung on the holders in about two weeks. Visitors are encouraged to get a stick-on nametag found in the basket on the Narthex table (where you can also find rainbow stickers for your nametag).

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Summer* service DOD is **Matt Stuftt**.



Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Event — July 16

This summer, young adults are exploring the intersections of Christianity with other faith traditions and other cultures. We are seeking how to interact with and learn from other traditions while concurrently respecting them and honoring our own beliefs. Each event includes time to explore but also time to reflect as a group. Young adults are invited to express interest in a selection of summer programs by RSVPing via Facebook (or via Wil if not on Facebook, Wil@coh.net). On Saturday, July 16 at 10:30 am, young adults are invited to get a personalized tour and learn about Islam at the Pittsburgh Islamic Center.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — July 16

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

The next LGBTQ Ministry *spiritual gathering* will be at 4 pm on Saturday, July 16. We will seek understanding, healing and celebrate God's love for all together. To learn more about this gathering or the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

Meet our Malawian Guests — July 23

On Saturday, July 23 from 10:30 am–2 pm, Presbyterian Women is hosting a potluck lunch in the Music Room to meet and greet our Malawian guests. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Kay Shissler kshissler@juno.com or 412-681-2047.

Crafter's Gathering — July 23

On Saturday, July 23 from 10 am–3 pm, ELPC will host a free gathering for those who use their sewing, knitting, crochet or other skills to give comfort and joy to others. Our guests will include visitors from some of our sister churches in the area. We will share ideas, project patterns, plans, and contact information for distribution to those who need our help. A light lunch will be served. Please call Diane Jackson (412.441.6021) to ask questions, volunteer to help, or sign up to attend. RSVP by Monday, July 18.



Soul Food Summer Session — July 24

The Soul Food class will hold the second of its three monthly summer sessions after the 10 am service on Sunday, July 24 in the 2nd floor Library (Room 250). The final class will be held on August 28.

Bike Rack Installed on Baum Boulevard

Interested in riding your bike to ELPC? There's a new bike rack on the Baum Blvd side of the church!



As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Sue Bailey, Suzanne Bennett,
Chuck Carson, Mike Dillon's sister Carol,
Ruth Donalson, Katelyn Haas's friend Kathleen,
Kathie Hackney's brother Kevin, Cathie Hajdu,
Jan Herzer's friends Bob, Sharon and Francine,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn, Judy Roberts,
and Pat Valoon's friend Kristen.

Our condolences to Ray Anthony on his brother's passing.

Our condolences to Nancy Wright on her sister's passing.

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

Committee Meeting This Week

Deacons..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Room 234)

Worship, Music & Arts..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Room 244)

International Partnership Gala — July 31

A special gala celebration will be held at ELPC on Sunday, July 31 at 4:30 pm to celebrate 25 years of partnership between Pittsburgh Presbytery and Malawi Presbyterians (as well as more recent connections with the Presbyterian Church in South Sudan). Please register online at bit.do/gala2016 or by contacting Kate Carlson in the church office (KateC@coh.net). Tickets are \$25. The gala dinner will be followed by a worship service in our Sanctuary at 7 pm, to which all are invited.



Summer Celebration of Service — Aug 18

Join us for the sixth annual *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, Aug 18 from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard.

Centering Prayer — Tuesdays

Jon Nelson will lead *Centering Prayer* on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Prayer and Meditation Room. Please note the day and time changes from Wednesdays. All are invited.

Contemplative Prayer — Wednesdays after Taizé

Following the 7 pm Taizé prayer service each Wednesday, you are invited to the front of the Chapel, where we will sit together in silence for 20 minutes. If you have never practiced Centering Prayer, someone will be there to help get you started. Meditation cushions and back jacks will be provided, or you can sit in the front pew.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



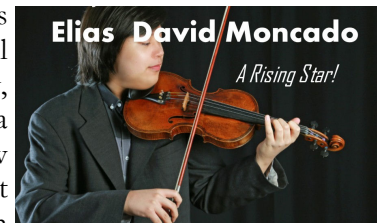
PDA Support for West Virginia

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has deployed the National Response Team to support the Presbytery of West Virginia and Synod of the Trinity as they begin outreach to those affected by flooding in West Virginia. If you would like to donate, please do so via one of these methods:

- ✦ Visit <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191>;
- ✦ Mail a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700;
- ✦ Call 1.800.872.3283 Monday through Friday, between 8 am to 6 pm.

Elias David Moncado in Concert — July 15

Rising violin star Elias David Moncado will perform at ELPC on Friday, July 15 at 7 pm, as part of a cultural exchange with New Castle's Eintracht Maennerchor and Platin Scala of Wenden, Germany. The 15-year-old phenom is one of the top violinists of his age in the world. Join us in welcoming this incredibly talented young man to America. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for seniors/students; \$5 for children, and they may be purchased at the door. Visit ELPC.church for details.



Farmers' Market — Mondays

The East Liberty Farmers' Market is held every Monday from 3-7 pm in the parking lot between Station St & N Euclid Ave.

Donations to EECM

East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is in need of these donations: tooth paste, foot powder, deodorant. Their July food-of-the-month is macaroni and cheese. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

◆ Food for Thought Mentor ◆

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/iserive-2 to learn about other service opportunities.