



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 17, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

“We must all work in harmony with each other to stand up for what is right, to speak up for what is fair, and to always voice any corrections so that the ignorant become informed and justice is never ignored. Every time a person allows an act of ignorance to happen, they delay our progress for true change.... We become responsible for the actions of others the instant we become conscious of what they are doing wrong and fail to remind them of what is right.”

— Suzy Kassem, *Rise Up and Salute the Sun: The Writings of Suzy Kassem*

GATHERING MUSIC

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (songbook #1)
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (songbook #2)
“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!” (songbook #3)

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
ST. DENIO
LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 71)

Stephen Evrard

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
Leader: Be to me a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my refuge.
People: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. My praise is continually of you.
Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us worship God. Hallelujah and Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Jane L. Esterline

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

The Rev. Esterline

God of hope and glory, through Christ hear our prayer and renew a right spirit within us. Hostility rages and battles continue; warfare is not ended and lives have been lost needlessly. We yield to suspicion; our envy and lack of understanding create enemies. We confess that Christ came to create a new order, yet we continue complacently to dwell amid strife, conflict, discord and contention. O Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, cleanse us and renew the right spirit within us. Amen.

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

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN

“Christ Be Beside Me”

BUNESSAN

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

Text: James Quinn, S1, 1969. Music: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985.
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ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Esterline

Leader: Remember, you are chosen by Christ, who reconciles you to God. Christ presents you holy, blameless and irreproachable before God. Continue in the faith, remain stable and steadfast, and do not shift from the hope of the gospel, which you heard. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

Stephen Evrard

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

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

“What Does the Lord Require of You?” (songbook #4)

MOON

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 8:1-12

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“Fruit in the Midst of Famine”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

HYMN

“There Is A Balm in Gilead” (songbook #5)

BALM IN GILEAD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Esterline

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OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

“Christus Paradox”

Sylvia Dunstan/Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword bringer. Of the way you took and gave, You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, Have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and victory.

Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia- you who are our death and our life.

* 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: Abounding in hope, we come before you, O God; you are deliverance and life divine. You build a storehouse of goodly blessings and set us within it to sample your love. Whatever our needs, you meet them completely. You surround us with your compassion and care. Receive the offerings that we lay before you. We dedicate all our possessions to your continuing glory. In Christ's name we pray.

People: Amén.

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy and Sherry Anderson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance” (songbook #6)

ASSURANCE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Jane L. Esterline
Sherry Anderson
Stephen Evrard
Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, Music Associate
Chancel Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Narthex 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 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 \$50 a Sunday during the summer.

◆ 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 24 — The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan.

10 am Courtyard Summer Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and gathering music prior to the service.
July 24 — The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan 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* on Sept 25 and Oct 2 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

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!**

Summer Film Series

ELPC's Mission Board invites you to attend their 2016 Summer Film Series. Hosted by the Justice Committee, the viewing of *The Canary Effect* in Room 234 after this morning's 10 am worship service will be the 2nd film in the series. The additional films are:

- ✦ *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 **Mary Evrard**.



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.

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 3rd floor Music Room and patio to meet and greet our Malawian guests. Please RSVP to Kay Shissler (kshissler@juno.com; 412.681.2047). All are welcome.

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 next Sunday, July 24 in the Pastor's Conference Room. The final summer class will be on August 28.

Young Adult Ministry Event — July 24

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). Young adults are invited to learn about and to worship with local Quakers on Sunday, July 24 at 10:30 am.

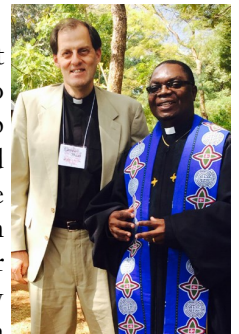
LGBTQ Ministry Gathering — July 30

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

The next LGBTQ Ministry gathering is when we welcome Black Pride Pittsburgh's Family Affair on Saturday, July 30 from 1-4 pm at ELPC. All are welcome at this free public pride event full of family-friendly fun and games. To learn more about this event or the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

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 at 7 pm in our Sanctuary, to which all are invited.





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

Sue Bailey, Suzanne Bennett,
Jason Dauer, Mike Dillon's sister Carol,
Katelyn Haas's friend Kathleen,
Kathery Hackney's brother Kevin, Cathie Hajdu,
Jan Herzer's friends Bob, Sharon and Francine,
Mary Anne Kirby, Gloria Knopp,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn, Judy Roberts,
Pat Valoon's friend Kristen and
Jerry and Evie Wrzosek's daughter-in-law.

Our condolences to Gail Karkaria on her brother'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.

No Committee Meetings This Week

Session *Postponed to July 26*

Young Adult Ministry Event – Aug 5

Connect with the Divine and with each other as we join our voices in Hebrew Chant at ELPC in the Courtyard (weather permitting) on Friday, Aug 5 for the *First Friday* event. Led by David Goldstein, we will experience this form of meditation that opens the door of our heart.

Mission Trip Recaps – Aug 14

Join us on Sunday, Aug 14 as our youth mission trip teams share stories and pictures from their trips during worship at 10 am, and then help host Fellowship Time following the service. Youth and parents should plan to attend.

Summer Celebration of Service – Aug 18

All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our 7th annual *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* from 6-7:30 pm on Thursday, Aug 18 in the Courtyard. Main dish and drinks will be provided, but you may bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please label any containers with your name if you want it back. No serving utensils are needed. Come for a few minutes or stay the entire time!



Help Make Worship Happen – Aug 28

Each week, dozens of volunteers are needed to help make worship happen. You just need to be present and have a servant's heart to be one of these wonderful volunteers! Interested in learning how to help? Join us in the Chapel following the 10 am worship service on Sunday, Aug 28 for a brief informational meeting. We will review the ways in which you can volunteer on any given Sunday. Come learn and maybe serve.

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.

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.

The Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is accepting donations of clean, gently used spring and summer clothing. Men's casual shirts and pants are especially needed. The Chapel Market is open for donations, as well as shopping, on Mondays from 10 am to Noon and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Sponsor Our Flowers for Worship

If you would like to purchase the flowers used in our worship service, please contact Norma (Norma@coh.net). A brief notation of your choosing will be included in the printed Sunday bulletin when you sponsor that week's flowers. The cost is \$50 per Sunday through Sept 4.

i SERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

◆ Food for Thought Meal Team Member ◆

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.