



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)

AUGUST 14, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

- ♦ Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted.
- ♦ If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the next morning you will have a flat tire.
- ♦ Any instrument that requires amplification probably should not be heard.
- ♦ We get so concerned with the urgent, we never have time to deal with the important.
- ♦ Today is the oldest you've ever been, and the youngest you'll ever be again.

— *1,001 Logical Laws, Profound Principles and Quotable Quotes*

GATHERING MUSIC

"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah" (*songbook* #1)

"Fill My Cup" (*songbook* #2)

"Praise, Praise, Praise The Lord" (*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 (*from Psalm 50*)

Elaine and Josh Bellin

Leader: God has called forth the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting;

People: **God calls forth the heavens and the earth to witness the deeds of God's people.**

Leader: Let the heavens declare the rightness of God's cause; for it is the Lord who is judge.

People: **Let us offer the Lord sacrifices of thanksgiving that God may be honored now and forevermore.**

Leader: Let us worship God together!

* HYMN

"Morning Has Broken" (*songbook* #4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, care for those in need, and walk humbly with you. Too often we have placed our own comfort above compassion for others. Too often we have been silent when words of justice cried out to be spoken. Too often we have been idle when deeds of righteousness ached to be performed. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse us from these and all our offenses through the merciful grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN

“In My Life”

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Josh Bellin

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**

“Let It Rise” (songbook #5)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:23-3:6

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Hands of Faith”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Callahan

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

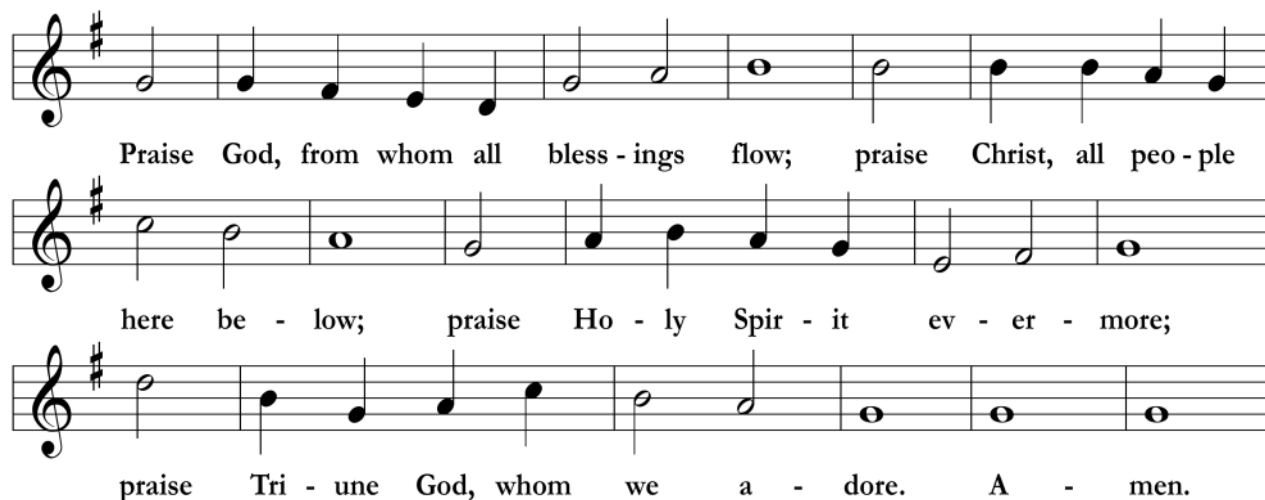
“Jesus Is Real”

John Kee

Jesus is real. Jesus is real. I know that the Lord is real to me. Jesus is real. I know the Lord is real to me. Sometimes, feeling low, and nowhere to go, Jesus comes along, and he makes me strong. Whoa, I know. O, Jesus is real. Jesus is real. Jesus is real. I know that the Lord is real to me. Jesus is real. I know the Lord is real to me. Sometimes when I'm feeling down, no one around, Jesus is a friend. Whoa, I know. O, Jesus is real. I can feel him in my head, feel him in my feet. I know that the Lord will take good care of me. Whoa, I know. O, Jesus is real. I can feel him in my heart, feel him in my soul, I can even feel him from the crown of my head to my toes. Whoa, I know. O, Jesus is real.

*** 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. Callahan

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: Lord, you look upon us and see all humankind. You desire to bring healing to us and to the lands we inhabit. You long for us to stretch out our hands toward you. Accept these gifts we offer on behalf of all your people. May they increase faith, nurture hope, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. In Christ's name we pray.

People: **Amén.**

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**

“Step by Step” (songbook #6)

*** 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. Mary Lynn Callahan
Elaine and Josh Bellin
Musicians: 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 Narthex for our Fellowship Time, sponsored by the ELPC Youth Mission Trip Teams. 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**

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.

Aug 21 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.

10 am **Courtyard Summer Worship.** Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and gathering music prior to the service.

Aug 21 — Brian Ellison, executive director, Covenant Network, 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

Welcome to Worship at ELPC!

We are thankful you have chosen to worship God this summer with us. Please note that while the location of our 10 am worship service is in the courtyard, seating is also available in the 3rd floor Music Room, and on the 3rd floor balcony overlooking the courtyard; where the service is projected onto a large screen, and the patio seating is shaded. For the safety and comfort for all worshipping, those arriving after seating in the courtyard is full will be directed to the 3rd floor for additional seating, which can be easily accessed by any staircase from the 1st floor, or by taking the elevator. Thank you!

Journey Prayer

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

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.

Mission Trip Recaps Today

Our youth mission trip teams will share stories and pictures from their trips during today's Fellowship Time in the Narthex following the 10 am service. Please join them!

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering

The next LGBTQ Ministry *business meeting* is today in Room 234 at 11 am. The next *spiritual gathering* immediately follows the business meeting, and lunch will be served. To attend or to learn more about the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Event

This summer, young adults are exploring the intersections of Christianity with other faith traditions and other cultures. Young adults are invited to express interest in a selection of summer programs by RSVPing via Facebook (or via Wil if not on Facebook). The next event will be *Coffee with Wiccans* today at 6 pm. See Wil Forrest for info.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Summer* service DOD is **Cami Teacoach**.

Feeling Crafty?

New helpers of all skill levels are always welcomed at these groups. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021; dnjcks@verizon.net).

✦ *Sewing Group* — Monday, Aug 15, 2:30–6 pm, Sewing Room

✦ *Toy Makers* — Wednesdays, Aug 17, 31, 9 am–Noon, Sewing Room

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!

Sunday Worship with Islamic Center of Pittsburgh — Aug 21

The ELPC Mission Board has entered into a collaborative interfaith relationship of learning and friendship with the members of the local Muslim community.

Many of the gatherings have been offered at the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh (ICP), where people of all faiths have been greeted with warm hospitality and a genuine desire to get to know and support one another. Now, we have an opportunity to return the same radical hospitality that we have received from our sisters and brothers at ICP.

On Sunday, Aug 21, members of ICP will join us for worship in the Courtyard and lunch in the Social Hall. Following lunch, Kelcey Sharkas, outreach coordinator at ICP, will facilitate a seminar entitled *How to Be a Muslim Ally*.

The Mission Board cordially invites and encourages all ELPC members and friends to offer a warm, radically hospitable welcome to our guests and to extend their Sunday at church by participating in lunch and the seminar. For more info, please see Michele Bossers.

Peter and Penny Murray Recognition — Aug 21

On Sunday, Aug 21 during the 10 am worship service, Peter and Penny Murray will be recognized for their nearly 40 years of service to ELPC and the community. A reception in their honor will follow worship.

Happy Wanderers Event — Aug 27

Our senior members and friends are invited to join the *Happy Wanderers* group on Saturday, Aug 27 for a trip to Shaker Woods Festival and an early dinner at the Dutch House in Columbiana, Ohio. For more info, and the cost, please contact Martha DeMarzi (412.362.2058).



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

Mary Beth Gladis, Cathie Hajdu,
Sandy Kalsey, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen, Mary Anne Kirby,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn, Judy Roberts,
Jim and Carolyn Russ' daughter Laura and her family,
and Matt Stufft's mother.

Condolences to Chuck Carson on his sister's passing.

Condolences to Elmer Harkema on his father's passing.

Condolences to Emma Odum on her brother's passing.

Congratulations to Jerry and Evie Wrzosek on the birth of their granddaughter Adeline.

Committee Meetings This Week

Stewardship..... Today, 11:15 am (Rm 244)
Neighbors..... Today, 11:30 am (Pastor's Conf Rm)
Youth and Young Adults..... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm TBD)

ELPC Steeple Tour — Sept 11

Enjoy a unique view of the East End of Pittsburgh from ELPC's steeple on Sunday, Sept 11. Join our tour guide in the library following the 11 am service. Allow 40 minutes for the tour. Please wear shoes and slacks that allow for the climbing of ladders.

Diaper Drive Need Does Not Take a Summer Vacation

One in three families struggles to provide diapers. If you can help with this need, please leave your gift of diapers in the church office (sizes 5 and 6 are needed most). Presbyterian Women thank you.

Save the Date

— AUGUST 28TH EVENTS —

Following the 10 am worship on Sunday, Aug 28, there are three options for you to consider attending.

- ✦ The final summer *Soul Food* class will be held.
- ✦ Anyone interested in learning more about assisting in worship is invited to a brief *informational meeting* in the Chapel. Dozens of volunteers help each week to make sure our Sunday worship services are welcoming, accessible, and effective. Come learn how you can share your gifts in this way!
- ✦ An initial *conversation on gun ownership and gun control* will be held following worship for anyone interested in sharing their stories on this timely justice issue. Our hope is to offer a faithful and respectful dialogue that seeks to find points of commonality and consensus on a topic that is too often divisive for our community.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Inner Awareness through Hebrew Chant — TODAY!

In the half day workshop *6 Passages for Re-Opening Inner Awareness through Hebrew Chant*, led by David Goldstein this afternoon from 1-5 pm in the ELPC courtyard, we will learn 6 Passages for staying focused on what is important in our lives. We will deeply engage in sacred texts from the Hebrew Bible and other sources, connect energetically with one another, and gain wisdom from ancient traditions. We will draw on our memory and imagination and experience the rich depth of silence after the chant. Although Hebrew is the primary language of the texts that are chanted, this workshop is fully inclusive and is open to people of all faith traditions. No prior knowledge of chanting, meditation or the Hebrew language is required. The cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Visit <http://6passages.brownpapertickets.com> to register.

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

◆ Food 4 Thought Mentor or 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/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities.



New Members and Friends Classes

Sept 25 and Oct 2
following 10 am worship

Interested in becoming part of the ELPC church family?

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