



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 21, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Teach us, O living Spirit, the wisdom to lay ourselves bare to Thy scrutiny - that we may reflect Thy life in the dark places of our minds, hearts and desires; that we may know Thy courage and the grounds of Thy hope for all children of mankind."
— Howard Thurman

GATHERING MUSIC

"Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty" (*songbook #1*)
"We Are Standing On Holy Ground" (*songbook #2*)
"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God" (*songbook #3*)

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Worship Service Volunteering

Wil Forrest

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 138*)

Carol Hoehn

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

People: I bow down and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

People: All the nations of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you stretch out your hand and your right hand delivers me.

People: Let us worship God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

* HYMN

"For The Beauty Of The Earth" (*songbook #4*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

God of life, you promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separation and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from one another and from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage. We pray this through Jesus Christ who comes to heal and redeem. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Diana Armstrong

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Imam Mufti Wadul Abjid

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**

“Healer Of Our Every Ill” (songbook #5, vs. 1 and 3)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:10-17

Brian Ellison

SERMON

“Prophecy and Politics”

Brian Ellison

Executive Director, Covenant Network of Presbyterians

RECOGNITION OF PETER AND PENNY MURRAY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Patrice 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

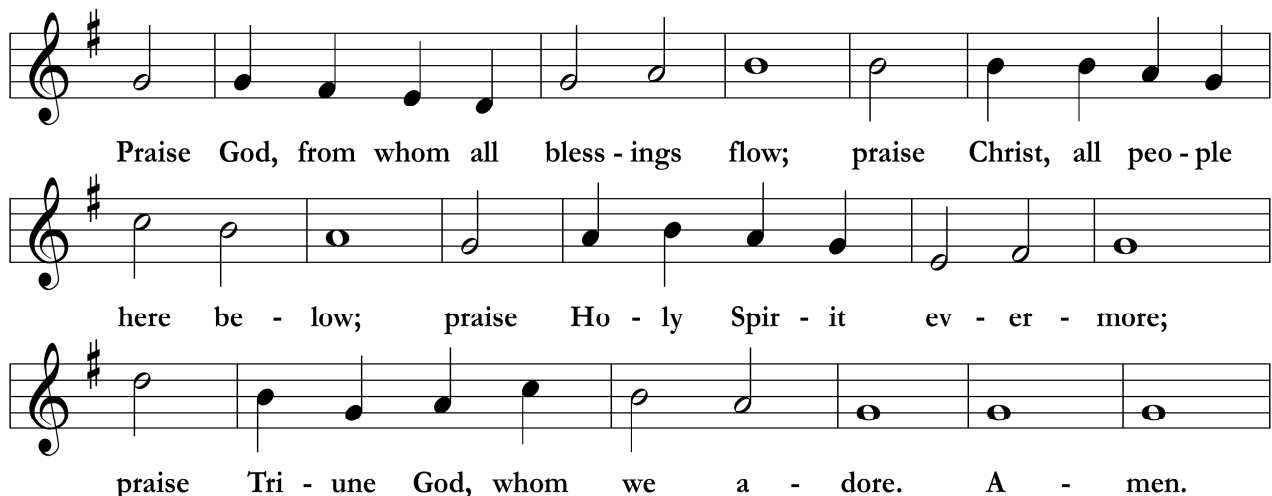
“Set Me As A Seal”

René Clausen

*Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death, many waters cannot quench love,
Nor can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death. (from Song of Solomon 8:6-7)*

*** 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.

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

*** 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: Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already blessed by you. We give you thanks for the gifts offered to us each day. Our prayer is that these offerings and each of our lives may further your kingdom here on earth. In Christ's name we pray.

People: Amén.

Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal” (*songbook* #6)

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Brian Ellison



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♦ **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preaching: Brian Ellison, *Executive Director*
Covenant Network of Presbyterians

Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Imam Mufti Wadul Abjid
Diana Armstrong
Carol Hoehn

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir

Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Following the service, please join us in the Narthex for a special Fellowship Time to honor Peter and Penny Murray. Members of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh will join us for lunch in the Social Hall after today's service. Kelcey Sharkas, outreach coordinator at ICP, will also facilitate a seminar, titled *How to Be a Muslim Ally*. All are welcome!

♦ **WORSHIP FLOWERS**

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Wainwright and Miss Hattie E. Wainwright.

♦ **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 28 — 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.
Aug 28 — 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 to honor Peter and Penny Murray. 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!

A Warm Welcome to Our Special Guests!

Members of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh (ICP)

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.

This morning we welcome members of ICP for worship 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.

Journey Prayer

A *Journey Prayer* time of sharing and gathering of the Journey worshipping community will be held on Sundays 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!**

Peter and Penny Murray Recognition

During this morning's 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 in the Narthex. All are welcome!

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.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Summer* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.



Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Event – Aug 23

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 attending a *Latin Mass* on Tuesday, Aug 23 at 7 pm. See Wil Forrest for info.

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).

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering – Sept 11

The next LGBTQ Ministry *spiritual gathering* will be held on Sunday, Sept 11 at Noon. *TransPride Pittsburgh* will be Sept 15-17. To attend either event, or to learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

All are welcome!

— 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 in the Pastor's Conference Room.
- ✦ 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 in Room 234 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.



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

Ruth Donalson, 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 John Bavaro on his sister's passing.

Condolences to Elmer Harkema on his father's passing.

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

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

Committee Meetings This Week

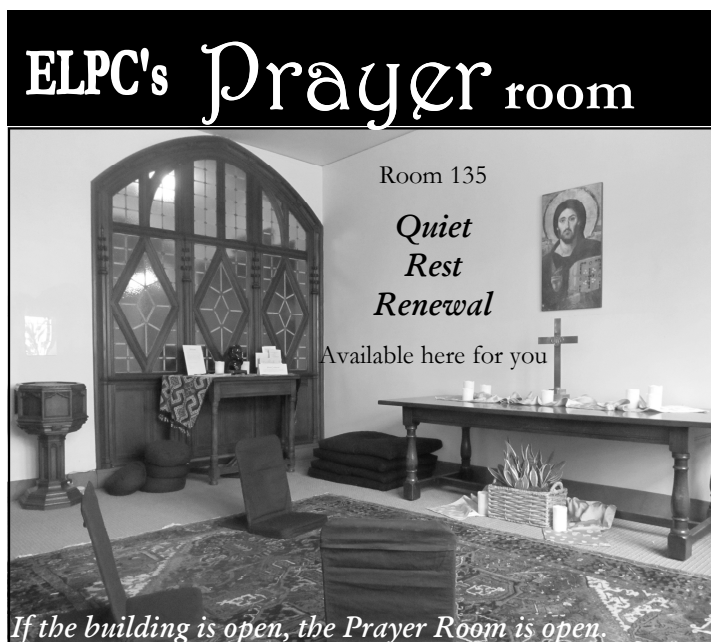
Heritage *Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Heritage Rm)*
Mission Board..... *Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)*

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.

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts

Register now for Hope Academy classes! The 2016-2017 Course Brochure and registration forms are available on the information tables throughout the church.



IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Volunteer at Holy Family Institute

Holy Family Institute's East Liberty office (N Whitfield St) is in need of a clerical volunteer one day a week. If you are between jobs and looking to enhance your resume or are retired, this volunteer opportunity is for you! If interested, please contact Lynn Guerra (412.766.9020 x304; Guerra.lynn@hfi-pgh.org).

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: toothpaste, foot powder, deodorant. Their August food-of-the-month is tuna. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ **Food 4 Thought Mentor or Meal Team Member** ♦
(apply by August 31)

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.



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Sept 25 and Oct 2
following 11 am worship

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