



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)

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

"It cannot be that the instinct which has led to the erection of cathedrals, and of churches in every village, is wholly mistaken and misleading. There must be some great truth underlying the instinct for worship."

— Sir Oliver Lodge

"Now let us do something beautiful for God."

— Mother Teresa

GATHERING MUSIC

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" (songbook #1)

SCHUMANN

"In Christ Called to Baptize" (songbook #2)

ST. DENIO

"We Are Marching in the Light of God" (songbook #3)

SIYAHAMBA

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women

Sherry Anderson

* SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 1)

Mike and Kate Dillon

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

People: **Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

People: For in all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* HYMN

"God Is Here!" (songbook #4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory here in this space. We believe that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave here much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In this time of worship, illumine our darkness. Forgive our sins. Open our eyes, our hearts, our spirits. May we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. Hear now our prayers for ourselves and for the world around us.

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

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN

“God Is Here Today” (songbook #5)

DIOS ESTA AQUÍ

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe, as certain as the morning sun that rises,

As certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

Mike Dillon

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

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” (songbook #6)

HOLY MANNA

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 14:26-33, 39-40

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“The Apostle Paul & Presbyterian Worship”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

“I’m Gonna Sing”

André J. Thomas

Sing on! Dance on! Sing on! Pray on! Sing on! Shout on till the spirit says sing!

I’m gonna sing when the spirit says sing and obey the spirit of the Lord!

I’m gonna pray when the spirit says pray and obey the spirit of the Lord!

Sing on, brother, sing on! Shout on, sister, shout on!

I’m gonna shout when the spirit says shout and obey the spirit of the Lord!

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by Richard Frederick and Todd Goss.



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— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” (songbook #7)

UNION SEMINARY

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, and the laying on of hands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Patient and persistent God, through this sacrament we have experienced once more how your grace and mercy overflow into our lives, and how our acts of praise and worship are designed to honor your name here in this world. Send us forth in the name of Christ Jesus, who came to rescue those who are lost (including us) and to heal the broken and wounded parts of humanity **(including us). With thanksgiving, we offer this prayer in Christ’s name. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN

“Come! Live in the Light!” (songbook #8)

WE ARE CALLED

* 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 L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Sherry Anderson
Mike and Kate Dillon
Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadle: Lenore Williams
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

Next Sunday, Sept 11 is Rally Day! We will resume our regular worship schedule and Sunday school classes. Please join us on this festive day!

8:45 am Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
Sept 11 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.

11 am Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
Sept 11 — The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush 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

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Summer* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.



Register Now for Hope Academy of Music and the Arts

Hope Academy's fall term begins the week of Sept 12. Download a brochure and registration form online at www.HopeAcademyArts.com or pick one up at the ELPC front desk. Classes fill quickly, so return your completed registration form as soon as possible.

PW Bible Study – Sept 6 and 12

Join us on Tuesday, Sept 6 at 10 am for the first of our new 2016-2017 series *Who is Jesus*. We will meet for Bible study, fellowship and lunch. Bring your spiritual curiosity and a salad, bread or dessert to share. If you can't join us on Tuesday, you can join us Monday, Sept 12 at 7 pm for Bible study and fellowship.

Happy Wanderers Event – Sept 8

Our senior members and friends are invited to join the *Happy Wanderers* group on Thursday, Sept 8 for dinner at the Lamplighter Restaurant and then a play at Apple Hill Playhouse (*Death by Fatal Murder*). 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!



Next Sunday is Rally Day!

*Please join us for the festive return
of our fall programming schedule!*

Our 8:45 am Journey worship service returns in the Social Hall.

The Christian Ed Committee welcomes you back to Church School at 9:45 am as classes for persons of all ages resume.

Before class, stop by Rooms 224 and 227 at 9:30 am for a light breakfast and see old friends and make new ones.

The Brass Roots will be our musical guests at the 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

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.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Sunday School Class – Sept 11

Young adults are encouraged to see Wil Forrest or visit the YAM Facebook page for the newly released fall program schedule.

Our next event is YAM CE Class *Prayer Time* on Sunday, Sept 11 from 9:45-10:45 am in the Pastor's Conference Room. Stop by the Rally Day festivities first to get some food and drink and to share some fellowship before connecting with other young adults for a biblical reflection and some group prayer.

Soul Food Retreat – Cancellation on Sept 17

The one-day Soul Food retreat previously scheduled for Saturday, Sept 17 has been cancelled and will not be held at this time.

Visitor's Sunday and Church Life Sampler – Sept 18

Our annual *Church Life Sampler* will be held after our 11 am service on Sunday, Sept 18. Come "sample" the various worship and service opportunities that ELPC offers. Meet leaders, ask questions, and jump on board!

Lunch will be provided and a special activity will be available for children. This also is *Visitor's Sunday*, so bring along a friend or two!

Join us at the Church Picnic – Sept 25

The Christian Education Ministry Team invites everyone to the annual *Church Picnic* on Sunday, Sept 25 following the 11 am service.

Food will be served in the Social Hall, with seating in the Social Hall and Courtyard.

Games will be set up in the Gym and Bowling Alley. Fried chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, a light dessert and beverages will be provided, but please bring a side dish or salad to share.

Sign up on the sheets outside the East Transept to indicate what food you are bringing.

On the day of the event, carts will be available at every entrance before each service so that the food you bring can be refrigerated until the picnic.





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

Mary Beth Gladis, Buzz Hutchison,
Sandy Kalsey, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Gail Noden, Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn, Judy Roberts,
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise,
and Matt Stufft's mother.

Condolences to John Bavaro on his sister's passing.

Condolences to the family of Pastor Freedom Blackwell. The Home Going Celebration will be on Friday, Sept 9 at 11 am at House of Manna. Viewing/visiting hours will be on Sept 7 and 8 from 11am-1pm and 4pm-7pm both days at House of Manna (7240 Frankstown Ave, 15208). In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations/contributions be made to House of Manna Ministry or the Blackwell Children Education Fund. Make checks or money orders payable to House of Manna and note in memo line either the HOM Ministry or Education Fund. Send cards, condolences or contributions to 7128 Hermitage St, 15208.

Committee Meetings This Week

The church office is closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. A safe and happy holiday to the ELPC family!

Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)
Mission Board..... Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)

Health Ministry September Events

♦ *Tai Chi* — Tuesdays 10–11 am; 6–7 pm
Classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept 13. Experience flowing movements and a relaxing workout. The cost is \$25 for 10 weeks or \$3 per session. Please pre-register with Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x16).

♦ *JourneyDance* — Friday, Sept 9 from 7–8 pm
Use movement to celebrate your inner strengths. Classes are led by Yamuna. A donation from the heart is appreciated.

The Chapel Market

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.

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.

Diaper Drive Continues

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.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Household Cleaning Supplies Needed

The East Liberty Gardens Apartments are set for demolition this fall, and all families are now moving out. Most of the families depend on housing subsidies due to very low income; many of these families have no extra income to spend on “extra” items needed when moving. We are requesting your help with donations of household cleaning supplies: broom/dustpan, mop, bucket, dish detergent, bleach, tub/shower cleaner, and other such items. Please help us give the families of East Liberty Gardens a fresh start on their new journeys! Please contact Becky Gloninger (412.913.6070; rag15@verizon.net).

Fayetteville County Recovery Efforts

If you are interested in volunteering to help with recovery efforts following the devastating flood in Fayetteville County, please contact Michele Bossers (michele2285@gmail.com; 412.303.9243). Monetary donations can be mailed to CACM, 110 W Crawford Ave, Connellsville, PA 15425, with checks made payable to *Connellsville Area Community Ministry* with “flood relief” in the memo line.

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ Club 116 Meal Provider ♦

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.

Church School Classes

Sept 11 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries — “Whom Do You Say I Am?” facilitated by Mary Alice Lightle

Journey with Scripture — Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10 facilitated by Jan Lyle Irvin, Lora Bethea and other members

Seekers — “The Murals at St. Nicholas Church” facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — Gathering Session: Introduction to the new text *The Gift of Being Yourself* by David Benner facilitated by the Rev. Joe Hajdu and other members

YAM — “Prayer Time” facilitated by Wil Forrest