



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)

NOVEMBER 13, 2016 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Handbells were first brought to the United States from England by Margaret Shurcliff in 1902. The ELPC Ringers' handbells are a 4-octave set of bells manufactured by the Schulmerich company from Hatfield, PA.

PRAYER FOR HEALING:
O Lord, give me strength to be the first to tender the healing word and the renewal of friendship, that the bonds of amity and the flow of charity may be strengthened for the good of all and the furthering of thine eternal, loving purpose.
(Cecil Hunt)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"It is the evil in man that makes democracy necessary, and man's belief in justice that makes democracy possible." — Reinhold Niebuhr

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"O Lord, We Praise You"
"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Jacob B. Weber
Sandra Eithun
ELPC Ringers

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Rick Frederick and Todd Goss

Leader: Let us praise God for this new day and for the new opportunities to serve our neighbors and our Creator.

People: Let us praise God for the gifts that we have received and for the joy and privilege in sharing these gifts with others.

Leader: Let us praise God for the joy of participating in the creation of a beloved community here on earth as we await God's realm of truth and justice.

People: Let everyone and everything praise the Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #301

TWO OAKS

"Let Us Build a House"

CALL TO PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (read responsively)

People: In life and in death we belong to God.

Leader: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

People: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Leader: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Today is the birthday of the great African theologian Augustine of Hippo (354 CE), the opening date of the New York Holland Tunnel (1927), the date the Supreme Court struck down laws requiring racial segregation on public buses (1956), and the dedication date for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. (1982).

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) was a German organist and composer of the late Renaissance and early Baroque eras.

"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8: 38)

- People: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
- Leader: In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.
- People: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
- Leader: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
- People: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
- Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- People: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Cantate Domino"

Hans Leo Hassler
text: Psalm 96:1-3

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, and bless God's name: announce God's salvation from day to day.
Announce among the nations God's glory, and God's wonders to all peoples.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:12-18, 22-25 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Our Extended Session program is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 3 in the first floor Nursery and pre-school age through grade 1 in Room 151.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:
Gracious God, may we be your faithful stewards using our gifts to share joy, peace and love with our neighbors, so that they may know of your gracious love for them. May our wise stewardship enable others to imagine a hopeful future, and to become participants in the building of your kingdom on earth. Guide us with your wisdom that all may know and partake in the fruits of your creation. Amen.

The theme of *Carillon du Longpont* is based on the carillon of the chapel of the Castle Longpont in northern France. Louis Vierne (1870-1937) dedicated the piece to his brother, René. The carillon theme is heard at the beginning of the piece, played by the feet 17 times in a row!

OFFERING INVITATION

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. The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERTORY

“Let the Heavens Ring!”

Kevin Stewart
ELPC Ringers

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-28

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“We Must Walk Forward”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #712 *(please remain seated)*

FOREST GREEN

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

PRESENTATION OF STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES AND SPECIAL GIFTS

All are invited to bring forward completed pledge cards and place them in the baskets being held at the front of the sanctuary. We will also bring forward bags of food donated to assist the hunger programs of East End Cooperative Ministries.

Please stand and sing the following hymns during the presentation of Stewardship Pledges:

* #707

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

HALL

* #708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

SCHUMANN

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: All we offer we have received from you.

People: We praise you, O God, for your goodness and promises of life.

The Lord’s Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Carillon du Longpont”

Louis Vierne



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◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Rick Frederick and Todd Goss
Luz Esquivel Brigido
Kira Mukogosi
Joshua Odom
Quinn Seif
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Acolytes: N'ziyableu Boddy and Naijah Simon
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Chloe Ferrante
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary 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

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
Nov 20 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
Nov 20 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session "Ticket" and that your child bring it with him/her to Extended Session every week.

- * *Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3)* — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.
- * *Pre-school age children (through grade 1)* — Room 151.

◆ 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 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 McKelvy Room. 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 Nov 27 and Dec 4 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (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 is Stewardship Sunday

The Stewardship Committee's theme of *Rebuilding our Bodies & Souls* reminds us to see the act of pledging as part of a healthy spiritual discipline involving all of who we are—body and soul. Build up yourself, body and soul, by re-committing your time and treasures to the ministries we do today, seeking to meet the needs of East Liberty tomorrow! Thank you for your generous support!

Prayer and Meditation Room

In the wake of the election outcome, the Prayer and Meditation Room will be open following the 11 am service today. Individuals will be on hand to offer individual prayers and anointing for those who wish to be supported in this way.

Youth Day of Thanks and Giving

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to come learn about why folks across the world are standing with Standing Rock and join in prayer, advocacy and action to support the Standing Rock Sioux. We will show our thanks for God's creation by giving our support to those who are fighting to protect it. We will be joined by youth from Sixth Presbyterian Church and Shadyside Presbyterian Church today from 12:15-3 pm and lunch will be served. Please see Sara Hackett to participate.

Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians: A Learning & Discussion Series

The *Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians: A Learning & Discussion Series* concludes today in the Social Hall after the 11 am service with the topic *History, Polity, Theology, Oh My!* led by Pastor Randy Bush, the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan and Elder Carol Chonoska, co-sponsored by Spiritual Life Committee.

Today's DODs

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Cami Teacoach**.



The Chapel Market Accepts Winter Outerwear Only

During November and December, *The Chapel Market* can accept **only** donations of winter outerwear (coats, jackets, gloves, scarves, hats, boots). Due to very limited storage space, no other clothing items please until after the Christmas holidays.

Thank you for your generosity and your interest.

YAM Event: Something Fun — Nov 19

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will have a group choice *Something Fun* event on Saturday, Nov 19. Those who show up at 10 am at ELPC will be presented with 3 choices for a fun day (group majority will rule). We will leave at 10 am, and return in the early evening.

Hope Academy Teaching Artists in Concert — Nov 19

Our *Cathedral Concerts* season continues in the Chapel at 5 pm on Saturday, Nov 19, featuring teaching artists from Hope Academy of Music and the Arts! These artists give private instruction to hundreds of students, and now it is their turn to take the stage as performers. The performance is free and open to the public, but a freewill offering will be received.

Special Postlude — Nov 20

Originally scheduled for today, Pastor Randy Bush and Dr. Ed Moore will perform the first movement of Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2* next Sunday, Nov 20 as the postlude for the 11 am service.

Annual Thanksgiving Feast — Nov 20

Join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 20 for a turkey luncheon! Bring a side dish or dessert to share (*sign up outside the East Transept today*).

Reiki Training — Nov 20 and Dec 4

If you would like to be attuned and learn to use Reiki, a spiritual healing art and form of complementary medicine, register for our two-part (*Reiki 1 and 2*) training on Sundays, Nov 20 and Dec 4 from 1-5 pm, led by Douglas James. The cost is \$60 and scholarships are available. Forms are online (www.ELPC.church) and on the Spiritual Life bulletin board.

Children of Abraham Service — Nov 27

The three major world religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—all share a common foundation in the life of the patriarch Abraham. God's covenant with Abraham and his wife Sarah included the promise that their children will prosper and become the 12 tribes of ancient Israel, and the tribes descended from Ishmael.

At our 11 am Sanctuary service on Sunday, Nov 27, Pastor Randy will be joined by Rabbi Jamie Gibson (Temple Sinai) and Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid (Islamic Center of Pittsburgh) to explore our common faith heritage grounded in Abraham's story. Please join us for this interfaith celebration of God's covenants that span centuries and continue to inspire people of faith the world over.





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

Sharron Boddy's sister,
Kate Carlson's cousin Jack,
Mary Evrard's godmother Ginny,
Leigh Halverson's stepfather Brian,
Jan Herzer and her friends Francine, Bob and Mick,
Pam Kimmel's niece Jen, Lee Lewand,
Paul Martin's cousin Jeff,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Sonya-Marie and Nate Morley's brother-in-law Matty,
Sonya-Marie Morley's friend and
Deborah Marx's cousin Eileen and her family,
Jon Nelson's friend Clair, Rhonda Perroz, Reggie Plato,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia, Betty Rieley,
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise,
Kay Shissler and Marilyn Castle's sister Linda,
Pat Valoon's friend Robert and his family and
Andrew Wilkinson's mother Leslie.

Congratulations to Elmer Harkema on the birth of his grandson.

The Christmas Giving Tree – Nov 27 and Dec 4

Every year, the Deacons organize the *Christmas Giving Tree* to benefit children and families from East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), as well as our ELPC ministries. The *Giving Tree* will be set up near the Information Desk before and after our Journey and Sanctuary services on Sundays, Nov 27 and Dec 4, and our Taizé services on Wednesdays, Nov 30 and Dec 7. Stop by and pick up a tag! Wrapped gifts with tags are due in the church office by noon on Sunday, Dec 11. To make a monetary donation, make your check payable to *ELPC Giving Tree* and deliver it to the church office. The Deacon Board thanks you for your support of this ministry.



The Giving Tree

Hanging of the Greens – Nov 27

You're invited to help with our annual holiday decorating on Sunday, Nov 27 following the 11 am service. We'll have a variety of activities, from sorting ornaments to hanging wreaths. No experience is necessary! All are welcome to come help the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee ready our worship space for the season.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?



Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x14).

♦ Sign up in the hall outside the East Transept to help with the Thanksgiving Feast on Nov 20 ♦

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Fall Choral Concert – Nov 19

Rev. Dr. Herbert Jones, founder/director of *The Heritage Gospel Chorale of Pittsburgh* will present the fall concert *I Hear Music in the Air* at 4 pm on Saturday, Nov 19 at Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ (6300 East Liberty Blvd, 15206). Admission is \$5. For more info, please visit www.thgcpgh.org, or call 412.613.5825.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Nov 22

An *Interfaith Thanksgiving Service* will be held on Tuesday, Nov 22 at 7 pm at Church of the Redeemer (Forbes Ave, Squirrel Hill). The speaker is County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. Our host is the Rev. Michael Foley, Rector of Church of the Redeemer.

Committee Meetings This Week

Health Ministry.....Monday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)
Youth & Young AdultTuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)
Session.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)
Peace.....Thursday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)

Local Mission and Service Opportunity – Nov 27

Looking for a way to connect with mission and fellowship at ELPC? Serve with the Neighbors Committee as part of the Holy Spirit Breakfast Team on Sunday, Nov 27 to cook and serve breakfast to residents at EECM Community House. For details, email Jim Eng (james.eng@sru.edu).

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering – Dec 10

The next LGBTQ Ministry *gathering* is on Saturday, Dec 10 at 7:30 pm for the Renaissance City Choir concert, and going out after it is over. To attend or learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

Live Stream Our Weekly Taizé Service

Our mid-week Taizé service is now available for live streaming. Using your computer or mobile device, visit our church website (www.ELPC.church) at 7 pm on Wednesdays and click on the *Taizé Live Stream* link.

Church School Classes

Nov 20 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “With Whom You Eat Matters” led by Mary Alice Lightle

Seekers – “Refugees’ Challenges” led by Benedict Killang

Journey with Scripture – Jeremiah 23:1–6; Luke 1:68–79; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43 facilitated by Jan Irvin and Lora Bethea

Soul Food – A discussion of the first part of chapter five of *The Gift of Being Yourself*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Sel Whitaker, and Vivienne Selia