



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 16, 2017 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

Questions for Reflection:

How is God's resurrecting Spirit at work in you and in your community?
Where are you experiencing new life?
Where are you struggling?
How might God be planting seeds of new life in the midst of your struggles?

GATHERING MUSIC

"Down in the River to Pray" (songbook #1)
"Because of Who You Are" (songbook #2)
"Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name" (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.
People: Y también contigo.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 65)

Lenore Williams

Leader: You are to be praised, O God, in all the lands.
People: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you prepare the grain and provide for the earth.
Leader: You crown the year with your goodness and your paths overflow with plenty.
People: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing and the hills be clothed with joy.
Leader: As the valleys are covering with grain, let all your creation join in singing with joy.

* HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (songbook #4)

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mike Ball

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mike Ball

Faithful God, your word comes to us freely and generously each day. Too often, though, it falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways. Cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill over with your passion to serve in a world you have made, redeemed and blessed. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

July 16 • 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Mike Ball

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!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN

"Sanctuary"

SANCTUARY



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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:6-12

The Rev. Dr. Bush and Lenore Williams

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS

The Rev. Dr. Bush and Mike Ball

Members: Bob Crossey, Linda Crossey, Polly McQueen, Erich Stein,
Nick Stelitano, Laura Stelitano, Rick Watling

Friends: Kitty Brunkhorst, Austin Hestdalen, Keana Knight, Sofia Sunseri

Affirmation of Faith

Welcome

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

Children of any age are welcome to come to the front of the worship space for Moments with our Children. 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

"We Are Called" (songbook #5)

WE ARE CALLED

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Harvest Talk"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

Hillsong

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail. And there I find you in the mystery. In oceans deep, my faith will stand.

Refrain: And I will call upon your name, and keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace, for I am yours and you are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide. Where feet may fail and fears surround me, you’ve never failed and you won’t start now. (*refrain*)

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders. Let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. (*repeat*)

I will call upon your name. Keep my eyes above the waves. My soul will rest in your embrace. I am yours, and you are mine.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Mike Ball

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: Gracious God, you call us to sow your word in all times and places. All fruitful discipleship is the work of your Spirit in us. May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. Amen.

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

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith” (*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: Mike Ball
Sara Hackett
Lenore Williams
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 a reception to welcome our congregation's new members, sponsored by the Membership & Outreach Committee. All are welcome!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x118).

◆ 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 x111). The cost is \$75 a Sunday during our outdoor worship services.

◆ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey Prayer Time. An extended prayer time and bible reflection with a few songs. In Social Hall.
July 23 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush.

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and music prior to the service.
July 23 — The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan preaching.

Summer Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 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.

There is only one Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger — 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 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* to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for info on future classes (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122), or the Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush (RandyB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x123).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

Summer Film Festival

A Justice that Heals, hosted by the Justice Committee, is the film being shown today as part of the Mission Board's *Summer Film Festival*. Please join us in the Social Hall after the 10 am service for this documentary that explores the aftermath of the senseless murder of 19-year-old Andrew Young by 18-year-old Mario Ramos in Chicago. Future films are:

- *July 23: Locked in Box*, host: *Justice Committee*. An award-winning short documentary follows the stories of individuals held in the U.S. Immigration detention system and those who visit them.
- *July 30: Brainwashing of My Dad*, host: *Peace Committee*. A documentary detailing media's influence on people.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's 10 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

LGBTQ Ministry: Spiritual Gathering

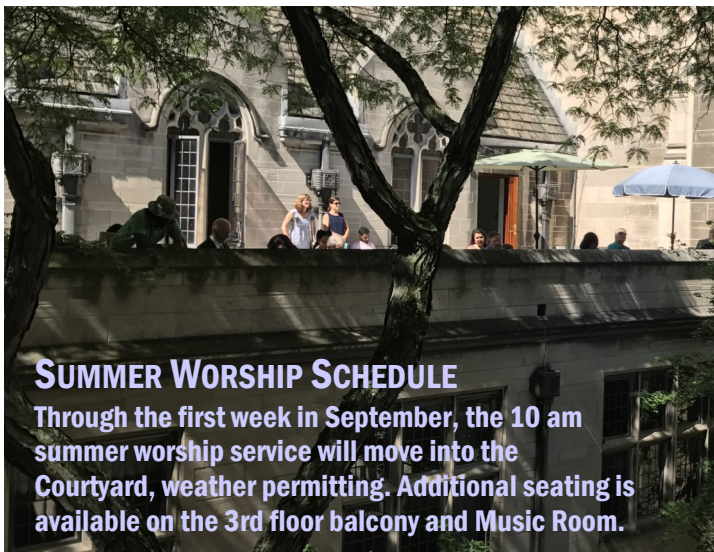
God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

All are invited to attend the next *Spiritual Gathering* of the LGBTQ Ministry today at 11 am in the 2nd floor Parlor. See Wil Forrest for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

You are also welcome to join us for the Allegheny County Bar Association's LGBT Rights Committee's Legal Forum on Thursday, July 20.

Journey Prayer

Now through Labor Day weekend, a **Journey Prayer Time** will be held at 8:45 am in the Social Hall, with a few songs, an extended prayer time and bible reflection.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Through the first week in September, the 10 am summer worship service will move into the Courtyard, weather permitting. Additional seating is available on the 3rd floor balcony and Music Room.

Today's Deacon on Duty

Today's summer service DOD is **Henry Pitrilli**.

Hand Fans

Keep cool while at worship this summer with the hand fans available near each entrance. Please leave them at the exit when worship is over.



Young Adult Ministry Event – July 29

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will gather at 7 pm at ELPC or meet at Observatory Hill on Saturday, July 29 to share a fun summer Pittsburgh tradition—a free outdoor movie in Riverview Park on the Northside! For details on that evening's movie, *The Good Lie*, please visit www.Pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/cinema-riverview.

Workday with OHM – Aug 5

All ages and skill levels are welcome to help Open Hand Ministries rehab an abandoned house into a quality, affordable home for a family from 9 am-3 pm on Saturday, Aug 5. For details, please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR201@gmail.com).

Summer Service and Fellowship – Aug 8

ELPC is providing dinner for the Open Hand Ministries Circles group on Tuesday, Aug 8. We are seeking people to donate salads, side dishes, and desserts, as well as to help serve the meal. This is a great opportunity to support and meet the OHM families who are preparing for home ownership. If you are able to donate food and/or help serve dinner, contact Henry Petrilli (hlp615@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x130).

Save the Date to Celebrate – Aug 24

All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, Aug 24, from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard. Save the date and plan to share food and fellowship. Visit ELPC.church/programs/iSERVE to learn more about service opportunities. For more info, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

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).

♦ **Considering your options to serve this fall?**
Talk to Wil now....there is much to do! ♦



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

Ray Anthony,
Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny,
David Carl's friend Madelyn and her mother,
Martha DeMarzi and her friend Noah,
Patrice Fowler-Searcy's mother and grandmother,
Pam Kimmel's friend Molly and niece Jen,
Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand,
Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,
Chris Markwell, Marti Moore,
Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna and friend Theo,
Pat Valoon, and Jon Walker.

Our condolences to the family of Alan Patterson on his passing.

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

Committee Meeting This Week

Youth & Young Adults..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Session Room)*

Faith, Science, and Our Spiritual Life — Aug 31

Got questions? Interested in the connections between faith and science? Want to meet similarly minded folks? Join in the conversation on the last Thursday of each month (Aug 31, 6:30 pm) as we read, watch videos, and discuss the faith that we share, ways in which it overlaps with science, and how all of that affects our spiritual life.

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays, 7–7:20 pm

Drawn from the ancient Christian contemplative tradition, this prayer method is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Christ.

Cathedral Yoga

Wednesdays, 6–7 pm

Practice prayerful yoga in our beautiful Gothic Sanctuary. Please bring your own mat. Yoga is free, but donations are appreciated.

Mindful Thursdays

Thursdays, 6:30–8 pm

Join us in the Prayer and Meditation Room for Qi Gong at 6:30 pm, led by Linda Harrington. Then we will experience Mindfulness Meditation from 7–8 pm, with Susan Spangler. Those who are new and those with experience are heartily welcome.

EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUAL SIDE

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



New Sanctuary Pittsburgh Meeting — July 17

There will be a general meeting of all interested in *New Sanctuary Pittsburgh* on Monday, July 17 at 7 pm at 6th Presbyterian Church in Squirrel Hill (corner of Forbes and Murray Aves, across from the SH Carnegie Library). On the agenda will be a discussion of the *Listening Sessions* that were held and the next steps.

Remembering Aurora — July 20

Please join CeaseFirePA, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, B-PEP/Greater Pgh CAV, Voices Against Violence, Unitarian Universalist Church of the South Hills, PIIN's Public Safety Task Force, and other community partners to pay tribute to the 12 people massacred by a gunman in a Colorado movie theater five years ago, as well as all of those in our communities who have senselessly lost their lives to gun violence, and to plan solutions that can bring peace. There will be an indoor program with speakers and survivors, followed by candles outside on Thursday, July 20 from 6:30–8 pm at the Jeron X. Grayson Community Center (1852 Enoch St, 15219).

Trinity Youth Conference “TYC” — July 23 to 29

TYC is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students at Living Waters Camp (Schellsburg, PA). More info can be found at www.TrinityYouthConference.org.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

If you walk around the Ground Floor or Second Floor of our church, you can see that construction work is well underway now. Current work is focused on two main areas and one secondary area. Primary work is happening around the Whitfield St church entrance and up on the Second Floor, including demolition/renovation work in the bathrooms, flooring removal

in many of the classrooms, removal of the stage area in Room 234, and some necessary asbestos remediation.

Secondary work continues on the Third Floor regarding some duct work needed to supply air-conditioning/air improvements on the floor below it.

The current schedule is to have the bulk of work done on these two floors by the beginning of September, with work on the First Floor to commence thereafter.