



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 30, 2017 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

*"We look before and after,
And pine for what is not:
Our sincerest laughter*

With some pain is fraught;

Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought."

— Percy Bysshe Shelley, To a Skylark

GATHERING MUSIC

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (songbook #1)

"God Is So Good" (songbook #2)

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" (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 142)

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi???

Leader: I cry to the Lord with my voice; to the Lord I make loud supplication.

People: I pour out my complaint before you, O Lord, and tell you all my trouble.

Leader: When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; I cry out to you, O Lord.

People: **I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. Listen to my cry for help. Save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me."**

Leader: May I ever give thanks to your name, for you have dealt bountifully with me. Let us worship God!

* HYMN

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (songbook #4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi???

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi???

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine we are capable judges of what is good, wise and true. We trust our own standards; we judge the performance of others; we grow weary in well-doing. Too often we fail to watch for you, as you work out your purposes within and around us. Gracious God, forgive us this day. Transform our weary spirits that we may be open to your love that surpasses all we know and believe. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

July 30 • 8th Sunday after Pentecost

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi???

Leader: Friends, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN "I Love the Lord Who Heard My Cry" (songbook #5)

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.

Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.

O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi???

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

"There is a Balm in Gilead" (songbook #6)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 137

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Melancholy Faith"

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"I Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Allen Pote

text adapted from Psalm 121

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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: Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather both our joy and melancholy, our generosity and reluctance. Enliven us by your Spirit that our lives might show forth your glory from this day forth. In Christ's name.

People: Amén.

Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi???
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Kathy Benninger, *Flute*
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 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.

August 6 — 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. Fellowship is held in the Narthex.

August 6 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush 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

Join us in the Social Hall after the 10 am service to view the documentary *Brainwashing of My Dad*, hosted by the Peace Committee, as the final film in the Mission Board's summer film festival. The media's influence is explored in this short film.

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.

Today's Deacon on Duty

Today's summer service DOD is **Sonya-Marie Morley**.

Pre-Sold Faith Night Pirate Game Tickets

All who have pre-ordered Pirate tickets for *Faith Night* on Aug 17 are to pick up your tickets from David Carl on any Sunday prior to the game. Please contact David with questions (dbcarl333@gmail.com).



Return Book Please...

We invite you to please return the book *Race in a Post-Obama America* if you have finished it, so others can read it. Please put books in the basket on the communion table.

Chapel Market

The Chapel Market needs donations of men and women's summer, new or gently used clothing. Donations are preferred during shopping hours, Monday 10 am-Noon, but can be left at the church during business hours.

OHM Circles Group Dinner – Aug 1

ELPC is providing dinner for the Open Hand Ministries (OHM) Circles group on Tuesday, Aug 1. 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 or help serve dinner, contact Henry Petrilli (hlp615@gmail.com).

TRAIL's First Friday @ Gateway Clipper Outing – Aug 4

Young adults are invited to spend a summer evening on the three rivers with friends during the *TRAIL First Friday @ Gateway Clipper* outing on Aug 4 at 7 pm. We will set sail on the Gateway Clipper and return to Station Square for fellowship and refreshments. Bring money to sail (\$20) and snacks. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net) for info.

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).

LGBTQ Ministry Events – Aug 5 and 27

All people are welcome to join the LGBTQ Ministry at our *Spiritual Gathering* on Saturday, Aug 5 at 2 pm, or our *Rainbow Connection Picnic* at Randyland on Sunday, Aug 27 at Noon. Contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x114).

Trinity Chapel Tour – Aug 13

Join tour guide Penn Hackney on a tour of the Trinity Chapel following the Courtyard worship service on Sunday, Aug 13. This small but beautiful space abounds with both symbolism and history of the Church, and also contains a one-of-a-kind stained glass window. Meet Penn following the service in the Narthex (*back of the Sanctuary*).

All Over the Burgh Event – Aug 18

All Over the Burgh, ELPC's meet-up group, is all about fellowship and fun by exploring free (or mostly free) events around town. All members and friends are welcome to join us on Friday, Aug 18 for *Friday at Frick* for the (free) American/folk foot-stomping sounds of *The Mixus Brothers*. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket, and meet on the grounds across from the Playhouse entrance around 5:45 pm. Music starts at 6:30 pm. Look for the ELPC sign! *There will be wine sales and food trucks.*

**FAITH, SCIENCE,
AND OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE**

*Got questions? Interested in connections
between faith and science?*

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.



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

Ray Anthony, Diana Armstrong,
John Bavaro, John Buckley's mentee David,
David Carl's friend Madelyn and her mother,
Martha DeMarzi, Dave Gilliland,
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.

*Condolences to the family of **Ron Frenchy Frye** on his passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Centennial Fund.....Monday, 6:00 pm (Session Room)
Property.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Room)
Christian Education.....Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Session Room)

View ELPC Members' Energy Efficient Home – Aug 20

Visit *Passive House* and learn about efficient building construction. Lucyna de Barbaro and Ayres Freitas believe that their heating and cooling bills will be 60-80% lower than in a similar size home.

Their newly constructed *Passive House* is a state-of the art demonstration of energy efficiency in building construction. Technology like this is widely used in Western Europe, but hardly known in the U.S. The house is virtually air-tight and features an energy recovery ventilator to bring in the fresh air. The insulation levels exceed the code.

The house also features sustainable materials, low VOC finishes, permeable driveway, rain water retention on site and green roof on the porch.

Lucyna and Ayres will host an *Open House* on Sunday, Aug 20 from 11:30 am-4 pm. Their address is 2883 Fernwald Rd, 15217. All interested people are welcome.

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).



IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Volunteer at Ten Thousand Villages

Ten Thousand Villages is looking for volunteers. Join them for a *Volunteer Orientation* and learn about the behind-the-scenes work that goes into a fair trade, non-profit retail store and why volunteers allow us to carry more handicrafts from our artisan groups in developing countries. Those interested in supporting the mission can expect to volunteer at least 8 hours per month. Please contact Karen McCarthy or Abbie Godollei (412.421.2160; volunteer.pittsburgh@tentousandvillages.com).

Church Yard Sale – Aug 5

St. James AME Church (444 Lincoln Ave, 15206) is hosting a “new to you” flea market on Saturday, Aug 5 from 11 am-4 pm. Please join them if interested.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

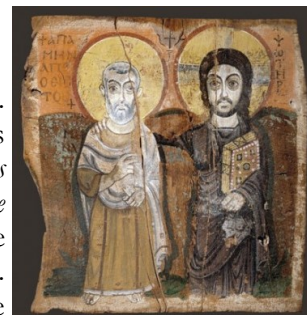


Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x114).

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

Just Published and New in Bookstore

ELPC Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut, has written a new book, *Meeting Jesus the Christ Again – A Conservative Progressive Faith* and it is available in the ELPC bookstore for \$10. A limited number of copies are available, so get yours now.



Sponsor Our Flowers for Worship

If you would like to purchase the flowers used in our worship service, please contact Norma (Norma@coh.net). A brief notation of your choosing will be included in the printed Sunday bulletin when you sponsor that week's flowers. The cost is \$75 per Sunday for our summer worship services.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 10