



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 6, 2017 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORDS FOR PREPARATION

"The women whom I love and admire for their strength and grace did not get that way because [things] worked out. They got that way because [things] went wrong, and they handled it. They handled it in a thousand different ways on a thousand different days, but they handled it. Those women are my superheroes."
— Elizabeth Gilbert

GATHERING MUSIC

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (songbook #1)

HOLY MANNA

"O Sing to the Lord" (songbook #2)

CANTAI AO SENHOR

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (songbook #3)

LINSTEAD

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

David Carl

Leader: God meets us in our greatest need and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

People: God comes in history, in women and men, in a Savior and in sacraments, to make real
the promise of God's eternal covenant.

Leader: In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

* HYMN

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" (songbook #4) STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Judges 4:1-9

David Carl

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Heather Lawrence

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.

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* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* HYMN

“Woman in the Night” (songbook #5)

NEW DISCIPLES

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Judges 4:17-22

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Judges’ Wisdom: Women of Might”

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

“Come to the Feast”

Hyun Kook
text by Carol McClure

*Come in to the feast that our Lord has provided,
Brothers and sisters, who gather in this place;
Come savor this meal as you savor this moment;
Come giving thanks as you meet him face to face.*

*Come offering your hearts to be bathed in his mercy,
Humble and open to follow after Christ;
Come, laying aside all your strife and your anger;
Come in repentance to the One who offers life.*

*Bread of redemption, Cup of salvation,
Served by our Savior, this sweet celebration;
Glory and honor, praise, adoration;
Unto our Lord, for his table set with grace.*

*Partake of this bread, for you it is broken;
Come drink this wine: for you, it has been poured.
Then, brothers and sisters, who meet at his table;
Go out to serve in the name of our Lord.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by Misia Goodson and Luisa Bonavita.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

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. Callahan

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 HYMNS

“In the Singing” (songbook #6)
“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (songbook #7)
(choir sings ‘Leader,’ congregation sings ‘Response’)

BREAD OF PEACE
BLESS THE LORD

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Callahan

Generous God, the whole creation looks to you and you provide safety, strength, food, and drink in due season. We thank you for this time of worship and sacrament. May it satisfy us **deeply, even as it sends us out this day to serve you faithfully. In Christ’s name. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN

“The Days Are Surely Coming” (songbook #8)

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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: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
David Carl, Heather Lawrence
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Summer Choir
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

The flowers today are in loving memory of Captain and Mrs. Alfred Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Hicks, Mr. Lewis W. Hicks, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Wenman A. Hicks.

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 13 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and music prior to the service.
August 13 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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

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.

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 **Paul Miller**.

Pre-Sold Faith Night Pirate Game Tickets

If you pre-ordered Pirate tickets for *Faith Night* on Aug 17, please get your tickets from David Carl today or next Sunday (final day to pick up your tickets). Please contact David with questions (dbcarl333@gmail.com).



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 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. Suggested donations accepted.*



SUNDAY Church Tours

Trinity Chapel — Aug 13

Join tour guide Penn Hackney following the Courtyard worship service on a tour of the Trinity Chapel with its special stained glass window. Meet Penn after the service in the Narthex/Penn Ave lobby.

Tower Tour — Aug 20

Tour guide Tim VanFleet will take you on a climb up the majestic Church Tower. This tour will focus on the history and construction of this magnificent structure. The tour requires some stamina and it is best to wear sturdy shoes. Please gather following the service in the rear of the chapel.



YAM Event: Good Old-Fashioned Lock-In — Aug 19 to 20

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will get locked in ELPC with friends for a night! Beginning on Saturday, Aug 19 at 4 pm, we'll gather for ice breakers, dinner, educational experiences, Bible study, worship, snacks, relaxation time, a service project, games, and fellowship. Then, we'll join our church family the next morning for worship. RSVP to Wil Forrest by Aug 13 (Wil@coh.net).

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. 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. Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x114) for info.



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

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,
Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,
Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand,
Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,
Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna and friend Theo,
Pat Valoon, and Andrew Wilkinson's mother Leslie.

*Condolences to Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy
on her grandmother's passing.*

Condolences to the family of Ronald Frye on his passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Deacons..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKehry Room)
Mission Board Thursday, 5:00 pm (McKehry Room)
Neighbors Next Sunday, 11:30 am (Session Room)
Membership & Outreach..... Next Sunday, 11 am (2nd fl Lib)

LGBTQ Ministry Events – Aug 27

All people are welcome to join the LGBTQ Ministry at our *Rainbow Connection Picnic* at Randyland on Sunday, Aug 27 at Noon. Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x114) for info.

Pathways to a More Contemplative Life

The way to contemplation is through meditation, and ELPC offers a number of meditation alternatives to assist you along your journey towards healing, wholeness, joy, and peace. On **Monday** mornings, the *Labyrinth* is available as a walking meditation until 1 pm. *Centering Prayer*, a form of Christian meditation, is offered on **Tuesday** evenings at 7 pm. On **Wednesdays**, experience *Cathedral Yoga* at 6 pm, and meditative moments during and following our *Taijé Prayer Service* at 7 pm. The *Labyrinth* also is available all day on **Wednesdays** until 9 pm. **Beginning the 2nd Thursday in September**, *Qi Gong* will resume on **Thursdays** at 6:30 pm, followed by *Mindfulness Meditation* led by Susan Spangler. On the **second Friday of the month**, Yamuna Morgenstern leads *JourneyDance*, at 7 pm. And finally, if you're looking for a quiet, prayerful spot, visit the *Prayer and Meditation Room* anytime the church is open.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/serve-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! ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Building Community to Protect/Empower Families – Aug 19

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (615 N Highland Ave, 15206) is hosting the event *Building Community to Protect and Empower Youth and Families* from 10 am-3 pm on Saturday, Aug 19. The day will feature workshops, lunch, entertainment and a community dialogue with parents and community organizations. For more info, please call 412.212.8775 or email cav.pgh@gmail.com.

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@tenthousandvillages.com).

The
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.

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.