



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 17, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST VISITORS' SUNDAY

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was a leading English composer whose music was often influenced by folk music and songs. His prelude on the hymn tune *Rhosymedre* is from a set of three preludes for organ on Welsh hymn tunes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Lord Jesus Christ, like the sun that fills the morning sky, you are the light that banishes the darkness of the world. Sun of Righteousness, arise in my heart. Fill me with the radiance of your love, and display the light of your saving grace until I shine with the joy of life everlasting. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"None are more unjust in their judgments of others than those who have a high opinion of themselves."
— Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), noted Baptist preacher

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Barbara Harbach
"Darwall's 148th"
Prelude on "Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The Rev. Schoenewolf
People: Y también contigo. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103)

Dr. Charma Dudley

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord;
People: **Let all that is within me bless God's holy name!**
Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
People: **So great is God's steadfast love for us.**
Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our sins from us.
People: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
Leader: In gratitude, let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #363

DARWALL'S 148TH

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Charma Dudley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Charma Dudley

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. Our times of discord and conceit have led to deep divisions and unfortunate quarrels. Forgive us these sins, whether done consciously or unconsciously. Help us to be more charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell together in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

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God does not care what
good you did, but why
you did it. God does not
grade the fruit, but
probes the core and
tests the root.
(Angelus Silesius)

I hope I shall always
possess firmness and
virtue enough to
maintain what I consider
the most enviable of all
titles, the character of an
honest man.
(George Washington)

So speak and act as
those who are to be
judged by the law of
liberty. For judgment will
be without mercy to
anyone who has shown
no mercy; mercy
triumphs over judgment.
(James 2:12-13)

Alice Parker (b. 1925)
and Robert Shaw
(1916-1999)
collaborated many times
to produce
arrangements of
folksongs, hymns and
spirituals that have
become standards in the
choral repertoire. *I Will
Arise* is from William
Walker's *Southern
Harmony*, a shape note
hymnbook published in
1835.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Dr. Charma Dudley

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

¡Alaben a Dios!

Praise God!

PRAYER FOR 300TH SYNOD ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:23-35

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children.

Those who have completed Kindergarten or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

* HYMN #753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Judging Judgments”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 Will Arise”

arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms,

In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,

Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms,

In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

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ON THIS DATE
IN HISTORY:
The name of
Trimountain,
Massachusetts was
changed to Boston to
honor the pastor, John
Cotton, who formerly
served a parish in
Boston, England (1630);
in Canton, Ohio the
National Football
League was formed
(1920); after meeting at
Camp David, Israeli
Menachem Begin and
Egyptian Anwar Sadat
signed a framework for a
peace treaty (1978);
Vanessa Williams
becomes the first
African American
Miss America (1983).

Ryan Croyle composed
Fanfare & Processional
for his wedding to
Kathleen Mahin
yesterday at ELPC.
Kathleen is a member of
the Chancel Choir and
Ryan is organist at First
Presbyterian Church in
Pittsburgh.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Callahan

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:	Almighty God, we bring gifts this day with open hearts and willing spirits. Receive them and elevate them by your mercy that they will truly serve your purposes in the world around us. And as you do for these offerings, do also for us, that our lives may be part of the ongoing ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #435

IN BABILONE

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare & Processional"

Ryan Croyle

Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.



Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Dr. Charma Dudley
Jessica Mock, *sign language interpreter*
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Brianna Allison and Lydia Delp
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for our annual *Church Life Sampler*. Take the stairs or elevator to the basement level to reach the Social Hall. Learn about the many ministries offered at ELPC. We invite you to become involved. Refreshments will be served. 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 \$150 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.
Sept 24 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. Our annual *Church Picnic* will follow worship in the Social Hall and Courtyard. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Sept 24 — 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 annual *Church Life Sampler* in the Social Hall. 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 an *Inquirers' Class* on Sundays, Oct 1 and 8 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info, or to register (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome Visitors!

ELPC extends a warm welcome to all our guests on this very special *Visitors' Sunday*! Thank you for joining us! Please wear a nametag and join us in the Social Hall following the 11 am service for fellowship and our annual *Church Life Sampler*. As part of our intentional outreach to the entire community, we welcome Jessica Mock, a *sign language interpreter*, who will be signing during the service.

Please Wear a Nametag

Today is *Visitors' Sunday* and we ask that everyone wear a nametag so we can greet one another by name. Stick-on nametags are available as you enter worship. Pre-made nametags are either on the hooks in the Narthex or on the staff picture board in the Highland Lobby. Hang yours where it works best for you. *Don't have a nametag yet?* If you wish to have one made for you, please sign up on the list on the Narthex table. Print your name clearly and expect your nametag to be hung on the holders in about two weeks. Visitors are encouraged to get a stick-on nametag found in the basket on the Narthex table (where you can also find rainbow stickers for your nametag).

Church Life Sampler / Fellowship Time

Following the 11 am service, a *Church Life Sampler* will be presented in the Social Hall, consisting of a multitude of displays showcasing the wide range of spiritual, educational, mission, fellowship, and liturgical programs offered by the church. Lunch will be provided and a special activity will be available for children. All are welcome!

Tower Tour

Join *tour guide* Steve Evrard to climb the heights of the church tower following today's Sanctuary service. Meet at the Highland Ave entrance.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's 11 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Paul Miller**.



The Chapel Market

The *Chapel Market* is now accepting donations of new, gently used and clean fall and winter clothing. Donations are preferred during shopping hours (Mondays 10 am-Noon), but may be dropped off any time. For more info, please contact Pastor Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net).

Hope Academy's Fall Term Kicks Off — Sept 19

Hope Academy's theater, music, and dance classes, and private lessons begin on Tuesday, Sept 19. Please contact Karly Threats to register (412.441.3800 x117; KarlyT@coh.net).

Handbell Choir Rehearsals — Begins Sept 19

The ELPC Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept 19 from 6-7 pm in Dr. Ed Moore's office on the 3rd floor. If interested in joining, please contact him (EdM@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x124).

Church Picnic — Sept 24

The *Church Picnic* follows the 11 am service next Sunday, Sept 24 with seating in the Social Hall and Courtyard. Fried chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, a light dessert, and beverages will be provided, but please bring a side or snack to share.

Acolyte, Crucifer & Usher Training for Youth — Sept 24

Any youth in grades 4–12 who is interested in serving as an acolyte, crucifer, or usher during our Sanctuary worship should attend this *training session* in the Sanctuary from 10:15-10:45 am next Sunday, Sept 24.

YAM Event — Sept 24

The YAMs (*Young Adult Ministry*) are invited to spend the day together by sharing lunch at the church picnic next Sunday, Sept 24. Be prepared for anything, and meet at Noon for the picnic in the Courtyard!

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering — Oct 7

The next monthly *LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering* will be on Saturday, Oct 7 at 2 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. We will have a special focus on allies. All welcome! Contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net).



**AT ELPC
BOOKSTORE**
Sunday, Sept 24
from Noon-1:30 pm

Stop by the ELPC bookstore for a liquidation sale next Sunday, Sept 24 from Noon-1:30 pm during our church picnic. Get something for yourself or perhaps an early holiday gift! All merchandise will be discounted.

We are preparing for the third phase of renovations — the hallway between Highland Ave and the Sanctuary will be closed off and renovated. Part of those changes include the removal of the current ELPC bookstore. While the bookstore as we know it will be gone, in the future there will still be opportunities for customers to purchase the more popular items currently available.



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

Those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma,

Diana Armstrong, Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,
Tim Benedict's mother Fay, Amy Bialek's cousin Kelly,
David Carl's friend Madelyn and her family,
Carol Hoehn's grandson Caleb, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,
Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand, Gail Noden,
Jean Thomas' brother Bill, Pat Valoon,
and Andrew Wilkinson's mother Leslie.

Condolences to Mary Ruth Johnson on her brother's passing.

Congratulations to Nick and Laura Stelitano on the birth of their daughter Francesca.

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

Committee Meetings This Week

Youth & Young Adult Tuesday, 5:30 pm
Session Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Club 116 Leaders Wednesday, 3:00 pm

Karl Sellner Memorial Scholarship Benefit – Sept 24

Please join us from 6-8 pm next Sunday, Sept 24 for a benefit concert for the *Karl Sellner Memorial Scholarship Fund*. Performers include The Billy Price Band, Afro Yaqui Music Collective, Hope Academy students and more. Food trucks will be onsite from 5-8 pm for dinner on the square. Use this QR code to RSVP (you can also make a credit card donation). This is a free event with a suggested donation of \$20 adults and \$10 students.



Karl Sellner was a talented Hope Academy student who is sadly no longer with us. He remains in the hearts of all who knew him, and the proceeds from this benefit will enable his musical talents to be shared in spirit through the students who will receive music scholarship assistance in his name.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sept 24 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “God’s Kingdom and Our Bread (Matthew 6:10–11)” led by Lenore Williams

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Exodus 16:2–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Chapel) – “Ripples of Faith and Justice” led by Pastor Randy Bush

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) – A concluding discussion of chapter one of *Everything Belongs*, by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, David Carl, and Steve Evrard

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Synod of the Trinity Celebration – TODAY!

Today we celebrate the creation and organization of the first synod in the United States, which met for the initial time on Sept 17, 1717 at First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. Additional info is available on the information tables around the church, or please visit www.syntrinity.org/synod-presbytery-histories-300th.

Electronic Waste Recycle Event – Sept 30

On Saturday, Sept 30 from 10 am-1 pm, you can dispose of computer components, cell phones, typewriters and batteries for free at the electronic waste recycle event in the parking lot of Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shady Ave, Shadyside). Other items accepted for a \$10 fee/item.

In-Home Care for Seniors

If you would like to be paid to provide in-home care for seniors, please contact *Home Instead Senior Care* (412.517.8337). Training is provided; a valid PA license and reliable vehicle are required.

OHM Opportunities to Serve – Sept 30 and Oct 2-6

OHM is currently rehabbing two houses, one in East Liberty and one in Garfield. Please join us on Saturday, Sept 30, the kick-off of a week of painting. Prepare surfaces for painting and start painting from Oct 2-6.

Volunteers are also needed for cleaning framing lumber to reuse for window sills and accent trim. OHM also welcomes volunteers on Wednesdays and Fridays. For more info, contact Emily Rosenthal (ejr11@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy (PatriceFS@coh.net).

PW Fall Social – Oct 21

Save the date of Saturday, Oct 21 from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall. The big event is Presbyterian Women’s fall social. The theme is *Celebrating the Stages of Women from Diapers to Golden Years*. Keep watching for more info.



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).

♦ Club 116 Meal Provider ♦

(11/1, 11/29 and 12/6 still available)