



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)

OCTOBER 1, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Composer Dale Wood (1934-2003) won a national hymn-writing contest at the age of 13. He later served as editor for *The Sacred Music Press*.

"For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us — reconciling both groups **to God in one body.**" (Ephesians 2:14, 16)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might live peaceably with all and ever do the work of your will. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"God grant that we will get on board and start marching with God because we got orders now to break down the bondage and the walls of colonialism, exploitation, and imperialism. To break them down to the point that no one will trample over another, but that all people will respect the dignity and worth of human personality. And then we will be in Canaan's freedom land."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., April 7, 1957

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Dale Wood

"I Come with Joy"

David M. Cherwien

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.

Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.

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.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bryan and Heather Lawrence

Leader: God's love, strong and true, beckons us to walk on with hope in each step.

People: **God's love, everlasting and bold, sustains us when fear closes in and worry overwhelms.**

Leader: God's love, gentle yet persistent, graces us with rest in the midst of busyness.

People: **God's love, abundant and uplifting, moves within us like a song of harmony and praise.**

Leader: As a diverse community brought together by Christ, let us praise and worship God together.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

WORDS OF GREETING

Chenoa Stock, *Mission Co-Worker*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Oct 1 • World Communion Sunday

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Chenoa Stock is a mission co-worker of the PC(USA), working in partnership with the *Joining Hands for Life Network*, which promotes environmental sustainability and empowerment of marginalized communities. Chenoa's work is to connect with communities in Bolivia to address the root causes of hunger and poverty and to promote fullness of life for all.

We Shall Overcome is recognized as the unofficial anthem of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. It was popular with folk singers, including Pete Seeger. Joan Baez led a crowd of 300,000 in singing *We Shall Overcome* at the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recited the words to the hymn in Memphis on Sunday, March 31, 1968 during his final sermon before being assassinated the following week.

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. We were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."
(I Corinthians 12:12-13)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

Chenoa Stock

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed first grade 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 #343 (verses 1, 2, 5 and 6 only)

GERMANY

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Rev. Dr. David Esterline
President, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Genesis 1:27, 31

Revelation 7:9-12

SERMON

"Made in the Image of God"

The Rev. Dr. Esterline

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

"We Shall Overcome"

arr. Tom Trenney

*We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe that we shall overcome someday!*

We'll walk hand in hand...

We shall live in peace...

We are not afraid...

God will see us through...

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by Barbara Griffin and Jeff, Josphat, and Kira Mukogosi.

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ, who reached across the ethnic boundaries of Samaritan, Roman and Jew, who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives, help us to break down the barriers in our community. Enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world. Amen.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
The Colloquy of Marburg convened in an attempt to resolve differences between Swiss Reformers (Zwingli) and German Reformers (Luther) (1529); Edison Lamp Works started production of light bulbs (1880); the first modern World Series was played between the Boston Americans and the Pittsburgh Pirates (1903); Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall was sworn in on October 2 (1967).

David Hegarty is an organist/composer based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Esterline

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation will be served in their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN #504

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

“We Come as Guests Invited”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Chenoa Stock

We thank you, O God, for the bread that comes to us from nature’s bounty, the farmer’s care, the baker’s skill. We thank you, O Lord, for the cup filled with juice blessed by the rain, tended by the vinedresser, prepared by the harvester. May this bread of heaven bring us new life and this cup of forgiveness fill us with joy. For these and all your many gifts to us, O God, we give you thanks and praise. In Christ’s name. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #318

ST. PETER

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Esterline

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

David Hegarty
Dr. Moore, organ

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. David Esterline
President, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Bryan and Heather Lawrence
Chenoa Stock

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Abby Langhorst, *Djembe*

Acolytes: Shayla Esquivel and Kayla Rodriguez

Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Matt Stufft

Crucifer: Youth

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

The flowers today are in loving memory of Miss H. Cornelia McCombs and Mrs. Anna L. Dickey.

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 x111). 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.
Oct 8 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
Oct 8 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush 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 an *Inquirers' Class* TODAY or next Sunday, Oct 8 in the Music Room 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 to the Rev. Dr. David Esterline

ELPC extends a warm welcome to the Rev. Dr. David Esterline, President and Professor of Cross-Cultural Theological Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, who is our guest preacher this morning at the 11 am Sanctuary service for *Anti-Racism Sunday*.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

The *Peace and Global Witness Offering* will be received at all worship services today, which supports local, mid-council, and global peacemaking efforts. Thank you for your generosity!

Guest Speaker: Madam Achol Majols Kur Kier

Join the ELPC Peace Committee and Presbyterian Women today following the 11 am service in the Social Hall to hear Madam Achol Majols Kur Kier, who is visiting the Pittsburgh Presbytery as part of the PC(USA)'s *International Peacemakers' Program*. A light lunch will be served.

Inquirers' Classes – Today and Next Sunday

Today's *Inquirers' Class* will be held in the 3rd floor Music Room after the 11 am service. If you are interested in attending today, please see Pastor Randy immediately after the Sanctuary service. If you would like to attend next Sunday's class to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology, contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net).

Church Tower Tour

Join tour guide Regis Will today to climb the heights of our central tower. Comfortable shoes and pants are suggested; not recommended for small children. Gather at the Highland Ave entrance following 11 am worship.

Confirmation Class Informational Meeting

Students and parents should join us for a *Confirmation Class Informational Meeting*, which will include lunch, today at 12:15 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor.



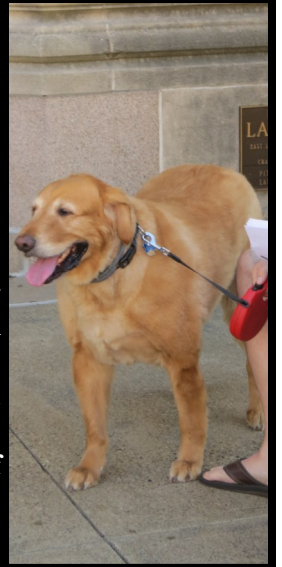
PW Bible Study – Oct 2 and 3

Presbyterian Women will continue their bible study *Cloud of Witnesses: In Community with the Living God*, utilizing Hebrews and other scriptural sources. On Monday, Oct 2, we will meet at 7 pm in the McKelvy Room. On Tuesday, Oct 3, we will meet at 10 am in the Social Hall, followed by lunch. We will return to our regular format, with soup provided and participants asked to bring a side dish (bread, salad, dessert). All are welcome! We hope you can join us.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, Oct 7 • 4 pm
Penn Avenue Steps

All are welcome to join us for a *Blessing of the Animals* service on Saturday, Oct 7 at 4 pm, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu and the Rev. Ing Kalchthaler. Bring your animal friends to this special service, held on the Penn Ave steps. Bring a toy or other item to be blessed if your pet can't attend. There will be a time of remembrance for those pets who are no longer with us.



OHM Service Opportunities – Oct 2 to 7 and Nov 7

No special skills are needed to help Open Hand Ministries (OHM) with the following events, just a servant heart! Contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net) if you can help.

- *Work Days with House Rehab* – Oct 2-7 from 9 am-3 pm to paint; Oct 4 from 5-8 pm to paint
- *Circles Dinner* – Nov 7 from 5:30-7 pm (donate or serve food) at Eastminster Church for the OHM families

First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House – Oct 6

The next TRAIL young adult *First Friday* event will be on Oct 6 at 7 pm at Arsenal Cider House (300 39th St, 15201). Bring money and an engaging question for the group to discuss. Contact Wil for info (Wil@coh.net).

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering – Oct 7

The next monthly *LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering* will be on Saturday, Oct 7 at 2 pm, with a special focus on allies. All welcome! Contact Wil Forrest for more info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

Join Our New Planned Giving Committee – Oct 8

Here's your chance to leave your mark for the next generation. Carolyn Russ and Tiffany Sudar invite you to an informational session on the newly formed *Planned Giving Committee*. We will meet following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct. 8 (room TBD). Anyone who would like to learn more is welcome. For info, please contact Carolyn (412.421.7630) or Tiffany (412.527.8804).

Stained Glass Tour – Oct 15

Join tour guide Steve Evrard for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel. Gather at the front of the Sanctuary following 11 am worship on Sunday, Oct 15.



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

Those affected by recent hurricanes,

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 Chontos' father David, Aura Jirau, Gloria Knopp,
Lee Lewand, Dr. Ed Moore's father Bill, Gail Noden,
Henry Petrilli's father Larry,
Jean Thomas' brother Bill, and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to the family of Ruth Donalson on her passing.

Condolences to the family of Alan Patterson on his passing.

His memorial service will be at 2 pm today in the Courtyard.

Condolences to the family of Georgeanne Reed on her passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Christian Ed..... Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 244)
PW Planning..... Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)
Adult CE Teachers..... Thursday, Noon (Rm 227)

PW Fall Social Celebrates Women of All Ages – Oct 21

Get ready for PW's fall social, a.k.a. *Celebrating the Stages of Women from Diapers to Golden Years*, held from 4:30-6:30 pm on Saturday, Oct 21, in the Social Hall. Some of the features will be: A tableau portraying some well-known women of the Bible (see how many you can guess), games, refreshments, and prizes galore. Mom/daughter pairs of all ages will be eligible to win a prize for just showing up. We'll all have an opportunity to contribute feminine care products for *Living in Liberty* or diapers (all sizes, including adult pull-ups) for *Western PA Diaper Bank*. Come, get in on the fun, and help our on-going projects! Invitations with more details will be given out on Sundays, Oct 8 and 15 with the worship bulletins.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Oct 8 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “Our Sins and Evil” led by Carolyn Russ

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Exodus 20:1-4; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Chapel) – “Caring for PTSD and Other Mental Health Issues Among Refugees and Immigrants” led by Sarah Mauskopf and Carrie Richardson of the Catholic Charities Refugee Program

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) – A beginning discussion of chapter two of *Everything Belongs* by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Yamuna Morgenstern, and Michele Bossers

Young Adult (2nd floor Parlor) – Combined class with Senior High Youth during October, focusing on race

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



ELFHCC's Anniversary & Joyful Noise Celebration – Oct 7

East Liberty Family Health Care Center presents their *35th Anniversary and Joyful Noise Celebration* on Saturday, Oct 7 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church (205 N Highland Ave, 15206). They will share music and great food, and honor some very special people who have advanced the mission of the Health Care Center. Please contact Jo Ellen Welsh (412.345.0418; jwelsh@elfhcc.com) for info.

St. Andrew's Lecture Weekend – Oct 13 & 14

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (5801 Hampton St, 15206) will kick off its *20th Annual St. Andrew's Lecture Weekend* on Friday, Oct 13 at 8 pm with a lecture and reception, followed by a panel discussion on Saturday, Oct 14 from 9:30 am-Noon with speaker Rev. Dr. Kenneth Woo, Assistant Professor of Church History at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The topic is *Tradition and Change: Revisiting the Reformation at 500*. For more info, please call 412.661.1245 or visit www.standrewspgh.org.

Returning Citizens Sunday – Oct 8

Our worship services on Sunday, Oct 8 will have a special focus on returning citizens—those individuals who are returning to society following incarceration. The Justice Committee also will provide a program on welcoming and supporting these individuals at ELPC, featuring a post-release leader from Foundation of HOPE, a returning citizen mentor from ELPC, and a young man recently released from Allegheny County Jail seeking a faith community as a key part of his re-entry. A light lunch will be served.

Full Inclusion Sunday / Circle of Faith – Oct 15

The Renaissance City Choir will be our guest musicians during the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Oct 15 for *Full Inclusion Sunday*. Then at 2 pm, join ELPC and other faith communities at the annual *Circle of Faith* at the Schenley Plaza tent. The *Circle of Faith* is a public witness by various faith communities, designed to welcome and include LGBTQIA persons, as well as their families and allies. ELPC members are invited to gather together for this event and celebrate our congregation's diversity. Meet there or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x114) to ride in the church van, which will leave ELPC at 1 pm, and return around 4:30 pm.

At church that day, please plan to wear your ELPC rainbow shirt or wear a rainbow outfit or pin. Then wear this at *Circle of Faith* later that day.

