



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 22, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Frank Bridge (1879-1941) was an English composer, violist, and conductor. Benjamin Britten studied composition privately with Bridge. The *Adagio in E* is the second of a set of three pieces for organ composed in 1905, and is one of his most frequently performed organ compositions.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore, we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people, young and old alike; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"O God, help us to recover our hope for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our courage for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our discipline for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our ability to work together for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our values for our children's sake.

Help us to recover a spirit of sacrifice for our children's sake.

Help us to recover our faith in you for our children's sake."

— Marian Wright Edelman, *Guide My Feet*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Adagio in E"

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.

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

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Frank Bridge

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

Julianne McAdoo and Juliette Young

Leader: We gather with love, in the name of God who loves each and every child.

People: We gather with hope, as the body of Christ who is the hope of the world.

Leader: We gather with justice, called by the Spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate.

People: **Come, let us worship on this Children's Sabbath day with love, hope and justice.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #487

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"These Treasured Children"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Julianne McAdoo and Juliette Young

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Hope Academy of Music and the Arts offers a safe place where young people of diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic, religious and linguistic backgrounds can further their personal and artistic growth through the study and performance of theater, dance and music.

In order to be intentional about serving a greater number of minority and low-income students, Hope Academy's scholarships and half of the available spots for classes are reserved for students who qualify as being low-income and/or who represent a racial, ethnic or cultural minority.

Over the past 18 years, Hope Academy has become a trusted and respected cultural hub where children, youth, families, teachers and artists come to tell their stories, build artistic skills, and engage with each other in creative and transformative ways. As the largest outreach program of ELPC, Hope Academy impacts the lives of over 350 children and their families each year, and it is an important partner contributing to the positive growth and cultural vibrancy of the East End neighborhoods.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Julianne McAdoo and Juliette Young

God of all and not just some, we confess that when some have too much and others too little, we have not proclaimed your justice. When some have been surrounded by love and others excluded, we have not reached out with your radical inclusion. When some have been set on easy paths forward and others left to stumble over obstacles, we have not cleared the way as Jesus admonished. When some are nurtured and others abandoned, we have not embraced them with your love. When some are encouraged and others disheartened, we have not spoken your word of hope. Forgive us, we pray, for the ways we have not lived up to the scope of your vision, the depth of your love, the wideness of your embrace. God of all and not just some, help us to embody your love and speak your justice until every child may live into the fullness of the promise for which you created them. We pray these things in the name of Jesus who came for all and not just some. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Julianne McAdoo and Juliette Young

Leader: Listen! I have something to say! God sent God's own child Jesus that we might know ourselves to be loved and forgiven children of God. Hear and 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 #448

PEACE OF GOD BE WITH YOU

"Peace of God Be With You"
(sung 3x in English or Arabic)

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 19:13-15

David Bellin

HYMN #188

"Jesus Loves Me!"

JESUS LOVES ME

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Members: Josh and Michelle Bard, Amos and Gretchen Chapman, Jaclyn Martz,
Peg (Margaret) Patterson, Leah Pope, Jennifer Rinkevich

Friends: William and Deborah Newcomer, Jennifer Price, Kurt Summersgill

* HYMN #27

"Sacred the Body"

TENDERNESS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:16-24

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"Suffer the Children"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Linda Addlespurger, Kira Mukogosi
and Laura Ristau

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This setting of the well-known hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* is by Ohio composer Frederick Chatfield (b. 1951). English poet Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879) authored this text in 1874.

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869) was a prolific composer and virtuosic organist. He was very influential in the development of the French symphonic organ, but his compositions never gained the prominence as those of his contemporaries, such as César Franck.

OFFERING INVITATION

Laura Ristau

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

"Consecration"

Frederick Chatfield

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and
The Rev. 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.
Leader:	Gracious God, Jesus taught us that whoever welcomes one child in his name welcomes him, and whoever welcomes him, welcomes the One who sent him. May these gifts we bring this day be used to welcome and bless everyone whom you call your own and serve to bring about your justice, mercy and unconditional love in this world. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #372

"O For a World"

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* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

"March"

Louis Lefébure-Wély

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Linda Addlespurger
David Bellin
Sara Hackett
Julianne McAdoo
Kira Mukogosi
Laura Ristau
Juliette Young
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolyte: Zaida Collins
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for a reception to welcome our congregation's new members, sponsored by ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee. 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 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 29 — 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. Reformation Sunday with bagpiper.
Oct 29 — 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* on Sundays, Dec 3 and 10 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Children's Sabbath

We celebrate *Children's Sabbath Sunday* today. Funding for the *Children's Health Insurance Program*, CHIP, expired on Sept 30 and has not been reauthorized by Congress, creating an even bigger crisis for the most vulnerable. Over nine million children depend on this insurance coverage. Please pick up the half page information sheet during Fellowship Time and contact your Senate and House representatives, insisting they move swiftly NOW to pass the bipartisan *Keeping Kids' Insurance Dependable and Secure Act (S.1827)*, a five year CHIP funding extension bill, authored by Senators Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Ron Wyden (D-Oregon).

DG2!

Doing Good Together! will be held at ELPC today from 12:30-3 pm. Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to attend!

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Mary Evrard**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.



The Chapel Market — Reopens Oct 23

The *Chapel Market* is in need of clean, gently used or new fall and winter clothing (men's clothing especially). The *Chapel Market* re-opens on Monday, Oct 23. Contact Pastor Patrice or Linda and Harold Deiss for more info (deisshl@consolidated.net).

Faith, Science, and Our Spiritual Life — Oct 26

Join in the conversation on the last Thursday of each month (Oct 26, 6:30-8 pm) as we consider the possibilities for holding faith and science together.

Help Plant Tulips — Oct 28

On Saturday, Oct 28 from 9 am-Noon, we will be removing the summer plants, planting tulips, and cleaning up the planters in the courtyard. If you want to help or for more info, please call Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447).

Confirmation Class Overnight Retreat — Oct 28 to 29

The *Confirmation Class* will have an overnight retreat at ELPC from Saturday, Oct 28 at 3 pm until after Journey worship on Sunday, Oct 29. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Reformation Sunday — Oct 29

On Sunday, Oct 29 during 11 am worship, we will remember our Reformation roots and celebrate through word and music the legacies of Luther, Calvin, and so many other people of faith. Join us for a special service with bagpipes, readings, and commemorative celebrations.

Music Therapy — Oct 29

Join the Spiritual Life Committee this year as we explore the science and spiritual dimensions of sound in both our own tradition and that of other faiths. Our study begins on Sunday, Oct 29 following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service, as we are joined by Dr. Elaine Abbott, director of the Music Therapy department at Duquesne University. She will demonstrate the healing effect of music. A light lunch will be served.

Taizé All Saints' Procession — Nov 1

Join us for a special Taizé service on *All Saints' Day*, Wednesday, Nov 1 at 7 pm as we remember all of the people in our lives who are no longer with us. Our procession will begin and end in the Chapel, but will include moving through the Narthex and Sanctuary before gathering in the Trinity Chapel to sing and pray by candlelight. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this moving service of remembrance and hope.

OHM Events — Nov 4 and 7

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) will have a *Saturday Work Day* on Nov 4 to rehab two properties. Tasks will include painting and final interior work. No special skills are needed; just a willing heart! For more info, please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com).

The OHM *Circles Dinner* will be on Tuesday, Nov 7. Please consider donating a side dish, salad or dessert. Meet the OHM families, see what Circles' participants do at a typical Tuesday meeting, and help serve the meal. Contact Allison Freeman (sneezemd08@gmail.com) or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (412.441.3800) for details.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Nov 5

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *spiritual gathering* will be on Sunday, Nov 5 after the 11 am service, when we will be welcoming our friends from Grove City College. See Wil Forrest for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

Cathedral Concerts — Nov 5 and 19

The seventh season of our *Cathedral Concerts* series will kick off with performances by:

- *Essence of Joy* from Pennsylvania State University will join the ELPC Chancel Choir to perform on Sunday, Nov 5 at 3 pm
- *Eastman at East Liberty*, co-sponsored with the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh, will bring Ivan Bosnar, Amanda Mole, Caroline Robinson (three rising star organists from the Eastman School of Music) to perform on Sunday, Nov 19 at 3 pm





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

Those affected by recent hurricanes and California fires,

Diana Armstrong, Amy Bialek's cousin Kelly,
Chuck Carson, Carol Chontos' father David, Roy Hiller,
Aura Jirau, Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand, Mike Maiolo,
Dr. Ed Moore's father Bill, Gail Noden,
Henry Petrilli's father Larry, Linda Sanders,
and Pat Valoon.

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

JusticeToday, 12:15 pm (Rm 250)

Looking for a way to put your love in action?



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

♦ **Club 116 Meal Provider** ♦
(11/29 and 12/6 still available)

Centering Meditation on Wednesdays

Start your day with the peace that passes all understanding. Join Jon Nelson in the Prayer and Meditation Room for *Centering Meditation* (formerly called *Centering Prayer*) on Wednesday mornings at 9 am, to sit in contemplative prayer. No experience is required. See what a difference it makes to start your day off with peace and joy in the divine presence!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Oct 29 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “The Theology of Martin Luther” led by the Rev. Natalie L.G. Hall

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Chapel) – “Martin Luther and His Theses, Part 1 of 3” led by Dr. Peter Gilmore, a university history lecturer and elder at Sixth Presbyterian

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

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

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Organ Recital – Today!

Rob Lehman will be performing an organ recital at 5 pm today at Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shady Ave). ELPC has a few of his choral arrangements in our music library. Call 412.661.0120 for more info.

“Root of Peace” Dialogue – Oct 25

Join Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, a Jewish settler, and Antwan Saca, a Palestinian activist, for a Palestinian-Israeli dialogue to promote understanding, nonviolence, and transformation. Co-sponsored with the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, this free *Root of Peace* event will be held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206) on Wednesday, Oct 25 from 7-9 pm. Please call 412.924.1345 to register.

Forums on White Racism – Oct 29 and Nov 12

The *Race & Reconciliation Dialogue Group of St. Paul Cathedral* will host a forum featuring Larry E. Davis, Dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and founder of Pitt's Center on Race & Social Problems on Sunday, Oct 29 at 2 pm at Synod Hall (125 N Craig St, Oakland) on *Why Are They Angry With Us?*, a personal, psychological view of white racism and the title of one of several books by Dr. Davis, a nationally known scholar on racism in America.

A second forum at Synod Hall will be held at 2 pm on Sunday, Nov 12 with Attorney Martha Conley speaking on *Black Lives Don't Matter*. Conley, a human rights and prisoner advocate, is chair of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. She was the first black woman graduate of Pitt Law School.

Call 412.681.5828 for info on these free events.

Healing the Hurt Conference – Nov 4

The 2017 *Healing the Hurt Conference* will be held on Saturday, Nov 4 from 8 am-4 pm at the Jeron X. Grayson Community Center (1852 Enoch St, 15219). The theme *Intersections of Oppression, Pathways to Liberation* will expand to focus on a diverse array of issues: homophobia, racism, transphobia, misogyny. Tickets are \$40. For more info or to purchase tickets, visit www.healingthehurt.net, or please call 412.552.3032.

Mission Trip for Hurricane Recovery – Nov 4 to 11

Lend a Hand, a PC(USA) disaster response and recovery program in Carlisle, PA is organizing mission trips to assist with hurricane recovery efforts in Florida. The first trip is Nov 4-11. If interested in this or future trips, contact Michele Bossers (412.303.9243; michele2285@gmail.com).