



# 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)*

## NOVEMBER 12, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Handbells were first brought to the United States from England by Margaret Shurcliff in 1902. The ELPC Ringers' handbells are manufactured by the Schulmerich Company from Hatfield, PA.

The Latin original text for *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* had ten verses, telling the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25). The tune is a well-known Welsh folk tune used two other times in this hymnal, including *O God of Every Nation* (#756).

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Grant me, O God, a heart gentle and humble, loving without asking any return, large-hearted and undaunted, which no ingratitude can sour and no indifference can weary; a heart penetrated by the love of Jesus whose desire will only be satisfied in heaven. Grant me, O Lord, the mind and heart of thy dear Son."

— Margaret Cropper (1886-1980)

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier, BWV 731" Johann Sebastian Bach  
(*Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*)

"Ode to Joy"

arr. Dan R. Edwards

*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 (from Psalm 78)

Kalyn Stewwing

Leader: The psalmist says, "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; I will speak of things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us."

People: We will listen and then tell to the coming generation the glorious **deeds of the Lord and of God's might, and the wonders God has done.**

Leader: We are to set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.

People: **We will keep the Lord's commandments and seek to worship God** in word and deed from this day forth.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #362

LLANGLOFFAN

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

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

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O God, we praise thee  
for gifts of mind with  
which thou hast  
endowed us. We are  
able to rise out of the  
half-realities of the  
senseless world to a  
world of ideal beauty  
and eternal truth. Teach  
us, we pray, how to use  
this great gift of reason  
and imagination so that  
it shall not be a curse  
but a blessing. Grant us  
visions that lift us from  
worldliness into the light  
of thine own holy  
presence.”  
(Dr. Martin Luther King,  
Jr., 1953)

*Rejoice in the Lord,  
Alway* is adapted from  
**Henry Purcell's**  
(1659-1695) *Bell*  
*Anthem*, composed  
during the period 1682-  
1685. Purcell was  
organist at both  
Westminster Abbey and  
the Chapel Royal in  
London. The text is from  
Philippians 4:4, 6-7.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you faithfully or loving one another steadfastly. When we ignore injustice in the world, our worship brings you no delight. When we withhold what is fair and generous from those in need, our offerings fail to bring you glory. Make haste to help us, O Lord, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of creation, ever singing your praises through the mercy of Christ Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Wise or foolish as we might be, Christ is gracious and merciful to us. So rejoice! Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

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

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Susan T. Nelson

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15

Kalyn Stewing

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.*

GIVING THANKS FOR BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS

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

“Rejoice in the Lord, Alway”

Henry Purcell

*Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice!  
Be careful for nothing; but in every thing  
By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
Let your requests be made known unto God.  
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
Shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Lighting the Way”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

The call to be disciples, prophets and stewards is one and the same call, because these vocations cannot be **separated**. God's alternative future must be trusted (disciples), announced (prophets), and lived out as the content of our work (stewardship).  
(John Shew, Presbyterian pastor in Toledo, Ohio)

The theme of *Carillon du Longpont* is based on the carillon of the chapel of the Castle Longpont in northern France. Louis Vierne (1870-1937) dedicated the piece to his brother, René. The carillon theme is heard at the beginning of the piece, played by the feet 17 times in a row!

ON THIS DATE  
IN HISTORY:  
The French sculptor Auguste Rodin was born in Paris (1840); movie star Grace Kelly was born in Philadelphia (1929); the space probe *Voyager I* flew within 77,000 miles of Saturn (1980); African American civil rights activist, Daisy Bates, who organized the integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas, was born on this date (1912).

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #699 (please remain seated)

FILL MY CUP

"Fill My Cup"

*Soloist sings verses. Congregation sings refrain.*

Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow.

Fill my cup; let it overflow; let it overflow with love.

PRESENTATION OF STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES & SPECIAL GIFTS

*All are invited to bring forward completed pledge cards and place them in the baskets being held at the front of the sanctuary. We will also bring forward bags of food donated to assist the hunger programs of East End Cooperative Ministries.*

*Please stand and sing the following hymns during the presentation of Stewardship Pledges:*

\* #350

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

\* #716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*The congregation will respond to each petition with the following phrase:*

People: We praise you, O God, for your goodness, generosity and promise of abundant life.

*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.*

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #708

SCHUMANN

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Carillon du Longpont"

Louis Vierne

*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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Sara Hackett  
Kalyn Stevwing  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
ELPC Ringers  
Acolyte: Juliette Young  
Beadle: 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!

*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 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.  
Nov 19 — 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.  
Nov 19 — 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Stewardship Sunday

Today is Stewardship Sunday. We anticipate God's blessings in the new year; we anticipate the benefits of our church renovations; and we thankfully anticipate a faithful stewardship response as a sign of our commitment to ELPC's diverse, vibrant ministry! Your 2018 pledge cards will be collected during the 11 am service. Thank you for your commitment to ELPC and the ministries we do together!

### Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. Today's *Journey* and *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.

### DG2! @ ELPC

Students in grades 4–12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together!* (DG2!)—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—for a day of service from 12:30–3:30 pm today. We will meet at ELPC for lunch at 12:30 pm, and complete our day of service and fun by 3:30 pm. A permission slip is required. Please see Sara Hackett to participate.

### Tour “Below Ground” at ELPC

Join our tour guide in the front of the Sanctuary after the 11 am service as we descend into the bowels of the Cathedral and explore some of our church's least seen areas. Wander through the “catacombs” and see the organ bellows, furnace, and more.

### Free Tickets Available for Nov 19 Concert

All ELPC folk are welcome to free tickets to the Nov 19 cathedral concert *Eastman at East Liberty*. Please see Dr. Ed Moore after worship to get your tickets!



### Holiday Shopping in the Name of Love! — Nov 14

Join us at Ten Thousand Villages (5820 Forbes Ave, Squirrel Hill) on Tuesday, Nov 14 from 6–8 pm to get your Christmas shopping started early and raise money for the ELPC Thanksgiving food ministry. ELPC Deacons will be present to offer snacks and refreshments to shoppers. If you have questions, contact ELPC Deacon Tucker Ferda (406.249.9811; [TFerda@pts.edu](mailto:TFerda@pts.edu)).

### Confirmation Class Meeting — Nov 15

The *Confirmation Class* will meet in the 2nd floor Parlor on Wednesday, Nov 15 from 5:30–7:30 pm. We will ask *Who is Jesus?*

### Middle School Retreat — Nov 17 to 19

Youth in grades 6–8 will join with other area youth for a retreat at Crestfield Camp from Friday, Nov 17 to Sunday, Nov 19 to explore the theme #nofilters through worship, Bible study, fun, and outdoor activities. We will meet at ELPC on Friday at 5 pm, and return on Sunday at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$100 (*partial and full scholarships available*). Permission slips, more details, and scholarship request forms are available online and from Sara Hackett.

### Young Adult Day Retreat — Nov 18

Young adults (ages 18–40) are invited to explore their identity from different perspectives in a safe, yet challenging environment at the *Who Are You?* retreat on Saturday, Nov 18 from 9 am–5 pm at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (250 N Highland Ave, McNaugher Lounge). The cost of \$10 includes two meals (*scholarships available*). Please RSVP to Wil ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net)).

### Eastman at East Liberty Cathedral Concert — Nov 19

*Eastman at East Liberty*, co-sponsored with the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh, will bring Caroline Robinson, Amanda Mole and Ivan Bosnar (three rising star organists from the Eastman School of Music) to perform at ELPC on Sunday, Nov 19 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Please see Dr. Ed Moore for a free ticket to the concert.



## HANGING OF THE GREENS

**SUNDAY, NOV 26 † AFTER 11 AM WORSHIP**

In preparation for the Advent season, volunteers are invited to stay after worship on Sunday, Nov 26 to help us decorate our Sanctuary with the trees, wreaths, and garlands that symbolize the good news of Christ's promised presence in our world. Please join us!





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

Diana Armstrong, Chuck Carson,  
Carol Chontos' father David,  
Aura Jirau, Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand,  
Mike Maiolo, Paul Martin's wife Danielle,  
Dr. Ed Moore's father Bill, Gail Noden, Dom Odim,  
Henry Petrilli's father Larry, Linda Sanders & Pat Valoon.

*Our condolences to Tim and Linda Benedict  
on his mother's passing.*

*Our condolences to the family of  
Roy Hiller on his passing.*

His service will be on Saturday,  
Nov 25 at 1 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary.



## Committee Meetings This Week

Centennial Fund.....Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 250)  
Personnel.....Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Rm 250)  
Deacons.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKehy Rm)  
Worship, Music & Arts.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 244)  
Mission Board.....Wednesday, 5:00 pm (Rm 250)  
Peace.....Thursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)

## Annual Thanksgiving Feast – Nov 19

Join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 19 for a turkey luncheon! Bring a side dish or dessert to share (sign up outside the East Transept today).

## Sewing Group – Nov 20

The ELPC Sewing group will meet on Monday, Nov 20 from 2:30–6 pm in the sewing space. Come when you can, and stay for whatever time works for you. Please contact Diane Jackson for info (dnjcks@verizon.net).

## The Great Exchange – Nov 26

Folks of all ages are invited to join us in the Social Hall for *The Great Exchange* on Sunday, Nov 26 at 12 pm. Together, across the generations, we will share a simple lunch and explore some fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of *traditions*.

## Examine ELPC's Architecture – Nov 26

Join our tour guide following the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Nov 26 for a closer look at the history, Gothic architecture, stained glass, and symbolism of our church's majestic Sanctuary and intimate Chapel. Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary following worship.

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?

**i SERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

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

♦ Sign up in the hall to help at Thanksgiving Feast ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



## Forum on White Racism – Today

The *Race & Reconciliation Dialogue Group of St. Paul Cathedral* will host a forum at Synod Hall (125 N Craig St, Oakland) at 2 pm today with Attorney Martha Conley speaking on *Black Lives Don't Matter*. Conley is a human rights and prisoner advocate. Call 412.681.5828 for info on this free event.

## Learn About Those Impacted by Incarceration – Nov 18

Interested in learning more about those impacted by incarceration? On Saturday, Nov 18 from 6-8 pm at Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church, hear a panel of returning citizens share their challenges and advocate for change. Contact John Buckley (412.417.4187) for info.

## Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service – Nov 21

All are invited to an *Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service* on Tuesday, Nov 21 at 7:30 pm at Beth Shalom Congregation (5915 Beacon St, 15217). Sister Janice Vanderneck, director Casa San Jose ministries, will be the special guest speaker.

## Affordable Health Care Act Open Enrollment

The time to purchase a new health insurance plan for 2018 is here. You **MUST** renew the plan you have or select and enroll in a new plan by Dec 15, 2017, in order to have coverage on Jan 1, 2018. Open enrollment isn't just for people who don't have health insurance—those who pay for their own health insurance must shop for a new plan, or re-enroll in their existing plan. Individuals have a choice. For assistance, contact George Moses at East Liberty Family Health Care Center (412.661.2802), or the Consumer Health Coalition (412.456.1877).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nov 19 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries (Harambe Rm)** – “Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited: The Hebrew Prophets” facilitated by Mary Alice Lightle

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** – Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Chapel)** – “Operation Safety Net” led by Dr. Jim Withers

**Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm)** – A beginning discussion of chapter five of *Everything Belongs* by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Pam Napier-Barnes and Steve Evrard