



# 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)*

## JULY 1, 2018 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Those who know the truth are not equal to those who love it." — Confucius

"Truths turn into dogmas the moment they are disputed." — G.K. Chesterton

"Every violation of truth is not only a sort of suicide in the liar,  
but is a stab at the health of human society." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

### GATHERING MUSIC

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (songbook #1)

"Give Thanks" (songbook #2)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (songbook #3)

LAUDES DOMINI

GIVE THANKS

FAITHFULNESS

### 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 (from Psalm 130)

Tiffany Sudar

Leader: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord; hear our voice this day.

People: We wait for you, O Lord; our souls wait for you, for in your word there is hope.

Leader: Our souls wait for you more than sentries watch for the morning.

People: With the Lord there is mercy; there is plenteous redemption with the Lord, whose law is perfect and who redeems us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

### \* HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation" (songbook #4)

FOUNDATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you and strayed from living in your truth. We bear false witness through wrongful deeds done and good deeds left undone. We squelch your **spirit's leading and avoid your wise corrections. Forgive us and return us to righteousness.**

Almighty Lord, as you created the world for good, give to all leaders and people the wisdom to live in harmony with one another. May your church abound in generosity and share its abundance. May you restore all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. May we honor those who are dying and those who have died. Bless this nation, that it may live into its best ideals, even as you bless all nations and move them to their fullest potential. Grant us all your peace, O God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

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

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### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:28-32

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*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.*

### \* HYMN

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” (songbook #5)

BREAD OF LIFE

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Exodus 20:16  
Zechariah 8:16-17

### SERMON

*Thou Shalt. Thou Shalt Not.*

The Rev. Dr. Bush

“Truth-Telling and Bearing False Witness”

### 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

“Would You Harbor Me?”

Ysaye M. Barnwell

*Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you? Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?*

*Would you harbor a Christian, a Muslim, a Jew, a heretic, convict or spy?*

*Would you harbor a run away woman, or child, a poet, a prophet, a king?*

*Would you harbor an exile, or a refugee, a person living with AIDS?*

*Would you harbor a Tubman, a Garrett, a Truth, a fugitive or a slave?*

*Would you harbor a Haitian, Korean, or Czech, a lesbian or a gay?*

*Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you? Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?*

### \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by Adell Kitchens, Adrienne Booker, Aliani Mitchell and True Magwood.*



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### — SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

*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. Fowler-Searcy

#### 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 HYMN “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” (songbook #6)

BEACH SPRING

#### 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

In the meal we have just shared, we have once more glimpsed your goodness. For Christ, the bread of life, has fed us. The fruit of the vine has nourished us, even as we are called to abide in your vine of righteousness and truth. Now send us forth to be your bread, your vine, your light, **and your goodness in all the world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

#### \* CLOSING HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” (songbook #7)

OPEN MY EYES

#### \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush



*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  
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
Sara Hackett  
Tiffany Sudar  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Summer Choir  
Beadle: Matt Stufft  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Narthex after the service 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 x111). The cost is \$150 a Sunday (\$75 during July and August when we worship in the Courtyard).*

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

*Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 9 at 8:45 am in the Social Hall.*

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*July 8* — 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 (*no service on July 4*)

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. Available 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 an *Inquirers' Class* on Sunday, July 8 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).



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## Church Events and Announcements

July 1, 2018 • 6th Sunday after Pentecost

### TODAY AT ELPC

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

The *Summer worship* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.

#### Rally for Antwon Rose

The congregation is invited to participate in a "Faith Call 4 Antwon Rose." This is being held today at Noon at the corner of Penn and Highland Aves. Let your voices be heard for the sake of justice.



#### Craig Cannon Joins Hope Academy as Interim Executive Director

We are pleased to introduce Craig Cannon as Hope Academy's interim executive director. Craig currently serves as artistic director of BelleVoci, an intergenerational women's choir that he founded in 2012.

In his new role, Craig will guide Hope Academy over the next 18 months in preparing a long-term strategic plan, exploring additional financial support from local foundations, and work closely with program director Linda Addlespurger to expand the culturally diverse offerings for Pittsburgh young people.

#### No Taizé Service — July 4

There will be no Taizé prayer service this week, July 4, in observance of the July 4th holiday.

#### First Friday @ the Garth — July 6

Enjoy an evening in the ELPC Garth (courtyard) to share fellowship and watch a movie outside around a fire pit (with 'smores!) at the *First Friday* TRAIL young adult event on July 6 at 7 pm. Contact Wil for info (Wil@coh.net).

#### LGBTQ Ministry — July 7

All are invited to the LGBTQ Ministry's next monthly spiritual gathering on Saturday, July 7 at 1 pm. Contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

#### Social Hall "Garage Sale" — July 7 and 8

Thanks to the renovation, there are many pieces of furniture which we no longer need or can use. In case someone might be able to use them, we are going to be having a *Social Hall "Garage Sale"* on Saturday, July 7 (9 am-6 pm) and Sunday, July 8 (before 10 am worship and after the Systemic Racism film). These pieces will be brought to the Social Hall stage area for you to look and adopt. Everything is *free to a good home*, although there will be a place for you to leave a donation if you wish. It will be your responsibility to take the pieces you choose and transport them immediately. For questions or more info, please call Paul Martin (412.441.3800 x131).

#### Commissioning Our Mission Trip Teams — July 8

Join us in worship on Sunday, July 8 as we pray for and commission our youth for their upcoming mission trips — Jr High Mission Trip Team will be serving in the Slippery Rock and New Castle communities from July 8-13; Sr High Mission Trip Team will be doing mission work in Hampden, West Virginia, from August 4-10.

#### Systemic Racism Film Series — Begins July 8

The Mission Board and mission committees are sponsoring a film series in July. The themes of this year's documentaries and movies are a continuation of our on-going systemic racism series. Join us in the Social Hall following worship to view the movies, discuss the themes, and enjoy lunch together.

The first film, hosted by the Justice Committee, will be shown on July 8, and is titled *Fenceline: A Company Town Divided* (**adults or mature teens only due to the use of inappropriate language**). This film documents African-American residents in Norco, Louisiana who believe that increasing pollution is negatively impacting their health, and demand to be relocated from under the shadow of a Shell oil refinery. Thaddeus Popovich, co-founder of *Allegheny County Clean Air Now*, will lead our discussion.

#### Inquirers' Class — July 8

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sunday, July 8 after the 10 am worship service in the Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).



Can you find  
Calvin the  
Church  
Mouse?

### Church Tours

following 10 am worship service

#### Below Ground — July 8

Discover the huge boilers and see the blowers that feed air to our more than 7,000 organ pipes!

#### Tower — July 22

Gain insights into the history and construction of our landmark tower, as you ascend many sets of spiral stairs to enjoy unparalleled views of East Liberty and beyond.

Please gather in the  
Highland Lobby to join any tour.



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

Tim Benedict's brother Mark,  
Kate Carlson, Carol Chontos' father David,  
Doris Dick's mother Mary,  
Valerie Dixon's mother Willa,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Shirley Fair, Crystal and Sean Gilroy and their family,  
Mary Anne Kirby's mother Dolores,  
Darrell and Gloria Knopp's son Andrew,  
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,  
Lee Lewand, Sonya-Marie Morley's coworker Louise,  
Nicole Molinaro's sister Janine and friend Joyce,  
Marti Moore, Gail Noden, David Phillips' mother Nellie,  
Gloria Ritchey's daughter Reva and grandson Gianni,  
Jamar Thrasher's grandmother,  
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy and Pat Valoon.

*Condolences to Alysha Carroll on her grandmother's passing.*

*Condolences to the family of Garland Hawkins on his passing.*

*Condolences to the family of  
Joe Heckel on his passing.  
His memorial service will be held  
at 2 pm today in the Sanctuary.*



## Committee Meetings This Week

*The church building will be closed on Wednesday  
in observance of the July 4th holiday.*

Christian Ed (4+5 gr classes).....Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 227)  
Worship, Music & Arts.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Highland Rm)

## Hope Academy Offers Summer Camps — Begins July 9

Hope Academy will be offering two Summer Camps this year at ELPC!

- *Pittsburgh Girls Choir Co-Ed Musical Scenes Camp* (July 9-13)
- *Hip Hop Orchestra Summer Music Camp* (July 23-28)

The Suzuki Institute at Winchester Thurston will offer a special program for Hope Academy violin, viola, cello, and piano students (Aug 5-10). Visit [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church) for more info, or contact Karly Threats (KarlyT@coh.net).

## Calling All Graduates

We acknowledge that many people from within our faith family have graduated or will be graduating from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, etc. We would like to celebrate these achievements by honoring our graduates in the August issue of *Reaching Out*. To be included, please submit name, degree, and school attended to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).



IN OUR

COMMUNITY



## Pittsburgh Festival Opera on WQED — Today!

WQED TV will air Pittsburgh Festival Opera's original work from summer 2017, *A Gathering of Sons*, this evening at 6:30 pm. This powerful jazz-gospel opera has lyrics by Tameka Cage Conley, music by Dwayne Fulton, and stage direction by Mark Clayton Southers. ELPC singers Denise Sheffey-Powell and Adrianna Cleveland are in the cast.

## Pet Rock Eco Party — July 19

The East Liberty Branch of Carnegie Library will have a *Pet Rock Eco Party* on Thursday, July 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Decorate your own pet rock just like the 1970s with its own carrying case. Also learn about composting techniques from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, and enjoy a sustainable cooking demonstration. All ages welcome. To register or for more info, please call 412.622.3282.

## Trinity Youth Conference — July 22 to 28

Trinity Youth Conference is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students at Living Waters Camp in Schellsburg, PA. The week will be full of faith formation, intentional Christian community, play, worship, and thoughtfulness. More info about cost, workshops, registration, and schedule can be found online at [www.TrinityYouthConference.org](http://www.TrinityYouthConference.org).

## Make Breakfast for EECM Residents

Volunteers provide breakfast for the residents of EECM each Sunday. However, the 5th Sunday of the month needs to be filled (July 29, Sept 30 and/or Dec 30)! If you are interested in helping provide food and/or serve, contact Jan Herzer (412.231.3819).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*will resume on Rally Day  
Sunday on September 9.*

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

**iSERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/serve-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/serve-2), or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

*Your help is needed with:*  
**weSERVE List**