



# 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 22, 2018 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“The great tragedy of life is not that we perish but that we cease to love.”

— W. Somerset Maugham

“Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so Divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

— Isaac Watts

### GATHERING MUSIC

“O Sing to the Lord” (songbook #1)  
“I Will Call upon the Lord” (songbook #2)  
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (songbook #3)

CANTAI AO SENHOR  
I WILL CALL  
HYMN TO JOY

### 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.  
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lenore Williams

Leader: Come into the presence of the Living God!  
People: Come with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving!  
Leader: For our Savior frees us from brokenness, breaking down all dividing walls of distrust and hostility.  
People: In Christ all are joined together and become a holy temple in the Lord.  
Leader: Christ is our peace and our reconciliation.  
People: Together let us worship God!

### \* HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (songbook #4)

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that our relationships with you and one another are too often distorted by sin and self-interest. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We fail to show your love or to live in integrity with one another. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Equip us to do your will, so that all our relationships may give you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 8:3-11

Lenore Williams

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS

*Members:* Jason Dorsey, Emerald Huggins, Amy King, Audrey Semel, Eric Smith, Thomas Sturgill,  
Brandon Tenbrink, Michelle Yamada, Matthew Zidek

*Friends:* Allison McLaren, Florence Robertson, Tim Tenbrink, Peter Trotsch

### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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

“Though I May Speak” (songbook #5)

GIFT OF LOVE

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-28, Romans 13:8-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### SERMON

*Thou Shalt. Thou Shalt Not.*

“Loyalties Deeper Than Legalities”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

### OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*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

“The Call”

Alexander Brent Smith  
text by George Herbert

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
And such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

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### \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
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:	Almighty God, we thank you for enriching our lives with all that is good – with covenants of love and relationships of trust – for providing for us in times of trial and blessing us every day. Receive these gifts and guide the offerings to help those in need this day and always. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

### \* CLOSING HYMN

“Come! Live in the Light!” (songbook #6)

WE ARE CALLED

### \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush



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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. Heather Schoenewolf  
Lenore Williams  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Summer Choir  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee is hosting a reception after today's worship service for our new members and friends. Please join us in welcoming them in the Fellowship Room. All are invited to attend!

*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 piano and choir.  
July 29 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.



Summer Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 am 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

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* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info about future classes (412.441.3800 x122; 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

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### TODAY AT ELPC

#### New Members and Friends Reception

ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee is hosting a reception after today's worship service for our new members and friends. Please join us in welcoming them in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome!

#### Tower Tour

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 during our *Tower Tour* after today's 10 am service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby. *Please note: This tour is not recommended for small children. Please wear comfortable shoes.*

#### Systemic Racism Film Series

The Neighbors Committee will host today's viewing in the *Systemic Racism Film Series* after worship in the Social Hall. *We Wear the Mask*, which was filmed in Pittsburgh, digs deeply into the psychology of poverty to shine a spotlight on women, an often underestimated segment of society. Tammy Thompson, the film's producer and executive director of Circles of Greater Pittsburgh, will lead our discussion afterwards. All are welcome!



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

The *Summer worship* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.



#### Live-Streaming of our Service on Facebook

Portions of our Sunday worship service are streamed live on our Facebook page each week. So even when you travel, you can worship with your ELPC family!

#### Soul Food Adult CE Class

The Soul Food adult Christian Education class will meet today after worship in the Highland Room to review thoughts about *The Book of Joy*.



#### Registration is Open for Hope Academy's Fall Term

Find out more about Hope Academy's fall term of dance, theater, and music at [HopeAcademyArts.com](http://HopeAcademyArts.com). Download a course brochure, register online or apply for a scholarship. We've added two Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre dance classes and a new African Dance and Drumming class, in partnership with Balafo West African Dance Ensemble. Classes fill quickly and half of our spots are reserved for minority and low-income students.

#### LGBTQ Ministry – July 28

ELPC will co-host the *Family Game Day* with *Black Pride Pittsburgh* on Saturday, July 28 from 1-5 pm in ELPC's Game Room. Families from all over Pittsburgh come to ELPC each year for this afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

And all are invited to the next monthly *spiritual gathering* on Sunday, August 19 at 11:30 am. Please contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net)).

#### Open Hand Ministries – Aug 4 and 7

Please join us for one or both of these opportunities to serve in our church neighborhood with Open Hand Ministries (OHM) — be in fellowship and have fun!

✦ *Workday* — Saturday, Aug 4, 9 am-3 pm

OHM is currently working on rehabbing two houses in Garfield. No special skills needed! Please contact Emily Rosenthal ([ejr116@gmail.com](mailto:ejr116@gmail.com)) or Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x130) for details.

✦ *Circles Dinner* — Tuesday, Aug 7

Donate food, serve dinner, or help with both! Meet the OHM families that are working on goals of homeownership. Food donations needed: side dishes, salads, desserts. Contact Gina Anderson (503.956.4736; [regina@wholechoice.net](mailto:regina@wholechoice.net)) for info.

#### Hidden Stories in Our Stained Glass – Aug 5

Join tour guide Penn Hackney following worship on Sunday, Aug 5 for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary following worship. Designed and created by eight Pittsburgh stained glass shops during the 1930s, the windows tell the history of Presbyterianism and our faith, as well as many Biblical stories, including the amazing depiction of Revelation in the balcony.

#### Worshipping with Rennerdale – Aug 12

On Sunday, Aug 12, ELPC will welcome Pastor Jodi Flack and members of First United Presbyterian Church of Rennerdale to worship. ELPC Deacon Sonya-Marie Morley, a rising senior at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has served as seminary intern at Rennerdale for the past year. Located in the small, suburban hamlet of Carnegie, Rennerdale is a 115- year-old church that's home to families with deep roots in the community. While Rennerdale and ELPC are different in some ways, they are alike in more important ways, including faithful engagement in their respective communities, mission initiatives with global impact, and gracious hospitality. Join us for worship and see what God is doing in, through, and between these two houses of faith!





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

Tim Benedict's brother Mark,  
Carol Chontos' father David, Doris Dick's mother Mary,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Valerie Dixon's mother Willa,  
Shirley Fair, Karen Fraser,  
Crystal and Sean Gilroy and their family,  
Jan Herzer's friend Max, Lee Lewand,  
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,  
Joel and Beth Minnigh's friend Shirley,  
Nicole Molinaro's sister Janine and friend Joyce,  
Marti Moore, Gail Noden,  
Karen Overfield's husband Russ,  
David Phillips' mother Nellie,  
Janet Pollard's mother and brother,  
Gloria Ritchey's daughter Reva and grandson Gianni,  
Carol Schaefer, Jamar Thrasher's grandmother Joann,  
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy and Pat Valoon.

*Congratulations to **Brian and Jennifer Castle** on the birth of their daughter Lila.*

*Condolences to **Julianne McAdoo** on her mother's passing.*

*Condolences to the family of  
**Gabriel D'Abruzzo** on his passing.  
His funeral service will be held next Sunday,  
July 29, at 3 pm in the Sanctuary.*



## Committee Meeting This Week

Peace.....Thursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)

## The Great Exchange: The Great Outdoors – Aug 26

Folks of all ages are invited to participate in *The Great Exchange* following worship on Sunday, Aug 26. Together, across the generations, we will explore fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of "nature." We will have a simple lunch while sharing our stories with one another in the Social Hall. No preparation is necessary, just come and enjoy!



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



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

### Needed Starting this Fall:

*Food for Thought Mentors and Meal Team Members*

IN OUR

## COMMUNITY



### "Sanctuary" Artwork by ELPC Members

Concept Art Gallery (1031 South Braddock Ave next to the Regent Square Theater) is hosting a show of work by congregation members Doug Cooper and Stefani Danes called *Sanctuary: Sacred Space in a Secular World*. Proceeds from sales will benefit the *Building Our Future* campaign. At the conclusion of the exhibition on Aug 31, the piece *City Church City* will be installed at ELPC. Stop by Concept Art Gallery to see the comprehensive exhibition before it's over!

### 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).

### Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers – Aug 23

In the past year, have you served as a greeter and/or usher? Sang in a choir? Served with Open Hand Ministries? Mentored or provided meals at Food 4 Thought? Helped with church yardwork? Taught at Church School? Gave your time or talent in any way?



All who have served in our church and community this year are invited to our annual *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, Aug 23 from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard. More info will be coming later; just plan to save the date and share food and fellowship!

## 2018 SUMMER FILM SERIES

*The themes of this year's Mission Board and mission committees' 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.*

*Final Film in the 2018 Summer Series:*

### The Canary Effect — July 29

This 2006 documentary looks into the effects that the U.S. and its policies have on Indigenous peoples (Native Americans). Delving deeply into the historic realities of the American Indian, this film details the genocidal practices of our government and its effects on present-day Indian country. Featuring interviews with the leading scholars and experts on Indian issues, the film brings together the past and present on film. *Host: Mission Board.*