



# 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 29, 2018 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"We boast our emancipation from many superstitions; but if we have broken any idols, it is through a transfer of idolatry."  
— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do."  
— *Anne Lamott*

### GATHERING MUSIC

"Make a Joyful Noise to God!" (songbook #1)

"God Is Here Today" (songbook #2)

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (songbook #3)

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PENTECOST

### 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 (from Psalm 145)

The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

People: And we, your faithful people, bless you.

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

People: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

Leader: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all creation.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise" (songbook #4)

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

Loving God, you uphold those who are fearful, who are falling or beaten down. You raise up all who are bowed down and heavy laden. Therefore we come before you to confess our sins — both things we have done and things we have left undone — in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and mercy. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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July 29 • 10th Sunday after Pentecost

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: It is through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us that we are strengthened inwardly and outwardly. We live fully in the love of Christ and as heirs of Christ's promises. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 17:16-23

Barbara Griffin

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

"The Lord Is God" (songbook #5)

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 20:4-6; Acts 17:24-25, 28-29

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

*Thou Shalt. Thou Shalt Not.*  
"No More Idle/Idol Gods"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Consecration"

Frederick Chatfield  
text by George Herbert

*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.*

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

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
Barbara Griffin

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:	We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received. Multiply these gifts that we give this day so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord” (*songbook #6*)

HERE I AM

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Bush



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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: Barbara Griffin  
Sara Hackett  
The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Michael Painter, *Accompanist*  
ELPC Summer Choir  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Narthex after worship 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

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Riethmiller's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.

*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.  
Aug 5 — The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan 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).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Hand Fans

Keep cool while at worship this summer with the hand fans available near each entrance. Please leave them at the exit when worship is over.

### Systemic Racism Film Series

The Mission Board will host today's viewing in the *Systemic Racism Film Series* after worship in the Social Hall. The final film in this series, *The Canary Effect*, 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. All are welcome!



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

The summer worship service DOD is **David Cowan**.

### 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*.



### Young Adult Ministry Events — Aug 3 and 12

✦ *First Friday @ Arsenal with Sanctuary* — Aug 3  
The YAMs (young adult ministry) are invited to meet at Arsenal Bowl (4310 Butler St, Lawrenceville) and make some new friends at the TRAIL young adult event *First Friday @ Arsenal with Sanctuary* on Aug 3 at 7 pm. We will gather there with folks from a recent church plant called *Sanctuary Faith Community* to share fun and conversation. Visit [www.sanctuaryph.org](http://www.sanctuaryph.org) for info. Contact Wil Forrest to participate ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net)).

✦ *Mystery Outdoor Adventure* — Aug 12

Choose between three different mystery options of how we will spend our afternoon on Sunday, Aug 12. Please meet in the 2nd floor Parlor at 11:30 am. All you need to know is to come dressed to be outside and to bring your sense of adventure. *Bring money for lunch.*

### 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.

### Stained Glass Tour — 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 in the Chapel 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 in the balcony of Revelation.



### 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 Carnegie, Rennerdale is a 115-year-old church that's home to families with deep roots in the community. Join us for worship and see what God is doing in, through, and between these two houses of faith!

### LGBTQ Ministry — Aug 19

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)).

### 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!





*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,  
Martha DeMarzi's sister Genie,  
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,  
Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,  
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, Rhonda Perroz,  
David Phillips' mother Nellie,  
Janet Pollard's mother and brother,  
Gloria Ritchey's daughter Reva and grandson Gianni,  
Carol Schaef, Matt Stuft's mother Linda,  
Jamar Thrasher's grandmother Joann,  
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy and Pat Valoon.

*Congratulations to Matt and Leslie Lazor on the birth of their daughter Martha.*

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

*Condolences to Karly Threets on her uncle's passing.*

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



## Committee Meetings This Week

Centennial Fund.....Monday, 6:00 pm (Highland Rm)  
Property.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Highland Rm)  
Personnel.....Wednesday, 6:00 pm (Rm 250)

## 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!

IN OUR

# COMMUNITY



## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team Visits Pittsburgh Next Week!

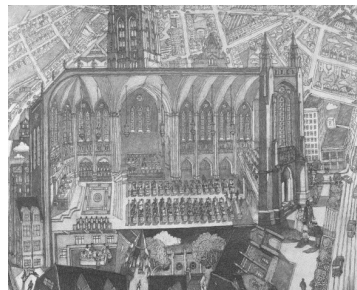
In light of recent local flooding, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has reached out to our presbytery and will be sending a National Response Team to Pittsburgh August 1-5. As part of their visit, they are seeking to support the needs of the presbytery and to care for its members regarding past, present, and future disaster-related incidents.

Many congregations have assisted with local flood relief efforts over the years. If you and your congregation have been involved in this type of work locally or would like to be, we encourage you to meet with the National Team while they are here. They can assist you in connecting with other agencies in the community who are coordinating flood relief efforts so the work of your congregation can be more effective in responding to the needs of your community.

To schedule time with the National Response Team, please email Cathy Nelson ([cnelson@pghpresbytery.org](mailto:cnelson@pghpresbytery.org)).

## "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 exhibit before it's over!

## 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/iserve-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2), or contact Wil Forrest ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x114).

## Needed Starting this Fall:

*Food for Thought Mentors and Meal Team Members*