



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)

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We welcome our resident brass ensemble, *The Brass Roots*, back to worship this morning for a fifth season at ELPC. They will be joining us in worship six times from now through next May as well as for two concerts in December and May. Read more about them at www.thebrassroots.com.

The Chancel Choir, Acolytes, and Beadles are wearing their new robes for the first time this morning. The Chancel Choir robes and Acolyte cassocks are blue-purple and the Chancel Choir stoles are reversible, with one side in yellow gold. The Chancel Choir stoles and Beadle scapulars are reversible and include embroideries of the Jerusalem and Ionic crosses.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Jesus lived and ministered in the midst of a world that was only beginning to know him. Every single person he shared life with was, in a sense, outside his spiritual tradition, because he was defining that tradition with each breath and word...He was doing new things. He immersed himself in that which was not like him so that they could know him. Jesus' ministry was a fully interfaith endeavor, and that is perhaps the place where the Christian Church has corporately dropped the ball most spectacularly."

— *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541" Johann Sebastian Bach

The Brass Roots

"Canzona Bergamasca"

Samuel Scheidt

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

Carol and JoAnn Chonoska

Leader: We worship you, O merciful God, the maker of us all.

People: You plead the cause of the poor and afflicted; you tend to the needs of the world.

Leader: During this time together, may you open our hearts to receive your grace and be renewed in the ways of justice, peace and radical hospitality.

People: For you are our Rock and our Redeemer, the one who enlarges our lives and sends us into the world as ambassadors of your gospel good news.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #15 (vs. 1-4)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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Aaron Copland wrote *Fanfare for the Common Man* for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

It was premiered on March 12, 1943 and was written in response to the US entry into the Second World War. The title was inspired in part by a famous 1942 speech where vice president Henry A. Wallace proclaimed the dawning of the "Century of the Common Man." Over time it has become associated with events of national significance.

The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost was a spring harvest festival occurring 50 days after Passover. It is a day associated with the gift of the Law of Moses. For the Christian church, it has been honored as the day associated with the movement of the Holy Spirit and public proclamation of the gospel of Christ.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:
Be strong and do not **fear! Trust in the Lord's** blessings of answered prayer and healing mercy. Listen to the wisdom around you. Speak well of your neighbors. Teach peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Fanfare for the Common Man" Aaron Copland

CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You came into this world as a child, as a teacher and healer, as a crucified Savior, to show us the way of righteousness. But we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. On this very day, soften our hearts and make straight our ways.

Forgive us our sins as we seek ever to follow where you lead. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Our God is a healing Lord, with whom all things are possible. In that is our confidence and joy. 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 James 2:1-8 Carol and JoAnn Chonoska

VIDEO PRESENTATION

TEACHER COMMISSIONING The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Sherry Anderson, Linda Benedict, Damon Bethea, Lora Bethea, Carmen Blanco, Kristine Conley, Valire Copeland, Mary Evrard, Sara Hackett, Rev. Joe Hajdu, Carol Hoehn, Jan Irvin, Bill Johnson, Heather Lawrence, MeShawn LeVert, Roberta London, Nancy Magee, Nicole Molinaro-Karaczun, Jan Pressman, Gwen Puza, Kay Shissler, Lauren Ward, Eddie Willson, Jen Willson

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

* HYMN #297 "In Christ Called to Baptize" ST. DENIO

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-12 The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON "A Bigger Table" The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

OFFERING INVITATION The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Carlton Young (b. 1929) is a teacher, editor, composer, and conductor who served as editor for two revisions of *The Methodist Hymnal* in 1966 and 1989. Henry H. Tweedy (1868-1953) was an ordained Congregationalist Minister and Professor of Homiletics at Yale Divinity School.

This day in history is the birthday of abolitionist Sarah Mapps Douglass (1806) and authors Leo Tolstoy (1828) and Richard Wright (1908); Pres. Dwight Eisenhower signed the first civil rights bill since Reconstruction (1957); the three largest Lutheran denominations in America combined to become the ELCA (1982); and Palestinian leaders and Israeli leaders agreed to recognize each other, clearing the way for a peace accord (1993).

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), the famed blind organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, composed six symphonies for organ. The first symphony was composed in 1898-1899. Vierne referred to the final movement of this symphony as his own personal *Marseillaise*. (The *Marseillaise* is the national anthem of France.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Spirit of the Living God”

Carlton Young
text by Henry H. Tweedy

*O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.
Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.
Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
The language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
Till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
And earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.
So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
Till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* 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:	Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring back to you from your abundant provision. Bless the givers and the receivers of these offerings that together they may live into the fullness of your intended truth, justice and mercy for all. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amen.	

VIDEO PRESENTATION

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #32

ELLACOMBE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Final from Symphony I”

Louis Vierne



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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
 Carol and JoAnn Chonoska
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
 Michael Painter, *Organist*
 ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
 David Gardner, *trumpet*
 Matthew McCormack, *trumpet*
 Rana Jurjus, *horn*
 Morgan Wynn, *trombone*
 John Caughman, *tuba*
 Abby Langhorst, *timpani*
 Acolytes: Juliette Young and a Elliott Stephany
 Beadle: Liz Hopkins
 Crucifer: Oliver Stephany
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Henrietta and Marie Held and Emma King Held.

♦ 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.
Sept 16 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.
 11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
Sept 16 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 110B.

♦ 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 Fellowship 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* after worship on Sept 30 and Oct 7 from 12:30-2:30 pm to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Contact Gloria Knopp for more info about the classes (412.441.3800 x122; GloriaK@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

ELPC Welcomes Michael Warren

We are pleased to introduce the new Music Director for the Journey Worship Service at ELPC, Michael Warren. Michael graduated from Pittsburgh's CAPA High School and went on to study at Duquesne University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education. He recently completed his Master's Degree in Education from Duquesne. Earlier this year he won *Campus Superstar*, the first Duquesne student to win the competition. He was one of ten finalists from schools throughout Western Pennsylvania.



Michael is Director of Choirs in the Avonworth School District and serves as Artistic Director of the Pittsburgh Boy Choir. In addition, Michael is Music Director at Trinity AME Zion Church in Pittsburgh's West End. At Trinity he leads the music for the 11 am service on Sunday. As Journey Music Director, Michael will lead the weekly Thursday rehearsals of the Journey Praise Team and direct the music and serve as pianist for the 8:45 am Journey Service on Sunday. Michael is a talented musician who brings many gifts with him to ELPC.

Unparalleled Views from Our Tower

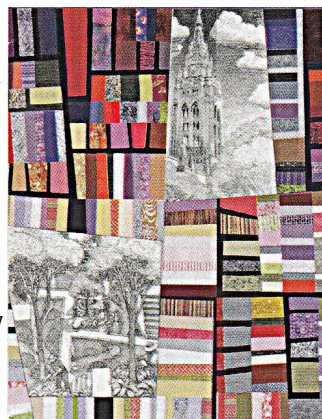
Join tour guide Tim VanFleet to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower. High above the bustle of the streets below, you will have an opportunity to view the entire East Liberty valley and beyond. The climb requires a bit of stamina. Comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather at the South Highland Ave entrance following today's 11 am worship service.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DODs)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.

Artwork Donation by ELPC Members

The art piece *City Church City* by Doug Cooper and Stefani Danes is installed at ELPC in the hallway near the South Highland Ave entrance. Doug and Stefani have generously donated this mural that was part of their *Sanctuary: Sacred Space in a Secular World* exhibit.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study – Sept 10

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, Sep 10 (7 pm) for their monthly Bible study in the Harambe Room. *All women at ELPC are members of PW!*

Visitors' Sunday / Church Life Sampler – Sept 16

Learn about ELPC's diverse mission, educational, and spiritual life offerings next Sunday, Sept 16 when we celebrate *Visitors' Sunday* at the 11 am Sanctuary service, followed by our *Church Life Sampler* in the Social Hall.

We ask that folks wear a nametag next Sunday so we can greet one another by name on *Visitors' Sunday*. Pre-made nametags are on the hooks in the Narthex including the nametags that used to be hung in the Highland Lobby. Don't have a nametag yet? If you wish to have one made for you, please sign up on the list on the Narthex table. Print your name clearly and expect your nametag to be hung on the holders in about two weeks. Visitors and members and friends without a pre-printed nametag are encouraged to get a stick-on nametag found at the special welcome tables at each entrance to worship that day.

Sewing Group – Sept 17

New helpers of all skill levels are always welcome to join the sewing group. They will meet on Monday, Sept 17 from 2:30–6 pm. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021; dnjcks@verizon.net).

Facing Systemic Racism – Sept 22

The next program in our *Facing Systemic Racism* series, titled *Uncovering Your Racial Autobiography*, will be held on Saturday, Sept 22. The Rev. Dr. John C. Welch, Dean of Students at PTS, will lead us to explore our own racial autobiography.

We will share a potluck meal in the Social Hall at 5:30 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. The program runs from 6-8 pm. Childcare is available with a reservation by calling 412.441.3800 x140.

Church Picnic – Sept 23

The Church Picnic on Sunday, Sept 23 after the 11 am service is a wonderful time of food and fellowship—allowing people to get better acquainted with our church friends and members who make ELPC so special. The Christian Ed Committee will provide fried chicken, hot dogs, and potato salad. Bring a side dish/salad to share!

LGBTQ Ministry – Sept 23

All are invited to the next LGBTQ monthly gathering on Sunday, Sept 23 at 1 pm. Grab a plate at the church picnic and join us. Contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net).



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

Michele Bossers' cousin Laura,
Carol Chontos' father David,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren, Karen Fraser,
Denis Hare, Lee Lewand, Gail Noden,
Janet Pollard's friend Karen.

Condolences to Dave Gilliland on his mother's passing.

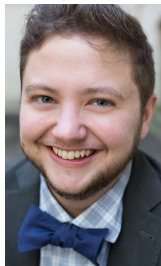
There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors *Today, 12:15 pm (2nd fl Library)*
Finance *Today, 12:15 pm (Highland Rm)*
Personnel..... *Tuesday, 6:00 pm (2nd fl Library)*
Deacons..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook)*

Alex McNeill to Visit ELPC – Sept 23

We are pleased to welcome Alex Patchin McNeill as our guest preacher at our Journey worship service on Sunday, Sept 23 at 8:45 am. He also will lead our Young Adult Church School class that morning at 9:45 am in Room 213, as we examine what it looks like to have a fully inclusive church that practices the radical hospitality of Christ. Alex has served as the executive director of More Light Presbyterians since 2013, and has long been a strong advocate for inclusion of LGBTQ people and marriage equality. As an openly transgender man, Alex holds a Master of Divinity from Harvard and is a candidate for ordination in the PC(USA).



Blessing of the Animals Service – Oct 6

Our service of the *Blessing of the Animals* will be held on Saturday, Oct 6 at 3 pm. Please bring your pets (on leashes!) to the Penn Ave steps of ELPC. A part of the service will be devoted to our pets who are no longer with us, but remain in our hearts and at our sides. You are encouraged to bring a collar or toy to be blessed. Water will be provided. We look forward to welcoming you all! In case of rain, our service will move into the Narthex.

CATHEDRAL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 3 ■ Social Hall



We will accept donations of clothing, housewares, linens, jewelry, toys, books, DVD's, records, Christmas items, and more beginning October 19.

For info, please contact:

Lora Bethea ljabzbo@aol.com ■ Tony Richardson overthepond_50@hotmail.com

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Presenting Casop: A Requiem for Rice – Sept 21



Join us at ELPC on Friday, Sept 21 at 7 pm to hear a poignant choral movement from *Casop: A Requiem for Rice*. Composed by Dr. Trevor Weston, the piece is a tribute

to those who were enslaved, exploited, and brutalized at rice plantations in South Carolina and Georgia—and who remain unburied, un-mourned, and unmarked. Tickets are \$15 for students with ID, \$25 for senior citizens, and \$30 for adults. Visit www.RequiemForRice.com for more info.

Connecting to WiFi at ELPC

ELPC offers WiFi in the building! Select *ELPC Guest* from your available WiFi settings. No password is necessary, but there are bandwidth limitations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Sept 16 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “Theology for Presbyterians: The Bible” facilitated by the Contemporaries Steering Committee

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Proverbs 1:20–33; Psalm 19; James 3:1–2; Mark 8:27–31 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Yom Kippur: Release, Repentance, Recommitment” led by Rabbi Doris Dyen

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A beginning discussion of chapter one of *Surrender to Love* by David Benner, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Judy Roberts

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor – Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church

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, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

♦ Needed: Meal Providers for Club 116 this Fall ♦

Dates still needed: Oct 10, Nov 28 and Dec 5 + 12