



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)

OCTOBER 7, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Composer Dale Wood (1934-2003) won a national hymn-writing contest at the age of 13. He later served as editor for *The Sacred Music Press*.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
God of courage, you gave Esther the strength to speak out and the intelligence she needed to save her people. Help us to believe that you are still present and active in this world and that your grace remains as an everlasting force in our lives. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. (see *Esther ch. 7*)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Goodness is achieved, not in a vacuum, but in the company of others, attended by love."
— *Saul Bellow*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Dale Wood

"I Come with Joy"

David M. Cherwien

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. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 8:1, 4)

Derail Holcomb

Leader: To my sisters and brothers, I will tell your glory:

People: **O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!**

Leader: In the great congregation, I will sing your praise:

People: **O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!**

Leader: You have set your glory above the heavens; you are mindful of us, your creatures, and you care for us, mortal beings that we are.

People: **Let us worship our Lord and sovereign God this day!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #694

AURELIA

"Great God of Every Blessing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON (read responsively)

Derail Holcomb

Psalm 37:1-11

Leader: Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

People: **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

Leader: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

People: **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

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Be good and leave the
rest to heaven.
(William Combe)

Waste no more time
arguing what a good
[person] should be;
just be one.
(Marcus Aurelius)

Kurt Bestor (b. 1958) was
a missionary in Serbia
during the 1970s. Here
he witnessed the effects
war and bigotry had on
the Serbian, Croatian,
and Bosnian children. He
wrote *Prayer of the
Children* as a way of
expressing how these
innocent children might
be feeling during this
difficult period. Originally
written for soloist with
piano accompaniment, it
was later arranged for
chorus, as heard this
morning.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, who will bring it to pass.
People: **The Lord will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.**
Leader: Be still before the Lord; wait patiently for the Lord.
People: **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
Leader: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
People: **For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**
Leader: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
People: **But the meek shall inherit the land; they will delight in abundant peace.**

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 #722

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

CANONBURY

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:17-27

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Arguments & Answers: Being Good"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission Month Review

Becky Gloninger

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Patrice 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

Kurt Bestor/ Andrea S. Klouse

"Prayer of the Children"

Can you hear the prayer of the children? On bended knee, in the shadow of an unknown room, empty eyes with no more tears to cry, turning heavenward toward the light. Cryin' someone, help me, to see the morning light of one more day, but if I should die before I wake, I pray my soul to take.

Can you feel the hearts of the children? Aching for home, for something of their very own, reaching hands, with nothing to hold on to, but hope for a better day, a better day. Cryin' someone, help me, to feel the love again in my own land, but if unknown roads lead away from home, give me loving arms, away from harm.

Can you hear the voice of the children? Softly pleading for silence in a shattered world? Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate, blood of the innocent on their hands. Cryin' someone, help me, to feel the sun again upon my face, for when darkness clears I know you're near, bringing peace again.

Dali cujete sve dječje molitve? (Croatian translation: Can you hear all the children's prayers?)

Can you hear the prayer of the children?

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

The Holy Roman Emperor Charles V held the council in which Lutherans were given legal standing (1555) – although Calvinists (Presbyterians) were not a tolerated religion until 1648; the first railroad in the U.S. was constructed near Quincy, MA (1826); Marian Anderson became the first African-American singer at the Metropolitan Opera in New York (1954); and author Toni Morrison won the Nobel Prize (1993).

David Hegarty is an organist/composer based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by the Owens-Williams family.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— 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.

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.

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. Schoenewolf and The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation will be served in their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN #504

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

"We Come as Guests Invited"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Lord Christ, once more you have fed us from the bounty of this world and the depth of your grace. Once more we have been shown what is good – and gathered around a table designed to encompass the entire world. May your will, your justice, and your generosity mark all we do from this day forward. Amen.

* HYMN #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

David Hegarty

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. Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices 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 Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Becky Gloninger
Derail Holcomb
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Matt Stuftt
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our *Fellowship Time* after worship in the Fellowship Room.

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 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.
Oct 14 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. World Communion Sunday.
Oct 14 — 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 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 (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 **today** from **12:30-2 pm** in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. See Pastor Bush immediately after worship to attend today.

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



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Church Events and Announcements

October 7, 2018 • World Communion Sunday

TODAY AT ELPC

World Communion Sunday

ELPC joins sibling congregations around the world to celebrate our oneness in Christ during *World Communion Sunday* and receive the *Peace and Global Witness Offering*.

Housing Development Presentation

After today's 11 am service, Kendall Pelling, director of land recycling at East Liberty Development, Inc., will give a virtual tour of the housing development in East Liberty and share other information regarding the changes in the community. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome to join them in the Social Hall.



Tower Tour

Climb the heights of our central tower during today's *Tower Tour*. Join the tour guide at the Highland Ave entrance following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

Cathedral Concert

The eighth season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series kicks off with Grammy Award-winning artist Nathan Laube in concert at 3 pm this afternoon in the Sanctuary. This concert will be presented in cooperation with the *Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh* (OAS). Complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members from Dr. Edward Alan Moore (EdM@coh.net). A freewill offering will be received.



ONC Needs Your Suggestions

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is looking for members of the congregation committed to our church's mission and who are willing to be considered for the office of Deacon or Elder. You can help us to develop a slate of candidates who are dedicated and representative of our congregation. *Candidate Suggestions for ELPC Boards* forms are available in the church's mail room on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance or online on the church's website. The ONC is comprised of Michelle Bard, Yodit Betru, Ryan Booher, John Buckley, Ted Cmarada, Doug Cooper, Bob Forloines, Barbara Griffin, and Janet Pollard.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DODs)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.



No QiGong or Mindfulness Meditation This Week – Oct 11

QiGong and Mindfulness Meditation will not meet Oct 11.

Facility Administrator Position Available

With the retirement of both Pam Kimmel, Business Administrator, and Luke Stevens, Projects Manager, and a change in our Engineering staff, ELPC is seeking to reimagine how our church building will be managed. We need another person – a Facility Administrator – to complete our property team. Could you be that person or might you know a likely candidate? Please read the position description on our web site (tiny.cc/ELPC-jobs) and address any questions or send resume to Pam Kimmel (pamelak@coh.net).

Full Inclusion Sunday – Oct 14

Join us at the 11 am worship service on Oct 14 as we continue to lift up our oneness in Christ by celebrating all of God's people. The Renaissance City Choir will join us.

Heretics, Doubters, and Other Saints – Oct 14

To help you on your faith journey, the Spiritual Life Committee is offering a new quarterly program as an opportunity for dialogue, called *Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints*. Join us at our first meeting on Sunday, Oct 14, following the 11 am service. Come together with others who have been carrying around secret doubts and questions, talk about the wide breadth of theology within the Presbyterian church, and explore how your personal faith might be more complete.

Meet Our Missionaries from Malawi – Oct 15

Presbyterian Women invite you to share lunch with visitors from Malawi on Monday, Oct 15 at Noon. Reservations required; contact Kate (412.441.3800 x116).

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Oct 20

Thursday, Oct 11 is *National Coming Out Day*. Please hold all in prayer who struggle to be fully who God created them to be. All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Oct 20 at 2 pm. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net).

Acknowledging White Privilege – Oct 20

Join us on Saturday, Oct 20 as we continue to explore racism as seen through the eyes of privilege at the next *Facing Systemic Racism* series event. We will share a potluck meal in the Social Hall at 5:30 pm. The program runs from 6–8 pm. Childcare by reservation (412.441.3800 x140).

New Members & Friends Reception – Oct 21

Please join the Membership & Outreach Committee in the Fellowship Room after worship on Sunday, Oct 21 for a reception to welcome ELPC's new members and friends. All are welcome!



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

David Carl's aunt Yvonne,
Kate Carlson's niece's friend Kaitlyn,
Carol Chontos' father David, Sam Ditka's friend Jennifer,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren,
Lee Lewand, Pen Lytle, Russ Overfield,
and Rhonda Perroz.

Condolences to the family of Larry Orndoff on his passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

The church building will be closed until 7 pm tomorrow in observance of Indigenous People's Day.

Personnel..... Tuesday, 6:00 pm (2nd fl Library)
Deacons..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook)

Partnering with Balaka CCAP Anniversary – Oct 21

On Oct 21, we will celebrate our 25-year partnership with Balaka (Malawi) Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). The delegation from Malawi will be in Pittsburgh from Oct. 10–23. We will host a special celebration after our Sanctuary worship service that day. Join us!

Book Discussion – Oct 25

The Environment Subcommittee of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of Eliza Griswold's 2017 book *Amity and Prosperity: One Family and the Fracturing of America* at 7 pm on Thursday, Oct 25 in the Garth Overlook Rm. Griswold writes of the devastating impact of fracking on two small communities near Washington, PA. We will discuss the first half of the book and set a date for further discussion. The book is available at Carnegie Library and in bookstores. For more info or to RSVP, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Interfaith Environment Conference – Oct 27

Interfaith Power and Light of PA, a chapter of a national ecumenical environment organization focused on responding to global warming, will hold their annual conference on Saturday, Oct 27 from 11:30 am–4:45 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Mt Lebanon). The conference, *Called to Save Our Sacred Home*, will include keynote speakers and workshops. ELPC's Justice Committee is a sponsor and has 5 registrations (normally \$35) available to interested individuals. Lunch is provided and we will car pool. Please contact Nancy Heastings by Oct 19 if you are interested or have questions (n.heastings@comcast.net; 412.930.0879).

Worship Leadership Training – Oct 28

What is a Beadle? Want to find out what an Usher does? Ready to light up the sanctuary? Want to participate in the liturgy? Find out how at our *Worship Leadership Training* event on Sunday, Oct 28 after the 11 am service.

In our COMMUNITY

"Won't You Be My Neighbor" Documentary – Oct 12

On Friday, Oct 12 at 7 pm, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will show the documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* detailing the life and legacy of Fred Rogers (not the Tom Hanks movie). It is free, but there are limited seats. Register for a free ticket at www.eventbrite.com/e/free-movie-wont-you-be-my-neighbor-at-pittsburgh-seminary-tickets-50447144768.

Cathedral Rummage Sale – Nov 3

We will accept donations of clothing, housewares, linens, jewelry, toys, books, DVD's, records, Christmas items, and more beginning Oct 19 for our *Cathedral Rummage Sale* on Saturday, Nov 3 in the Social Hall. For more info, contact Lora Bethea (ljazzzbo@aol.com) or Tony Richardson-Eckes (overthepond_50@hotmail.com).



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Oct 14 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Room) – “Theology for Presbyterians: God” facilitated by the Contemporaries Steering Committee

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Job 23:1–9, 16–17; Psalm 22:1–15; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Our Youth Work Among the Floods and Poverty” led by High School mission trip

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

♦ 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?

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

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

♦ Look for many chances to volunteer this November with the Cathedral Rummage Sale and the Thanksgiving Feast.
Info coming soon! ♦