



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 14, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FULL INCLUSION SUNDAY

The Rejoicing is an arrangement of the fourth movement from Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks, a wind band suite completed in 1749.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
When I have felt like a dejected child, rejected and lost, your comfort surrounded me and I felt as if I was home. Thank you for your embracing heart, for reminding me I am special and loved, for helping me up, for sending helpers to be by my side. Lord Christ, you are beside me, before me, within me as Savior and friend. Thank you. Amen.

"I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love."
(1869 hymn)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Remember how social change happens. Each of us has a worldview that pretty much interprets the world for us, puts our personal and public experiences in some kind of rational and understandable order. Then something happens that renders this worldview insufficient. Something happens that can't be fit into life as we have known and interpreted it...In biblical imagery, the scales had fallen from our eyes."

— Bishop Gene Robinson, *God Believes in Love*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
George Frideric Handel

"Largo" (from *Xerxes*)
"The Rejoicing"

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

Paige McKenzie

Leader: Many roads have converged in this place.

People: **Many paths have brought us to this day.**

Leader: The God of grace has called us here.

People: **The God of peace surrounds us and makes us one.**

Leader: No one is to be left out; all are welcome.

People: **No one is alone; we discover true life together.**

Leader: Let us join our hearts and voices as one to worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

"For Everyone Born"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Wil Forrest

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wil Forrest

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain with your bountiful Spirit. O Lord, hear our prayer.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

In 2018, the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted to affirm its commitment to the full welcome, acceptance, and inclusion of transgender people, people who identify as gender non-binary, and people of all gender identities within the full life of the church and the world. It went further to lament “the ways that the policies and actions of the PC(USA) have caused gifted, faithful, LGBTQIA+ Christians to leave the Presbyterian church so that they could find a more welcoming place to serve, as they have been gifted and called by the Spirit.”

Won't You Be My Neighbor? was written by Fred Rogers in 1967 for the first episode of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, which aired on February 19, 1968.

When it talks in Hebrews 4:12 about the “word of God,” that is the Greek word “logos,” which is famous from the opening of John’s gospel – “In the beginning was the word.” “Logos” refers to both Jesus Christ and to God’s ordering reason governing the world.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #799

I LOVE THE LORD

“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.
I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Wil Forrest

Leader: In Christ we have a great high priest who intercedes on our behalf and whose mercy stretches from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Psalm 22:1-11, 22-24

ANTHEM

Fred Rogers/Susan Haugh

“Won't You Be My Neighbor?”

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood. A beautiful day for a neighbor.
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
It's a neighborly day for a beautywood. A neighborly day for a beauty.
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.
So let's make the most of this beautiful day.
Since we're together, we might as well say:
Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?
Won't you please, won't you please, please won't you be my neighbor?

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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 #807

“When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”

PROSPECT

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Gracefully Telling Our Story”

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Campaign

Tiffany Sudar

OFFERING INVITATION

Tiffany Sudar

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.

This choral arrangement of *A Prayer of Desmond Tutu* was written for the choristers of Westminster Abbey in London for Commonwealth Day 2004. The prayer first appeared in Desmond Tutu's (b. 1931) *An African Prayer Book*, 1995.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Reformation pastor in Zurich, Ulrich Zwingli was killed at the Battle of Kappel (1531); founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, was born (1644); the idea of a Peace Corps was first suggested by presidential candidate John F. Kennedy (1960); Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize (1964); and composer Leonard Bernstein died at the age of 72 (1990).

A story, in which
native humor reigns,
is often useful,
always entertains;
a graver fact,
enlisted on your side,
may furnish illustration,
well applied;
but sedentary weavers
of long tales
give me the fidgets,
and my patience fails.
(William Cowper)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

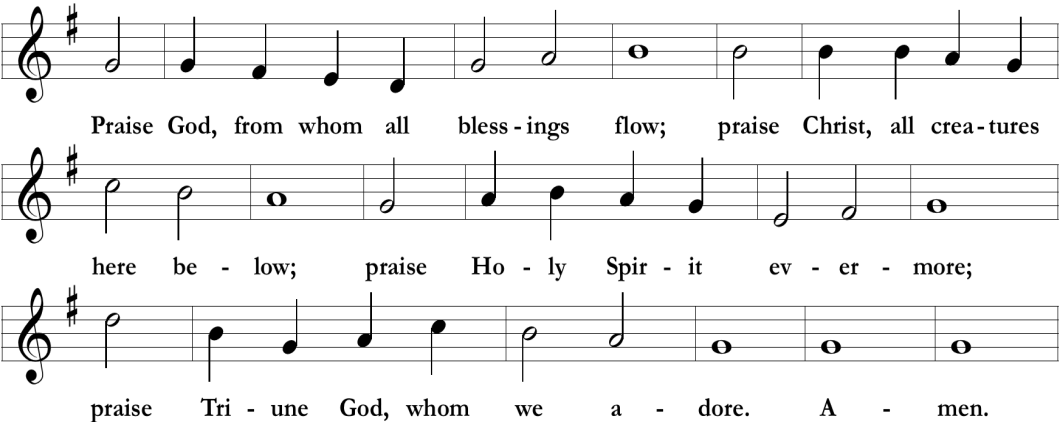
“A Prayer of Desmond Tutu”

James Whitbourn

Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours through God who loves us.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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: Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to set down all that keeps us from your will, your way, and your inclusive love. Give us the courage to walk by faith so that everything we do and say can become a living offering in service of your realm of glory. In Christ's name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #815

FESTAL SONG

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“It's Such a Good Feeling”

Fred Rogers

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
Wil Forrest
Paige McKenzie
Tiffany Sudar
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Renaissance City Choir
Dr. Jeffry Blake Johnson,
Artistic Director
Abby Langhorst, *Percussion*
Derail Holcomb, *Narrator*
Acolytes: Suraya Collins and Quinn Seif
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: David Bellin
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our *Fellowship Time* after worship in the Fellowship Room, sponsored by the Justice Committee.

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.

♦ 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 21 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.
11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
Oct 21 — 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 *(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* on **December 2 and 9** 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.



TODAY AT ELPC

Full Inclusion Sunday

This morning we welcome the Renaissance City Choir as our guest musicians during the 11 am worship service for *Full Inclusion Sunday*.

Heretics, Doubters, and Other Saints

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 in the 2nd floor Parlor following today's 11 am service to 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. All are welcome!

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* and *Sanctuary* services DOD is **Liz Gonda**.



Urge to Shop?

Before the ELPC bookstore closed preceding building renovations, we took stock of the items that sold most often and now those items are available again. Visit the Garth Overlook Room on the 1st floor to see the new display where you can buy three items: Café Justo coffee, the ELPC tie dyed shirt and the ELPC Taizé CD. Each item is only \$10. Order forms and more details are included in the display.

Meet Our Missionaries from Malawi – Oct 15

Presbyterian Women invite you to share lunch with visitors from Malawi on Monday, Oct 15 at Noon in Music Room. RSVP to Kate Carlson (412.441.3800 x116).

Tween Night – Oct 19

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to *Tween Night* for pizza and pumpkin carving on Friday, Oct 19 from 6–8 pm. Contact Sara Hackett for details (SaraH@coh.net).

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Oct 20

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!

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!

Sanctuary and Chapel Tour – Oct 21

Learn about the intricate design details in our Sanctuary and Chapel on a guided tour on Sunday, Oct 21. Meet at the Highland Ave entrance following Sanctuary worship.

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 conference *Called to Save Our Sacred Home* on Saturday, Oct 27 from 11:30 am–4:45 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Mt Lebanon). 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).



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, Lynn Clifton,
Sam Ditka's sister-in-law Laura and friend Jennifer,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren,
Lee Lewand, Pen Lytle, Russ Overfield,
Rhonda Perroz, and Cameron Teacoach's friend Celina.

Condolences to Janet Pollard on her brother's passing.

*Condolences to the family of Gail Noden on her passing.
A celebration of her life will be held on
Tuesday, Nov 20 at 10 am at ELPC.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors Today, 12:15 pm (2nd fl Library)
Planned Giving..... Today, 12:15 pm (Highland Rm)
Nominating..... Today, 12:15 pm (Session Rm)
Mission Board Tuesday, 4:30 pm (2nd fl Library)
Youth & Young Adult Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)
Session..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook)

Science and Theology Retreat Day – Oct 27

You are invited to join in a *Science and Theology Retreat Day* on Saturday, Oct 27 from 9 am–4 pm. We will have the time to watch the Ilia Delio videos, taking time to stop and discuss as we go along. We will also begin to form experiential ways to reconcile our modern science with our faith and how such a theology would look in practice using art and creative liturgy. Lunch and snacks will be served. If you plan to attend, please contact the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan (MaryLynn@coh.net). Everyone is welcome!

Immigration Sunday – Oct 28

ELPC will lift up our partnership with Casa San José and other opportunities to care for the immigrant community in Pittsburgh on Sunday, Oct 28. Please join us!

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.

Taizé on All Saints Day – Oct 31

Join us for a special Taizé service on All Saints' Day, Wednesday, Oct 31 at 7 pm, as we remember all the people in our lives who are no longer with us. As we move from the Chapel through the candle-lit Sanctuary, we will celebrate our life of faith together on the Chancel before we move to the Crypt, where we will remember the saints who have gone before us. Don't miss this touching prayer experience of our unity and eternity in God.

In our COMMUNITY

Leadership Luncheon – Oct 18

The Pittsburgh Presbytery is hosting a *Leadership Luncheon: Vital Congregations Around the World* on Thursday, Oct 18 from 10:30 am–1:30 pm. Learn more about the *International Partnership Ministry Team*. RSVP to 412.323.1400.

Nicaraguan Coffee Tasting – Oct 25

Oikocredit is hosting a *Nicaraguan Coffee Tasting* with Maria Mercedes Aleman from Cooperative Aldea Global. This free event is from 6–8 pm on Oct 25 at the Global Switchboard (305 34th St, 15201). For more info and to RSVP, visit www.oikocreditusa.org.

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 (ljazzbo@aol.com) or Tony Richardson-Eckes (overthepond_50@hotmail.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Oct 21 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

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

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Job 38:1–7 (34–41); Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “The Worlds of Ancient Judaism and Ancient Paganism” led by Rebecca I. Denova, PhD

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A concluding discussion of chapter three of *Surrender to Love* by David Benner, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Michele Bossers

♦ 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! ♦