



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 28, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP REFORMATION / IMMIGRATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday is associated with Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses onto the door of the Wittenberg University cathedral (a school where he taught) on October 31, 1517, sparking the Protestant break with the larger Roman Catholic church.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Merciful God, you always hear us when we cry out. It is you in whom we seek refuge, and you deliver us from evil. Let praise flow from our mouths to your ears, for we can taste and see that you are indeed good. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, O God, our redeemer and our strength. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"We feel and weigh soon enough what we suffer from others, but how much others suffer from us, of this we take no heed." — *Thomas á Kempis*

"In the collaboration with el Cristo Migrante and making the church into welcoming posadas, the community of disciples is empowered by the Spirit to imitate Christ (imitatio Christi), which leads to their transformation into Christ's image (imago Christi) in order to be sacraments of Christ's presence (alter Christi) for migrants."

— *Luis R. Rivera*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

G.F. Handel/Mark Ardrey-Graves

"Jubilant Procession"
Selection of Hymns for Bagpipes

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Emily Rosenthal

* 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 (from Psalm 34)

Carla Coles

Leader: At all times, I will bless the Lord, whose praise shall ever be in my mouth.

People: We will glory in the Lord and proclaim together the greatness of our God.

Leader: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me in my time of need.

People: I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

Leader: Happy are those who trust in the Lord!

People: People will come from north, south, east and west to gather and praise our God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #275

Ein feste Burg

"A Mighty Fortress is our God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carla Coles

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More than 43.7 million immigrants resided in the U.S. in 2016 – about 13.5% of the total U.S. population. In 2016, 1.5 million foreign-born individuals moved to the U.S., with the most coming from India (175,000) and China (160,200), followed by Mexico (150,400), Cuba (54,700), and Philippines (46,600).

The book of Jonah is unique in that Jonah is never officially called a prophet and he is a person who both tried to flee from God's commands and then sulked when his preaching led to real conversions. The entire book, with its famous episodes of Jonah living inside a whale, are read annually on the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Harvard College in Massachusetts is founded (1636); Eli Whitney applied for a patent for his cotton gin (1793); Levi Coffin, the founder of the Underground Railroad, was born (1798); the Statue of Liberty was dedicated by President Grover Cleveland (1886); Pope John XXIII was elected (1958); and actress Julia Roberts was born 51 years ago (1967).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carla Coles

Merciful God, we have not been humble, nor have we been hospitable. We have discouraged others from seeking you by fearing true communion with the stranger and by withholding honest welcomes from our neighbors. Forgive us, O God. Help us to rejoice when others seek after you and join us in times of praise. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Carla Coles

Leader: People of God, the Lord hears, forgives, and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another and walk humbly before God. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Chimings of Great Joy"

Dan R. Edwards

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Deuteronomy 10:17-20

Matthew 20:8-15

RECOGNITION OF LUKE STEVENS

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 #154

"Jesus Entered Egypt"

KING'S WESTON

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 3:10–4:11

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Big Themes, Little Books: Praying for Nineveh"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Anna Clark

Immigrants' Creed by The Rev. Jose Luis Casal

I believe in the almighty God, who guided God's people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean who was born away from his people, who had to flee the country with his parents when his life was in danger, and who later suffered the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the unjust servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured and wrongly condemned to death. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from death, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom working among us, who speaks all languages, abides in all countries, and reunites all peoples. I believe that the church is a secure home for all foreigners and that the communion of saints begins when we accept the diversity of God's people.

I believe that in the Resurrection, God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. I believe in the eternal life, where no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's realm that has no end. Amen.

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Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) composed *Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge* in 1921. It combines a setting of Psalm 90 with Issac Watts's metrical version of the same Psalm, *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, set to the tune ST. ANNE.

Highland Cathedral has been a popular bagpipe tune since it was composed by German musicians Ulrich Roever and Michael Korbin in 1982 for a Highland games in Germany.

Henri Mulet (1878-1967) studied at the Paris Conservatory with Alexandre Guilmant and Charles-Marie Widor. His published compositions are small in number. In 1937, following a financial crisis, Mulet destroyed his manuscripts and left Paris for Draguignan, where he remained for the rest of his life.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Campaign

Dee Flaherty

OFFERING INVITATION

Dee Flaherty

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

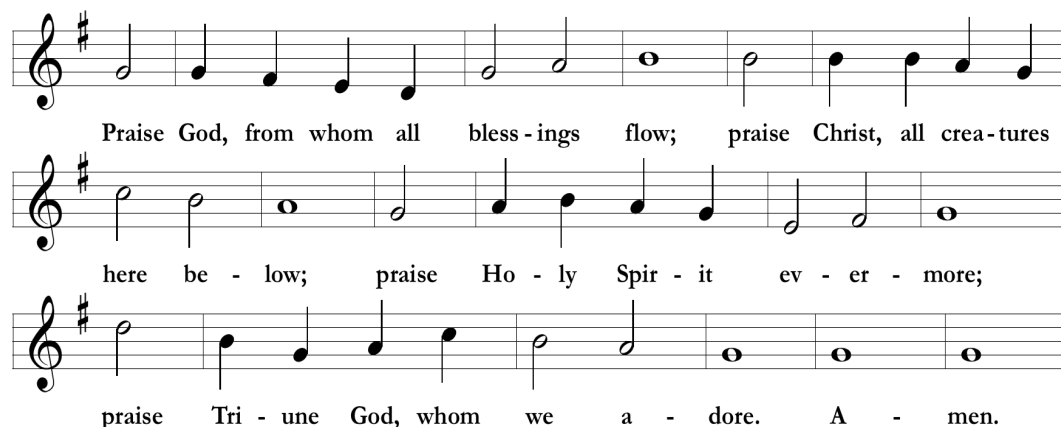
Ralph Vaughan Williams

"Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge"

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end. And the glorious majesty of the Lord be upon us. O prosper thou the work of our hands, O prosper thou our handiwork.

* 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

Anna Clark

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:	God, Creator of the universe, we offer to you these gifts for the glory of your kingdom, for the healing of the nations, and for the living out of your radical hospitality, in the name of God, Father and Mother of us all.	
People:	Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #822 "When We Are Living"

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

RECESSIONAL

"Highland Cathedral"

arr. James Wetherald

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Carillon-Sortie"

Henri Mulet

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Anna Clark, *Casa San Jose Intern*
Carla Coles
Dee Flaherty
Emily Rosenthal
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Palmer Shonk, *Bagpiper*
Acolytes: Annie Cowan and Mabel Buben
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Room for our *Fellowship Time*, sponsored by the Deacons. Café Justo will also be available to purchase (\$10).

♦ 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. Communion will be celebrated.
Nov 4 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. Communion will be celebrated.
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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

Immigration Sunday

ELPC will lift up our partnership with Casa San José and other opportunities to care for the immigrant community in Pittsburgh at this morning's 11 am service.

EECM Food Bags Distributed

We will distribute empty grocery bags at our worship services today and next Sunday for the EECM Thanksgiving food drive. If you would like to participate, please take a bag and fill it with the requested items (stapled on the bag). Return your bag of donations on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 11.

Rummage Sale Volunteers and Baked Goods Needed

Please sign up by TODAY on the sign up bulletin board in the hallway leading from the Highland lobby to the Baum entrance to volunteer at the *Cathedral Rummage Sale*. Many helpers are needed on Nov 2 for set up and Nov 3 for the sale and clean up. Please also sign up to make a donation for the baked good sale. See Wil Forrest with questions about volunteering; text Liz Gonda (412.657.7823) for details about the bake sale.

Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during today's Fellowship Time. For just \$10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative and help provide a sustainable income for coffee farmers in Mexico.

Worship Leadership Training

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 after today's 11 am service in the Sanctuary.

Toiletries Drive to Support ELPC's Chapel Market

ELPC's Chapel Market is still requesting donations of the following toiletry items — toilet paper, hygiene wipes, soap, body wash, tooth paste, tooth brush, floss, deodorant, lotions and feminine hygiene products. Please put donations on the designated carts at each entrance.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DODs)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Matt Stuftt**.



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. Don't miss this touching prayer experience of our unity and eternity in God.

YAMs: First Friday @ Beto's — Nov 2

Go to dinner with friends for pizza with raw toppings at Pittsburgh favorite *Beto's Pizza* (1473 Banksville Rd, 15216) at a TRAIL young adult event on Nov 2. RSVP if you want a ride from ELPC at 6:30 pm, or meet there at 7 pm.

Cathedral Rummage Sale — Nov 3

We are now accepting donations of clothing, housewares, linens, jewelry, toys, books, DVD's, records, Christmas items, and more for our *Cathedral Rummage Sale* on Saturday, Nov 3 in the Social Hall. For more info, or for copies of the poster to help advertise the event, please contact Lora Bethea (ljazzzbo@aol.com) or Tony Richardson-Eckes (overthepond_50@hotmail.com).



Opportunity to Serve Our Neighbors — Nov 3 and 6

Support *Open Hand Ministries* and the neighborhood families it serves by helping at one of these events:

- ✦ Saturday, Nov 3 — Rehab work day at a house in Garfield; and
- ✦ Tuesday, Nov 6 — ELPC is providing dinner for the OHM Circles gathering of families. Donations of salads, side dishes, desserts, plus people to help serve the meal are needed.

Please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or Frank Bauerle (frbaurele@yahoo.com) for more info.

Christianity and Buddhism: Tools for Resilience — Nov 4

The Spiritual Life Committee is offering a program exploring the common threads and differences between Buddhism and Christianity. We will gather in the 2nd floor Parlor on Sunday, Nov 4 at Noon to share a light lunch and explore how Buddhism can be used as a resource for deepening our Christianity. Susan Spangler and the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will be leading our discussion.

Church Tours — Nov 4 and 11

Explore ELPC's cavernous basement following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Nov 4 to see the giant boilers that heat our church home and the blowers that feed air to more than 7,000 organ pipes! Following 11 am worship on Sunday, Nov 11, learn about Sanctuary and Chapel design.

Bible Study — Nov 5 and 6

All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for their Bible study *God with us in our Discouragement* on Monday, Nov 5 at 7 pm and Tuesday, Nov 6 at 10 am. Monday's group will meet in the Harambe Room. Tuesday's group will meet for Bible study in the 2nd floor Parlor, followed by a potluck lunch. Soup will be provided, but please bring a side or salad to share, as well as your own place setting.



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

David Carl's aunt Yvonne,
Carol Chontos' father David, Lynn Clifton,
Sam Ditka's friend Jennifer,
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren, Kathy Kiewra,
Lee Lewand, Pen Lytle, Bill Newcomer,
Ashleigh Parker, Rhonda Perroz,
Cameron Teacoach and her friend Celina,
and Chris Wharton.

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach..... *Today, 12:15 pm (2nd fl Parlor)*
Nominating..... *Today, 12:15 pm (Session)*
Justice *Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 211)*
Centennial Fund..... *Monday, 6:00 pm (Highland)*

Cathedral Concert – Nov 10

The 8th season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series continues on Saturday, Nov 10 at 8 pm with a performance by Chatham Baroque in our intimate Chapel. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members from Dr. Ed Moore. *Note: performance date change from Nov 17.*

Say "Thank you!" to Pam Kimmel with Cookies – Nov 11

Please join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 11 for food, cookies, laughs and maybe a few tears as we celebrate and thank Pam Kimmel for her 20 years of service as ELPC's Business Administrator. Pam, who is stepping down from the post (but will remain with the church and the Chancel Choir, to be clear!), has been vital to the growth and outreach of ELPC and a humble, knowledgeable and gracious leader whose calm and pleasant demeanor has been appreciated not only by staff but all who have worked and interacted with her. You can help show your appreciation by contributing to the cookie table that will be set up in Pam's honor; please drop off cookies in the Social Hall before the 11 am service.

Heretics, Doubters, and Other Saints – Nov 11

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 the 11 am service on Nov 11. A light lunch will be served right after the service, but the program will not start until 12:45 pm so that those wishing to attend the retirement celebration for Pam Kimmel can do both. All are welcome!

Annual Thanksgiving Feast – Nov 18

Join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 18 for a turkey luncheon! Bring a side dish or dessert to share (sign up on the bulletin board near the Highland desk starting Nov 4).

In our COMMUNITY

Hurricane Relief Volunteers Needed

Lend-A-Hand, a PC(USA) disaster relief ministry, is in need of volunteers to travel to North Carolina Nov 4-10 to assist with hurricane relief. For more info, contact Jeff McLaren (mclarenjeff78@gmail.com).

Allies in Faith Program – Nov 28 and 29

This November, Christian Associates is joining with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to offer *Allies in Faith*, a two-day learning experience for clergy and religious leaders. *Allies in Faith* will empower you to articulate a theology of hospitality, deepen your understanding of the immigrant experience, conduct a congregational and neighborhood assessment and plan a project, supported by ongoing connections over the next four months. *Allies in Faith* will meet at PTS (616 N Highland Ave, 15206) on Wednesday, Nov 28 and Thursday, Nov 29. The program is free of charge. Participants will be selected by application, which is available at www.pts.edu/Allies-in-Faith-1819. Applications are open until Nov 15. Contact Helen Blier for more info (412.924.1346).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 4 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Room) – "International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church" led by Rita Nordquist

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Ruth 1:1–18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – "Hello Neighbor: Welcoming Pittsburgh's Newest Refugees as Friends" led by Kara Kimicata, program manager for *Hello Neighbor*

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A concluding discussion of chapter four of *Surrender to Love* by David Benner, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Steve Evrard, and Vivienne Selia

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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

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♦ Looking for Club 116 Food Team Member
(some Wednesdays from 3-6 pm) ♦