



# 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)*

## FEBRUARY 24, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

Today we honor the *Gifts of Women*, grateful for our three women pastors, our guest preacher, the dedicated work of women elders, deacons, staff and church volunteers, the wisdom of church leaders like St. Teresa and Julian of Norwich, the musical talents of the women section leaders and choir members, and of composers like Cecilia Smith (whose commissioned piece is part of our March 24 concert). Thanks be to God for all this and much more!

Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.  
(Helen Keller)

Never allow a person to tell you no who doesn't have the power to say yes.  
(Eleanor Roosevelt)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Making my will one with the will of God, this is the union which I desire and should like to see in everyone; and not just a few of those raptures, however delightful, which go by the name of union."  
— *St. Teresa of Avila*  
"Prayer oneth the soul to God."  
— *Julian of Norwich*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
"The Peace May Be Exchanged"  
Dan Locklair  
(from *Rubrics*)

### 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 (from *Jeremiah 17:5-8*)

Sherry Anderson

Leader: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength,  
People: **We become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, arid place.**  
Leader: When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.  
People: **Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but we can bear fruit and share the gifts of the God who made us.**

Leader: Let us worship God together.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #610

AZMON

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is both compelling and demanding. You call us to reorder our lives, challenging us to notice the people who are quick to pass by: those who are poor and hungry, those who weep, those who are hated, bullied and excluded. We become complacent, trusting in our own self-sufficiency, rather than seeking the partnerships of grace to which you call us.

Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. Hear now our prayers, offered for ourselves and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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In this week in history, the following women have birthdays: Angelina Grimke, abolitionist who fought against slavery (1805); Edna St. Vincent Millay, poet (1892); Erma Bombeck, humorist and columnist (1927); Toni Morrison who won the Nobel Prize for Literature (1931); and Barbara Jordan, House of Representatives for Texas (1936).

As our partner in Christ's service, the Presbyterian Mission Agency is faithfully working to inspire, equip and connect the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in its many expressions to serve Christ in the world through new and existing communities of faith, hope, love and witness. We celebrate The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett's leadership of our denomination's PMA.

Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580) was an English choirmaster and composer of church music. Among his many positions, he was organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Long believed to have been composed by Farrant, *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* is often attributed to John Hilton (c. 1599-1657).

## SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #775

WALK WITH ME

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: 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 READING Jeremiah 17:7-8

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS

*Members:* Edith Battle, Rebecca Dilla, Beverly Fafata, Billie and Nancy Harlan, Benjamin and Harriett King, Ronald and Lida Larsen, Evalynn Welling, Jared and Nicole Welty, Suzanne Wolfe  
*Friends:* Sheryl Austin, Wesley and Kathleen Oliver

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*Children of any age are welcome to come forward 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 #306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett

## SERMON

"Fruitful Partnerships"

The Rev. Dr. Moffett

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lenore Williams

*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.*

## RECOGNITION OF EECM FOOD DRIVE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. 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 "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
Lay not our sins to our charge.  
But forgive that is past,  
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin, and incline to virtue,  
That we may walk in a perfect heart,  
Before thee now and evermore.  
Amen.*

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

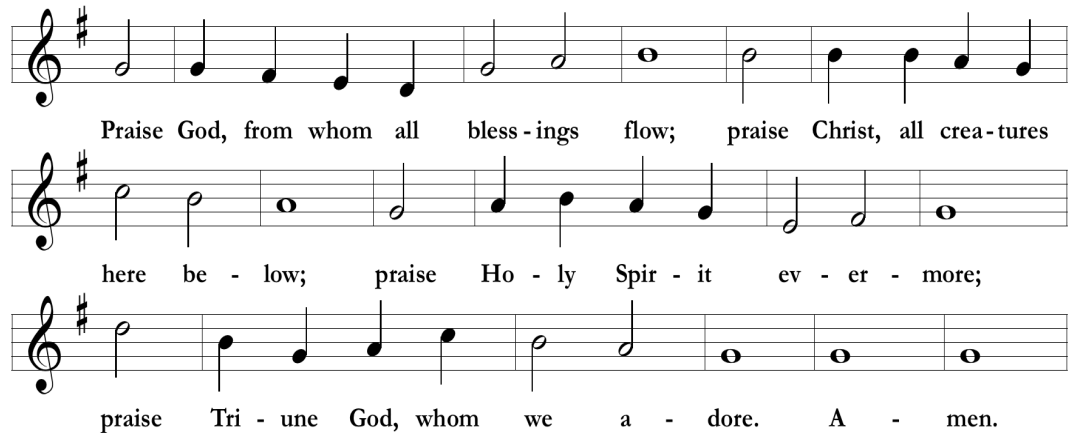
**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**  
Gracious God, thank you  
for the gift of this new  
day. Guide my steps as I  
face choices to care for  
the earth or not, to show  
compassion toward  
others or not, to care for  
myself or not, to be true  
to Christ or not. May  
each of my choices draw  
me closer to you. Amen.

We learned about  
gratitude and humility -  
that so many people had  
a hand in our success,  
from the teachers who  
inspired us to the janitors  
who kept our school  
clean... and we were  
taught to value  
everyone's contribution  
and treat everyone with  
respect.  
(Michelle Obama)

*Rubrics* by Dan Locklair  
(b. 1949) is a  
five movement suite  
commissioned by the  
Organ Artists Series of  
Pittsburgh and premiered  
at Calvary Episcopal  
Church on April 16, 1989.  
The entire suite will be  
performed by London  
organist Martin Baker this  
afternoon at 3 pm at  
Calvary Episcopal  
Church.

\* 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  
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

Leader:	El Señor esté con ustedes.	The Lord be with you.
People:	<b>Y también contigo.</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Leader:	Levantemos nuestros corazones.	Lift up your hearts.
People:	<b>Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.</b>	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
Leader:	Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	<b>Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.</b>	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>
Leader:	Holy God, bless and multiply these gifts we give as signs of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in Jesus' name.	
People:	<b>Amen.</b>	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #656

THIS FAR BY FAITH

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Moffett

POSTLUDE

"The people respond – Amen!"  
(from *Rubrics*)

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Dan Locklair

*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. Diane Moffett  
Executive Director  
Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)

Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Sherry Anderson  
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo  
Lenore Williams

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir

Acolytes: Annie Cowan and Kevin Lee

Beadle: Polly McQueen

Crucifer: Youth

Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. A light lunch is provided. All are welcome to attend.

*If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x118).*

#### ♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in honor of Presbyterian Women everywhere, presented by ELPC's Presbyterian Women.

#### ♦ 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.  
*March 3* — 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.  
*March 3* — 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 annual *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall. 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 **Sundays, April 7 and 14** to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).



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## Church Events and Announcements

February 24, 2019 • 7th Sunday after Epiphany

### TODAY AT ELPC

#### Today is Gifts of Women Sunday

Today is the 2019 *Gifts of Women* Sunday. We honor women who exhibit grace that knows no boundaries. The idea that God is a boundary-crosser is not new. Nor is the idea that God's grace flows through the world unhampered by human boundaries. Here at ELPC, the gifts of women are evident in today's service as women preach, assist in liturgy, sing, greet and usher. We invite you to join Presbyterian Women of ELPC and around the world in celebrating the boundary crossing power of God.

#### ELPC Welcomes the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, the new executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), as our guest preacher this morning.

#### Congregational Meeting

All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall after today's Sanctuary worship service to review reports and financial budgets. Lunch will be provided. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers also will be voted on.

The biographies of the nominees for Church Officers are located in a notebook in the Balaka Rm for you to preview. Please do not remove the notebook from there.

#### Climate Change Letter Writing

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is sponsoring today's *Climate Change Letter Writing* in the Fellowship Room before and after the 11 am service, which supports the *Green New Deal*, a congressional resolution to reduce fossil fuel use and create jobs.

#### Fun and Fitness and Open Hand Ministries!

Interested in participating in the 2019 Pittsburgh Marathon and raising money to support the programs of Open Hand Ministries? ELPC has opportunities to get involved (runners, walkers, cheer station volunteers), and is putting together a Relay Team, plus full or half marathon runners/walkers can register for free. Join us after the service in the Social Hall to learn more, or contact Molly Davidson-Welling ([mollydw@yahoo.com](mailto:mollydw@yahoo.com)) or Emily Rosenthal ([ejr116@gmail.com](mailto:ejr116@gmail.com)).

#### Café Justo Coffee for Sale

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale in the Social Hall at the *Congregational Meeting*. The cost is \$10/pound. Check or cash only please.

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

The *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.

#### Sound and A/V Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with sound and video for the worship services, and A/V helpers to assist with properly setting up the A/V carts for classes and other events. Contact Tim Benedict ([tim@tbenedict.com](mailto:tim@tbenedict.com)) or Wayne Gaines ([wayneg75@msn.com](mailto:wayneg75@msn.com)) for more info.

#### ELPC's Chapel Market

The *Chapel Market* is seeking volunteers for Monday mornings (10 am-Noon). Please contact Linda and Harold Deiss (724.443.1826; [deisslh@consolidated.net](mailto:deisslh@consolidated.net)) if you are interested in helping. Spring and summer clothing and toiletry donations are also needed (body and face lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste), and can be left at the Highland Ave entrance.

#### Sewing Group – Feb 25

Join the *Sewing Group* on Monday, Feb 25 from 2:30–6 pm to use your skills to care for others. All ages and skills are welcome. Contact Diane Jackson for more info ([dnjcks@verizon.net](mailto:dnjcks@verizon.net); 412.441.6021).

#### YAM Events – Feb 25 and March 1

If you are interested in attending any of the following Young Adult Ministry (YAM) events, please contact Kelli Booher ([KelliB@coh.net](mailto:KelliB@coh.net)).

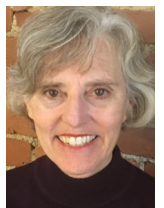
- ✦ *Sewing Project* with ELPC's Sewing Group — Monday, Feb 25, 6 pm. Childcare available.
- ✦ *TRAIL First Friday @ Jolina's Mediterranean Cuisine* — March 1, 7 pm.

#### PW Bible Study – March 4 and 5

All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for the Bible study titled *God With Us Through Our Trials* on Monday, March 4 at 7 pm in the Harambe Room and/or Tuesday, March 5 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor (followed by a potluck lunch; soup provided, but please bring a side or salad to share, as well as your own place setting).

#### Ash Wednesday Services and Presenter – March 6

On Wednesday, March 6 the season of Lent will begin with our Ash Wednesday service at 12 pm, featuring the imposition of ashes, led by Pastor Heather in the Chapel. Following the service, join us in the Fellowship Room for a discussion led by Ruth Farrell and lunch. Ruth will speak about her ministry at Casa San José. ELPC member Linda Harrington will join Ruth to talk about her experience teaching the English Second Language classes for Casa San José. The weekly 7 pm Taizé Prayer service will also offer the imposition of ashes.







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

Joseph Adjaye, Cecil Birt, David Carl's co-worker's sister,  
Kate Carlson's brother-in-law Ray,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Jan Herzer, Jean Kennedy's sister Valeria,  
MeShawn LeVert's mother Gwen, Lee Lewand,  
Clay and Kathy McQueen, Ashley Parker, Henry Petrilli,  
David Phillips, Pat Valoon and Frances Wilson.

*Condolences to ELPC employee Kate Carlson  
on her cousin's passing.*

*Condolences to the family of Rev. J. Robert Hewett on his  
passing. Rev. Hewett was ELPC's pastor from 1981-1985.*

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### No Committee Meetings This Week

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#### Facing Systemic Racism Lenten Series – Begins March 6

The first 2019 *Facing Systemic Racism* event is a six week Lenten study of *The Belhar Confession* each Wednesday during Lent (March 6-April 10) from 5-7 pm. Study materials are included and a light meal of soup will be served. Contact Pastor Patrice if you need childcare (412.441.3800 x140). We invite all to join the Taizé worship service at 7 pm following the study.

#### Luncheon for New Members and Friends – March 10

New members and friends who joined over the last year are invited to a *New Members and Friends Luncheon* on Sunday, March 10 at 12:15 pm in the 3rd floor Music Room. Come and get to know other new members and learn about ELPC's Spiritual Life offerings. RSVP to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

#### Earth Care Challenge Event – March 10

As we bear witness to a warming planet, disruptions in climate patterns, and learn about the disappearing species, we need to make our best efforts to preserve the earth for future generations. The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to learn about steps you can take now to do your part in response to this crisis on Sunday, March 10 at 12:15 pm in the Social Hall at the *ELPC Earth Care Challenge*. You will be challenged to join other ELPC members and friends who are pledging to take personal actions in the next six months, and will feature Mark Dixon, environmental activist and documentary filmmaker, and Pastor Randy Bush who will shine a light on environmental stewardship as faith in action. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Contact Nancy Heastings for more info (n.heastings@comcast.net).



Please visit our webpage  
for current volunteer  
opportunities!



[www.cathedralofhope.org/programs/iserve-2](http://www.cathedralofhope.org/programs/iserve-2)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### Bag It: Is your life too plastic? Movie Viewing – Feb 27

The documentary *Bag It: Is your life too plastic?* will be shown at Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shady Ave) on Wednesday, Feb 27 at 7 pm.

#### EECM Dinner Crew Needs Volunteers

East End Cooperative Ministry's *Thursday Night Dinner Crew* is seeking volunteers to help serve dinner and food providers. Contact Jim Russ (jr06@andrew.cmu.edu; 412.421.7630) for info.

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#### Environmental Book Club Discussion – March 14

The Environment Subcommittee of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, the encyclical letter from Pope Francis on Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm. The book draws all Christians into a dialogue about our common home. Please contact Nancy Heastings for more info (n.heastings@comcast.net).

#### Church Photo Directory – March 17, 24 and 31

March 17, 24 and 31 are the final dates to have your photo taken for the new church directory. Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net).

#### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – March 24

All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 pm when we will begin our book discussion of the themes in the first three chapters of Matthew Vine's *God and the Gay Christian*. Previous reading not required. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest for more info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

#### Cathedral Concert – March 24

The ELPC Chancel Choir presents an inspirational program of music inspired by the Psalms at the next Cathedral Concert, *From One Generation to Another—A Celebration of the Psalms* on Sunday, March 24 at 3 pm.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

March 3 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** – “The Role of Christianity and Government” led by Tony Richardson-Eckes

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** — Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28–43a facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – “Finding Joy in our Lenten Traditions” led by the Rev. Jim Davidson

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** – A discussion of selections from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Bard, and Yamuna Morgenstern

**YAM (Rm 213)** – “Regret as it relates to the Easter story” led by Kelli Booher