



# 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)*

## AUGUST 4, 2019 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Gaelic tune BUNESSAN was composed by Lachlan MacBean (1853-1931) and first appeared in a collection of music from the Scottish Highlands published in 1888. Paired with the text by Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), this hymn's first appearance in a major U.S. denominational hymnal was in the Presbyterian hymnal *The Hymnbook* in 1955. In pop culture it is often associated with the 1971 recording made by English singer Cat Stevens (b. 1948 and known as Yusuf Islam since 1978).

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
I greet this new day with joy, O Lord, for you are my light and my hope. Do not let me fall prey to the anxieties of this world, or be tempted by false charms, but keep me ever faithful to you, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Those who steadily observe the moral precepts in which all religions concur will never be questioned at the gates of heaven as to the dogma in which they all differ."  
— Thomas Jefferson

### GATHERING MUSIC

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (songbook #1)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (songbook #2)

HOLY MANNA

"Morning Has Broken" (songbook #3)

BUNESSAN

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

Leader: We are children of God, learning to walk by faith.

People: Day by day, we are learning to be the church in a hurting world.

Leader: God is a loving parent, who loves us, leads us, teaches us, forgives us, and feeds us.

People: With grateful hearts and songs of praise, let us worship God!

### \* HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (songbook #4)

BEACH SPRING

### CALL TO PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel:

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

¡Alaben a Dios!

Praise God!

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

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Hosea was a "writing prophet" active in the northern kingdom of Israel just before the country was conquered and destroyed by the Assyrians around 722 BCE. Hosea interpreted this unfolding disaster as divine punishment for Israel's rebellious nature, although Hosea also presents God as a Parent anxious to forgive and to guide the children back home. Hosea chapter 11 highlights this tension between Israel's sins and God's desire for reconciliation.

Jazz legend Dave Brubeck's (1920-2012) *Hold Fast to Dreams* is a set of ten choral movements set to texts by Langston Hughes (1902-1967).

A humble knowledge of yourself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning. (Thomas á Kempis)

#### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

*Children of any age are welcome to come to the front of the worship space for Moments with our Children. There is an Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance.*

\* HYMN "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us" (songbook #5) AUSTIN

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Hosea 11:1-11 The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON "The (Not So) Long Walk Home" The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION The Rev. Dr. Bush

*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 "I Dream a World" Dave Brubeck/Langston Hughes

*I dream a world where (all)  
No other (one) will scorn,  
Where love will bless the earth,  
And peace its paths adorn.  
I dream a world where all  
Will know sweet freedom's way,  
Where greed no longer saps the soul,  
Nor avarice blights our day.  
A world I dream where black or white,  
Whatever race you be,  
Will share the bounties of the earth,  
And every (one) is free,  
Where wretchedness will hang its head,  
And joy, like a pearl,  
Attends the needs of all (humankind-),  
Of such I dream, my world!*

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler.*



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

We shall have to repent  
in this generation, not so  
much for the evil deeds  
of the wicked people, but  
for the appalling silence  
of the good people.  
(Martin Luther King)

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:  
The Coast Guard was  
established (1790); the  
French Revolution led to  
the destruction of the  
great abbey of Cluny,  
France (1792); Great  
Britain declared war on  
Germany (1914); for \$25  
million, the U.S.  
purchased the Virgin  
Islands from Denmark  
(1916); Nazi police  
raided the secret annex  
of a building in  
Amsterdam where Anne  
**Frank's family were**  
hiding (1944); and  
President Barack Obama  
was born on this day  
(1961).

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.  
People: Y también contigo.  
Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.  
People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y  
alabanzas a Dios.

The Rev. Schoenewolf  
The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the  
Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the  
Lord our God.  
It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SHARING BREAD & CUP

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

COMMUNION HYMN

COME, SHARE THE LORD

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name” (songbook #6)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Holy One, we give you thanks for the richness of our lives and the generosity of your grace. From this meal we have shared, may we discover new depths of compassion, service, trust, and joy, as they arise from our life with you and with one another. Thank you, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN

LINSTEAD

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (songbook #7)

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush



*As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church). This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.*

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Henry and Lisa Petrilli  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Summer Choir  
Beadle: Matt Stufft  
Sound: Tim Benedict  
Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

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

*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

*If you would like to purchase flowers for our worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$150 a Sunday (\$75 during August when we worship in the Courtyard).*

◆ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

*Our summer worship schedule has begun. Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 8 at 8:45 am.*

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir.  
Aug 11 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.



*Additional seating  
is available in the  
first floor Garth  
Overlook Room*

Summer Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 am service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

*There is only one Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger — Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance. It is available every Sunday.*

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 8 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 also:*

**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 Sept 29 and Oct 6 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 for future classes ([GloriaK@coh.net](mailto:GloriaK@coh.net)).

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



# Church Events and Announcements

**August 4, 2019 • 8th Sunday after Pentecost**

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Today's Deacon-On-Duty

Today's worship service DOD is the **Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes**.

### Summer Film Festival

Join the Mission Board Committees today after worship in the Good Samaritan Room for the viewing of *Urban Roots*, part of their Summer Film Festival. Once an industrial powerhouse of a lost American era, Detroit has been devastated by the loss of half its population due to the collapse of manufacturing. But now, in the empty lots, in the old factory yards, and in-between the sagging blocks of housing, seeds of change are taking root. Dedicated citizens have started an urban environmental movement with the potential to transform not just a city after its collapse, but also a country after the end of its industrial age. *Urban Roots* shows Detroiters working to fulfill their vision for locally-grown, sustainably farmed food in a city where people—as in much of the country—have found themselves cut off from real food. *Sponsored by the Justice Committee (60 minutes)*



### Youth Ministry High School Mission Trip — Aug 4 to 9

Youth in grades 9–12 will be serving around Pittsburgh this summer for the *High School Mission Trip* from Aug 4-9. Please keep them in prayer.

### Karl Sellner Memorial Benefit — Aug 10

Raise awareness and support a safe place where young people of diverse ethnic, economic and religious backgrounds can further their personal and artistic growth in music, performance and dance by attending the *Karl Sellner Memorial Scholarship Benefit* on Saturday, Aug 10 from 4-9 pm at Pittsburgh New Church (299 Le Roi Rd, 15206). In remembrance of former Hope Academy student Karl Sellner, all proceeds from the event will provide a Hope Academy scholarship. There will be music, food, drinks and fun! For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit the *Karl Sellner Memorial Benefit* Facebook page or email [sellner.melissa@yahoo.com](mailto:sellner.melissa@yahoo.com).



### Stained Glass Tour — Aug 11

Join tour guide Penn Hackney for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel following worship on Sunday, Aug 11. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

### LGBTQ Ministry — Aug 17

You are invited to the next gathering of the LGBTQ Ministry here at ELPC on Saturday, Aug 17 at 11 am for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800, [Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net)). *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*

### Summer Film Festival — Aug 18

Join the Mission Board Committees on Sunday, Aug 18 after worship to view *BlackKlansman*, the final film in their Summer Film Festival. From visionary filmmaker Spike Lee comes the incredible true story of an American hero. African-American detective Ron Stallworth sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan with the aid of a more seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman. Together, they team up to take down the extremist hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric to appeal to the mainstream. *Sponsored by the Peace Committee (134 minutes)*



### Special Fellowship Time Honoring **ANTHONY WILLIAMS** Sunday, Aug 18 • after worship service

Anthony Williams has served as a youth worker at ELPC for over 18 years. As an integral part of our youth ministry team, Mr. Anthony has nurtured the faith of generations of teens at ELPC, chaperoned dozens of Mission Trips and retreats, led a basketball ministry for youth in the community, and supported Confirmants on their journey to adult membership at ELPC. Whether through an interactive Bible Study or a game of Spades, Mr. Anthony has taught the love of God in Christ to all, and has modeled what it means to put one's faith in action.

Late this spring, Mr. Anthony was named Head of School of The Neighborhood Academy. With this exciting transition in his life, Mr. Anthony has discerned the need to step down from his role at ELPC to dedicate his time and energy to his new position. We give thanks for Mr. Anthony — for his impact on the lives of many here at ELPC and at TNA.

We will celebrate his 18 years of service during a special fellowship time in his honor, following the 10 am worship service on Aug 18. Please join us to thank him and wish him well on the next leg of his journey!



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

Craig Cannon,  
David Carl's friend's son Morgan,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,  
Agnes Green, Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,  
Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory, Rhonda Perroz,  
ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,  
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Mary Lou and uncle Jim,  
Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly, Pat Valoon, and  
for those who face a lifetime in jail or prison.

*Condolences to David and Heather Schoenewolf  
on his father's passing.*

## Committee Meeting This Week

Property ..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)

### Youth and Young Adult Events – Aug 20 and 30

For more info on the following youth and youth adult events, or to RSVP, please contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).



- ✦ *Tuesdays in the Park* — Tuesday, Aug 20, 5:30–7 pm  
Contact Kelli for park location.
- ✦ *Drive-In Movie Time* — Friday, Aug 30, 6:30 pm  
Let's take a trip back in time and experience the movies outdoors at Dependable Drive-In Theater (549 Moon Clinton Rd, Moon). We will meet at ELPC and leave at 6:30 pm. Bring money for the concession stands or snacks of your own! We will decide which movie to watch as we get closer to the date. Please RSVP so we can plan on how many spaces/chairs we need, and if you need a ride.

### Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers – Aug 22

As a faithful ELPC servant, you are invited to the *Annual Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, August 22 from 6-7:30 pm in the Garth (Social Hall if raining). Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, fixings and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring either a side dish or dessert to serve about 8 people. If you want your container back, please label it with your last name. No need to bring serving utensils or to RSVP. Just come and attend a relaxing evening of fellowship, food and appreciation! Let us serve you in thanks and gratitude!

### Presbyterian Women Bible Study – Sept 3 and 9

Join Presbyterian Women at 10 am on Tuesday, Sept 3 and/or Monday, Sept 9 at 7 pm as they begin their 2019–2020 Bible study titled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble of the PW PC(USA).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Climate Crisis Town Hall – Aug 14

Join PA Representative Mike Doyle for a *Climate Crisis Town Hall Meeting* on Wednesday, August 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall (Oakland).

### Vigil for Sheldon Stoudemire – Aug 25

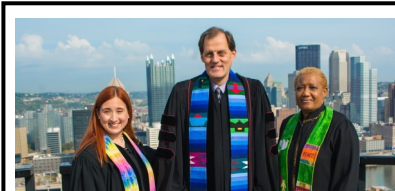
All are welcome to attend a vigil to celebrate the life of the Rev. Sheldon Stoudemire and to witness to the devastating destruction caused by senseless gun violence at Northside Common Ministries (1601 Brighton Rd, 15212) on Sunday, Aug 25 at 2 pm.

### Hospice Volunteers Needed

AHN Healthcare@Home is looking for volunteers to visit with hospice patients in this community. Many of the patients are home alone and would enjoy and appreciate the company of a volunteer. It is often difficult to find volunteers due to socioeconomic and racial biases so we are reaching out to our neighbors. Volunteers provide companionship, supportive presence, and spiritual support to patients. Volunteers may choose a fixed schedule or a flexible one, depending on their availability. Healthcare@Home will provide free training and necessary clearances, TB testing, and drug screening. Please contact Rachel Akiva, Volunteer Coordinator for AHN Healthcare@Home, for more info (412.266.6420, akivar@healthcareathome.com).

### Hope Academy's Fall Term – Begins Sept 21

The Fall term of Hope Academy classes begins Sept 21. Visit [www.HopeAcademyArts.com](http://www.HopeAcademyArts.com) to register, apply for scholarships, RSVP for information sessions, or schedule an audition. Hope Academy violin, viola, and cello students will perform with Black Violin at the Byham Theater on Thursday, Sept 26 at 7 pm. Additional details are available online, or contact Linda Addlespurger, Hope Academy Director (HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com).



**Stream Our Sanctuary  
Worship Service**  
[www.tiny.cc/elpc-stream](http://www.tiny.cc/elpc-stream)

Did you know ELPC livestreams its Sanctuary worship service each Sunday? If you find yourself unable to attend worship or are enjoying a summer vacation, we hope you will join our faith family in spirit. Subscribe to us on YouTube or follow us on Facebook—and tune in! Past services also are available at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).