



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 11, 2019 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
For the rich heritage we
have received from your
hand, we are grateful, O
God. You have
fashioned our hearts and
observed our deeds.
Now we come together,
awaiting further
instructions from your
Word. Teach us here
what we need to know in
order to live faithfully in
this troubled world. Lead
us beyond the routines
of worship to a genuine,
life-changing encounter
with you. Amen.

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) adapted the tune McKEE in 1940 for use with the text *In Christ There Is No East or West*. He named it for Rev. Elmer McKee, rector of St. George's Church in New York City, where Burleigh was baritone soloist for 52 years.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall ... think of it, always."

— Mahatma Gandhi

GATHERING MUSIC

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks" (songbook #1)

KINGSFOLD

"God Welcomes All" (songbook #2)

THEMBA AMEN

"Woke Up This Mornin'" (songbook #3)

WITH MY MIND

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 50)

Annabel Degenholtz

Leader: God's mercies never end; they are new every morning. We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

People: We will sing our songs of praise. We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Leader: Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go. Trust God, even when we do not feel like singing.

People: We commit all our ways to God. We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.

Leader: By God's grace, we are gathered for worship. In God's love, we are no longer exiles and strangers.

People: We have been called together by the Holy Spirit. We will treasure this special time in sacred space.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN

McKEE

"In Christ There Is No East or West" (songbook #4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love. It destroys community and makes brotherhood impossible. It leaves society in a monologue rather than dialogue. Violence ends by defeating itself. It creates bitterness in the survivors and brutality in the destroyers.
(Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585) is one of the most important English composers of sacred music. In 1575 Queen Elizabeth granted Tallis and William Byrd a 21-year monopoly for printing music and music paper in England.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

O God, we face our world with cowardice. We would rather avoid danger than take a stand against injustice. We want to enjoy privileges not available to others. We wish to keep away from all the cries for help that bombard us. The problems around us are overwhelming. The distress within us is staggering. Too often we lash out at others rather than turn to you for guidance and strength. Now, in these moments together, we cry out for your help. We want to be your people. We want to live with a clear conscience and right spirit. Remake us, loving God. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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!

SUNG RESPONSE

LIVING GOD

"Spirit of the Living God" (songbook #5; sing 2x)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Annabel Degenholtz

2 Timothy 1:1-14

"ZICOMO" MALAWI

Annabel Degenholtz

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 kindergarten 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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Habakkuk 1:1-5; 2:2-4; 3:17-19

* HYMN

I LOVE THE LORD

"I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry" (songbook #6)

SERMON

"What's Going On"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Race riots in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles began with 34 people killed and more than 1000 injured, and the U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination of Thurgood Marshall as U.S. Solicitor General (1965); the 911 number was pioneered in Schaumburg, IL (1991); and Anthony Phillips received US Patent # 5,136,787 for a ruler template for the computer keyboard (1992).

Born on this day were Alex Haley, Author of *Roots* and *Autobiography of Malcolm X* in New York City (1921) and Steve Wozniak, one of the founders of Apple Computer, Inc (now Apple Inc.) in San Jose, CA (1950).

You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, **like air, I'll rise.**
(Maya Angelou)

OFFERTORY

“O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit”

Thomas Tallis

*O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,
And lighten our understanding,
That we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,
All the days of our life,
That we may know thee, the only true God,
And Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Schoenewolf

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:	Faithful God, thank you for welcoming us into your family, where we realize that the needs of others is our concern and responsibility. May we find justice, peace and community in serving you and others. May our offerings be received as an outpouring of thanksgiving for you, our gracious and just God, and a blessing to our siblings everywhere.	
People:	Amen.	

* HYMN

“What a Mighty God We Serve” (songbook #7)

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy



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. 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.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Annabel Degenholtz
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Summer Choir
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 18 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

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).

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

Church Events and Announcements

August 11, 2019 • 9th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY AT ELPC

Stained Glass Tour

Join tour guide Penn Hackney for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel following today's worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

Today's worship service DOD is **Linda Harrington**.



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, x118; Wil@coh.net). *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*



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, after 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!

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, as they team up to take down the extremist hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric. *Sponsored by the Peace Committee (134 minutes)*

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!

Café Justo Coffee for Sale – Aug 25

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during *Fellowship Time* on Sunday, Aug 25. For just \$10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative and help provide a sustainable income for Mexican coffee farmers. Check or cash only please.



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, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
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

Personnel Monday, 5:00 pm (Session Rm)
Facing Systemic Racism Plan... Thur, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

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).

Hope Academy's Fall Term – Begins Sept 21

The Fall term of Hope Academy classes begins Sept 21. Visit 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).

Become a Member of our Faith Family – Sept 29 and Oct 6



Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sundays, Sept 29 and Oct 6 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Contact Gloria Knopp to register for the classes, or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

NEED A SPACE TO PARK WHILE AT ELPC?

For parking options and details, please visit:
www.cathedralofhope.org/about-elpc/visiting-elpc/parking

Due to recent changes made in its use, we ask that all visiting the church do not park in our small staff parking lot off Baum Blvd. We are seeking to use the lot to its best potential and unplanned parkers in this area prohibit us from using the space to its best potential. Thank you!

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.

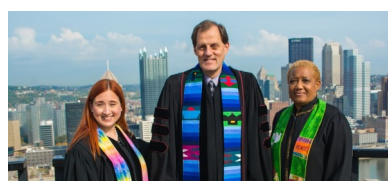
Hospice Volunteers Needed

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).

The Chapel Market is in need of summer clothing donations, toiletry items and diapers (sizes 5/6). Please leave donations at the Highland Ave lobby entrance.

Silent Retreat – Oct 11 to 13

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a silent retreat from Friday–Sunday, Oct 11–13, at The Ark and The Dove in Gibsonia. In silence, we'll celebrate the beauty of autumn and draw closer to God. Registration info will be available soon.



**Stream Our Sunday
Worship Service**

www.tiny.cc/elpc-stream

Did you know ELPC livestreams its 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.