



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 25, 2019 • 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

English composer and conductor Sir Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) was born in York and educated at the Royal Academy of Music. He served as an editor of several hymnals and composed 246 hymn tunes, including LAUDES DOMINI, written for the English translation of *When Morning Gilds the Skies*.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Lord, I am a stumbling beginner, unconfident, unused to trusting, afraid to trust. Please help me. I'm also pigheaded — I'm stubborn and want my own way! Please forgive me and overcome that in me. But you know that, don't you? And you're still prepared to take me on and work with me. Wonderful Lord!"

— Dorothy Stewart (in *Women of Prayer*)

GATHERING MUSIC

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (songbook #1)	EIN' FESTE BURG
"Just as I Am, without One Plea" (songbook #2)	WOODWORTH
"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (songbook #3)	LAUDES DOMINI

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women

Mary Alice Lightle

* 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

Gil Hickman

Leader: Scripture tells us that the God who made us knows us better than we know ourselves. God has claimed us, redeemed us, and called us to live as a people of hope and love.

People: By your word, O God, give us wisdom; by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love.

Leader: Let us worship the God of life!

* OPENING HYMN

"Come! Live in the Light!" (songbook #4)

WE ARE CALLED

CALL TO CONFESSION

Samantha Lowery

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Samantha Lowery

God of Life, you come to us as the one who has consecrated us before time. You build a kingdom of justice, righteousness and peace and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:
God of healing and
reconciliation, you free us
from our burdens and
promise us safety and
refuge. Help us to trust in
your power, that we may
praise you without
qualification and rejoice in
the power of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Keep us so close to Your
heart that even our
dreams are peaceful, and
that we may see things...
more and more from Your
point of view. (Corrie ten
Boom)

Thomas à Kempis
(c. 1380-1741) is best
known as the author of
The Imitation of Christ.
Apart from the Bible, no
book has been translated
into more languages than
this work.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Samantha Lowery

Leader: Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives,
God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have
been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.
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!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 71:1-6

Gil Hickman

Luke 13:10-17

David Carl

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Presentation of Child: Emery Annabelle Hanson, daughter of Jon and Jaimie Hanson
Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing*

* HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" (songbook #5) WATERLIFE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10 The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON "Yes...But..." The Rev. Schoenewolf

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

THE LORD'S PRAYER The Rev. Callahan

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

K. Lee Scott

"Write Your Blessed Name"

text: Thomas à Kempis

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no
prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love.*

*Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful
guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life.*

O Jesu, my only Savior!

Write your blessed name...

Amen.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY:
The Protestant faith was formally recognized in Scotland (8/25/1560); the 19th Amendment of the US Constitution was ratified granting women the right to vote (8/26/1920); Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation (8/25/1944); the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr led the March on Washington (8/28/1963); Guion S. Bluford, Jr. became the first African-American astronaut in space aboard the space shuttle *Challenger* (8/30/1983); and Judith A. Resnick was the second US woman in space, traveling on the first flight of the space shuttle *Discovery* (8/30/1984).

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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:	Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth.	
People:	Amen.	

* HYMN

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life” (*songbook #6*)

LAND OF REST

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Schoenewolf



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.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
David Carl
Gil Hickman
Mary Alice Lightle
Samantha Lowery
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

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Fannie E. Williams on her birthday, from the Williams, Fabilli and Motley families.

◆ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Sept 1 will be our final summer worship service in the Courtyard.

We resume our regular worship schedule on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 8, with both the 8:45 am Journey worship service in the Social Hall and 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir. Communion will be celebrated.
Sept 1 — 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 for those who have completed Kindergarten and younger is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities in the Nursery Suite on the 1st floor near the Highland Ave entrance. A simple snack is served. It is available every Sunday.

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 38-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 (*Chapel*)

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 our *Inquirers' Classes* 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.

TODAY AT ELPC

Tower Tour

Climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower, and gain insights into its history and construction during today's *Tower Tour* after worship. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.

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. Check or cash only please.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

Today's worship service DOD is **Matthew Stufft**.



Young Adult Event — Aug 30

Young Adults are invited to take a trip back in time and experience the movies outdoors at Dependable Drive-In Theater (549 Moon Clinton Rd, Moon) on Friday, Aug 30. We will meet at ELPC and leave the Highland Ave circle drive at 6:15 pm. Things to bring: money for concession stand (or your own snacks), a chair and any extra you might have for fellow YAMs, and a blanket/jacket as it gets chilly at night. For more info on this event, or to RSVP, please contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

LGBTQ Ministry — Sept 1

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Sept 1 at 11:30 am as we share food and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

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.

Regular Choir Rehearsals Resume — Sept 5 and 17

Rehearsals for our Chancel Choir and Journey Praise Team resume on Thursday, Sept 5. The Handbell Choir begins rehearsals on Sept 17. For more info on the ELPC music ministries, please contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x124).

YAM Event: Coffee Talk — Sept 6

Coffee Talk is an annual event where we meet to drink coffee, relax, and discuss a specific topic. This year's topic is *Grown Up*. Do you consider yourself grown up? Waiting to grow up? What was something you looked forward to as a child when you would think of being a grown up? Bring a story and a dessert to share, Café Justo will be provided. Come hang out on Friday, Sept 6 at 6:30 pm and let's brew up some good conversation!

Rally Day Sunday — Sept 8

On Sunday, Sept 8, join us as we return to our regular Sunday worship schedule with two worship services, the 8:45 am Journey Worship in the Social Hall, and the Sanctuary service at 11 am, and Church School classes for all ages from 9:45–10:45 am. The Children & Families Ministry Team will host a Rally Day Breakfast in the Fellowship Room at 9:30 am. All are welcome!

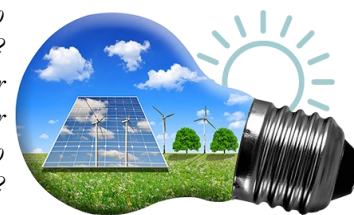
ELPC Exterior Tour — Sept 8

Tom Morton, an Architectural Historian at the University of Pittsburgh, will lead a tour of the church's exterior, talking about the building's symbolism and architecture of our unique church, on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 8, after the 11 am worship service. Please gather at the Highland Ave lobby.

Renewable Energy Fair — Sept 8

Do you want to find out how to switch to all renewable electricity? Are you trying to decide whether solar panels would work on your house? Do you know how to measure your carbon footprint?

To find answers to these questions and other energy use matters, come to the *Renewable Energy Fair* hosted by the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee in the Social Hall after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service on Sept 8. Representatives of several renewable energy suppliers will be available to answer your questions and to help you make the switch, and a solar energy advisor (bring your electric bill). A light lunch will be provided. Contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).



YAM Weekly Bible Study — Begins Sept 9

Just Engagement: The Power to Change is an eight week Bible Study for YAMs beginning Monday, Sept 9 from 6-8 pm that includes grounding in scripture, and reflection on past and present social movements. Two books are needed for the study; financial assistance is available. This series is sponsored by the Justice Committee. Please contact Kelli Booher to register (Kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).



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

David Carl's friend's son Morgan, Tim Chaplin,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law, Agnes Green,
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery, Justin Johnson,
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine, Lee Lewand,
Rhonda Perroz, ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Jan Pressman's friend Sharon,
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Mary Lou
and uncle Jim and friend Tony, Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly,
Pat Valoon and her friend Barbara.

Condolences to Samantha Lowery on her grandmother's passing.

Condolences to Jon Nelson on his sister's passing.

Condolences to the family of Jane Sampson on her passing.

*Congratulations to Katie (Nordquist) and Matt Sebastian
on the birth of their son Isaac Sebastian.*

*Congratulations to Kalyn Stewing and Felix Rivera
on the birth of their son Miguel Rivera-Stewing.*

*Congratulations to Lois Fetzner who celebrated
her 102nd birthday on Aug 17.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach Today, 11:15 am (McKelhy Rm)
Stewardship Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)

Club One Sixteen – Begins Sept 11

Club one sixteen, ELPC's youth program for children and youth (grades 1–12) begins on Wednesday, Sept 11, from 3:30–7 pm. Students will enjoy fellowship and recreation, a nutritious home-cooked meal, a craft or special activity, and an interactive Bible study. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Skating Night – Sept 14

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to a themed '80s skating night on Saturday, Sept 14 from 7-10:30 pm. Meet at ELPC and bring \$10. RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

Church Life Sampler – Sept 15

Invite a visitor to join us on Sunday, Sept 15 for our *Church Life Sampler* following the 11 am worship service. Ministries, programs, and fellowship opportunities of our church will be on display in the Social Hall. It's a great chance to learn more about the music, mission, and educational work of ELPC—and for guests to receive a gift from us and learn about our church.

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. Additional details are available online, or contact Linda Addlespurger, Hope Academy Director (HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Vigil for Sheldon Stoudemire – Today

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. The vigil will be held at Northside Common Ministries (1601 Brighton Rd, 15212) at 2 pm today.

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 or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

ELPC Wholistic Wellness Ministry – Fall 2019

Do you want to enhance wellness, yours and that of others? We want to help. The mission of the Wholistic Wellness Ministry is to educate, empower and enhance, the mind, body and spiritual wellness in our church community. Our first step is to learn more about what would be helpful to you and the church family as a whole. Please consider what that might be; we will begin collecting information in October.

Free Cathedral Concert: DEANNA WITKOWSKI TRIO

Sunday, September 29, 3 pm



The 9th season of *Cathedral Concerts* season kicks off with the New York City based *Deanna Witkowski Trio* performing a mix of Brazilian, jazz, classical and sacred music. Known for her thrilling performances that combine virtuosity and heart, pianist-composer-vocalist Witkowski returns to Pittsburgh after her recent performances at Heinz Hall with the PSO and at City of Asylum performing an all Mary Lou Williams program. This trio will also be performing during the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Sept 29.