



# 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)*

## SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP VISITORS' SUNDAY / 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Composer and organist Harold Darke (1888-1976) was born in London and died in Cambridge. One of his best-known compositions is a choral setting of Christina Rossetti's *In the Bleak Midwinter*. The hymn tune **BROTHER JAMES' AIR** was composed by James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840-1925) to accompany the hymn text *The Lord's My Shepherd*, a paraphrase of Psalm 23.

PRAYER OF THE MORNING:  
Persistent God, as the day begins, let me drink deeply of your grace. As the day unfolds, when my heart strays from you, call me back to this moment. Come after me as surely as a woman searches for treasure lost. If I am deaf and satisfied, if I resent the needs of others, blow strong against me. Do not leave me in my foolishness — for I would have your mercy flow from me and go forth into all the world. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“There is no comparison between that which is lost by not succeeding and that which is lost by not trying.”  
— Francis Bacon

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“Meditation on Brother James' Air”

Harold Darke

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.*

*Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Children and Family Ministries

Heather Lawrence

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Samantha Lowery

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has gathered us in from our lost places in the wilderness.

Leader: Rejoice with me, siblings of Christ.

People: The risen Lord has swept away the darkness of the night.

Leader: Rejoice with me, ambassadors of grace and mercy.

People: **By God's Holy Spirit, there is joy for today and hope for tomorrow.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor and security for ourselves and allow pride to take root in our spirits. We wander and stray from your paths. Forgive our foolish ways, O God. Restore us to you that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Living God, you spoke  
the world into being;  
speak now to our hearts.  
By the power of your  
Spirit, make these  
ancient words live, that  
we might be shaped into  
your people, eager to  
bear your claim in the  
world and ever found  
within your arms of  
grace. We pray in the  
name of Jesus, who  
leads us into life. Amen.

I look upon every day to  
be lost, in which I do not  
make a new  
acquaintance.  
(Samuel Johnson,  
1709-1784)

For this (prodigal) son of  
mine was dead and is  
alive again; he was lost  
and is found! And they  
began to celebrate.  
(Luke 15:24)

Virgil Thomson's (1896-  
1989) setting of Isaac  
Watts' (1674-1748)  
paraphrase of Psalm 23  
was composed in 1937.  
It is based on the hymn  
tune RESIGNATION, which  
was first published in  
1828, and later in 1854-  
55 in *Southern Harmony*.  
This hymn is in our *Glory  
to God Hymnal*, #803.

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!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #442 (vs. 3 and 4 only)

WOODWORTH

"Just As I Am"

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Timothy 1:12-17

Ray Anthony

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 #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

"Found and Lost"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*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.*

OFFERING INVITATION

Samantha Lowery

*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

arr. Virgil Thomson

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

text by Isaac Watts, alt.

*My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh she makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
She brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

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

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:  
Congress adopted the Great Seal of the United States with the motto "E Pluribus Unum" - Out of many, one (1789); independence was declared for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador (1821); African American soprano Jessye Norman was born in Augusta, GA (1945); and the tragic racist bombing at 16th St. Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL took the lives of four young girls (1963).

Ryan Croyle composed *Fanfare & Processional* for his wedding to Kathleen Mahin on September 16, 2017 at ELPC. Kathleen is a member of the Chancel Choir and Ryan is organist/music director at First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

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| 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: | We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. |  |
| People: | Amen.   |  |

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #765

ARGENTINA

"May the God of Hope Go With Us"

*Sung several times as led by the choir.*

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare & Processional"

Ryan Croyle

*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.*



*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
Ray Anthony  
Heather Lawrence  
Samantha Lowery  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolyte: Juliette Young  
Beadle: Liz Hopkins  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for our annual *Church Life Sampler*. All are welcome to attend.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Captain and Mrs. Alfred Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Hicks, Mr. Lewis W. Hicks Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Wenman A. Hicks.

*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.*

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*Sept 22* — 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. The annual Church Picnic will follow worship.  
*Sept 22* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with our 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 NAMETAG that your child wears 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 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 9 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 also:*

Stay after today's service for our annual *Church Life Sampler* 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 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Welcome to our Visitors!

ELPC extends a warm welcome to all our guests on this very special *Visitors' Sunday*! Thank you for joining us! Please wear a nametag and join us in the Social Hall following the 11 am service for fellowship and our annual *Church Life Sampler*. More info is detailed in the following article.

### Church Life Sampler and Fellowship Time

Join us for our *Church Life Sampler* following today's 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.

### Kairos Prison Ministry

The *Kairos Prison Ministry* (which presented at ELPC's *Contemporaries* Sunday School class today) also has a component which includes a one-time free weekend retreat for women who have or have had family members incarcerated. Material will be available at the *Contemporaries* table at the *Church Life Sampler*. For more info, please visit [www.Kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.Kairosprisonministry.org).

### BECOME A MEMBER OF

#### OUR FAITH FAMILY

#### Sundays, 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 (GloriaK@coh.net).



### ONC Needs Your Suggestions

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is looking for members of the congregation committed to our church's mission and who are willing to be considered for the office of Deacon or Elder. The ONC will present the slate of candidates for election at the congregation's annual meeting in February. You can help us to develop a slate of candidates who are dedicated and representative of our congregation. *Candidate Suggestions for ELPC Boards* forms are available in the church mailroom, or at [tiny.cc/onc](http://tiny.cc/onc).

### Today's DODs

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services.

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Elaine Phillips**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Antwone Wright**.



### YAM Weekly Bible Study Continues – Mondays

On Mondays from 6-8 pm, the young adults are having an eight week study called *Just Engagement: The Power to Change* which looks at advocacy and organizing from a Christian, faith-based perspective. *This series is sponsored by the Justice Committee*. Contact Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net).

### Tai Chi – Begins Sept 17

Tai Chi will be offered for 12 weeks, from Sept 17 through Dec 10. The cost is \$30 prepaid or \$3/session. Contact Pastor Patrice for more info (PatriceFS@coh.net).

### 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!

### YAM "Just Engagement" Retreat – Sept 21

All young adults are invited to a *Just Engagement Retreat* on Saturday, Sept 21 from 9 am–3 pm to reflect on how our Christian faith calls us to work towards change. Participation in the *Just Engagement* study is not required. Lunch provided. RSVP to Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net).

### 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.





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

David Carl's friend's son Morgan,  
Kate Carlson's friend Marcy,  
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,  
Christiana Conlin Hayes' husband John,  
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery, Justin Johnson,  
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine, Lee Lewand,  
ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,  
Jan Pressman's friend Sharon,  
Jim and Carolyn Russ' son-in-law,  
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Mary Lou and  
uncle Jim and friend Tony, Tim Sergi's sister Kimberly,  
Pat Valoon and her friend Barbara, and  
Pam Walaski's friend Carol.

### Committee Meeting This Week

Session..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (McKelvy Rm)

#### Church Picnic – Sept 22

On Sunday, Sept 22, we will enjoy our annual *Church Picnic*. ELPC will provide fried chicken, hot dogs, macaroni and potato salads, beverages, and dessert. Please bring a side or salad. Join us as we spend time together as a faith family!

#### Tour ELPC's Tower – Sept 22

Join our tour guide after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Sept 22 to climb the heights of our church's landmark central tower. Not recommended for small children. Please gather in the Highland Lobby.



#### Environmental Book Club – Sept 26

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to begin reading a book of your choice about nature or climate change. A list of suggested books is available. We will meet in the Trustees' Meeting Room on Thursday, Sept 26 from 7-8:30 pm to discuss relevant actions. Contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

#### ISERVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Church Picnic, Sept 22 – Helping hands are needed for **set up, serving and clean up**. Various times available for each.
- Do you have gifts, talents and experience with **audio/visual setup and coordination**? If so, our audio/visual team is looking for volunteers to help out on Sundays.
- Food brings people together in many ways! We have many **food ministries** here at ELPC that provide, cook and serve food to a variety people here at ELPC and around our community. We have something for everyone and could use your gifts!



*If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact  
Interim iServe Volunteer Coordinator Kelli Boober  
(KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).*

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### Proposed Housing Development Meeting – Sept 26

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) is seeking proposals for a housing development that would be built on the parking lot behind the East Liberty library and in the public lot behind that. This could be very disruptive to ELPC parking, so consider attending the *Community Meeting* on this topic on Thursday, Sept 26 from 6-8:30 pm at Eastminster Presbyterian Church (250 N Highland Avenue). It is important for developers to hear our concerns.

#### “Hello Neighbor” Fundraiser – Sept 28

Located in East Liberty, *Hello Neighbor* provides support to refugees who have recently resettled in Pittsburgh. *Hello Neighbor* matches the families they serve with mentor families to help ease their transition to Pittsburgh and help navigate the health and school systems. On Saturday, Sept 28, *Hello Neighbor* will host their inaugural fundraiser “Home Sweet Home!” at Union Project (801 N Negley Ave, 15206) from 4-7 pm. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://homesweethome2019.eventbrite.com>. *This year's ELPC Church School offering will support Hello Neighbor.*

#### Silent Retreat – Oct 11 to 13

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a silent retreat from Friday, Oct 11 to Sunday, Oct 13 at The Ark and The Dove in Gibsonia. In silence, we'll celebrate the beauty of autumn and draw closer to God. Registration forms are available on the info tables, or online at [www.tiny.cc/silent-retreat](http://www.tiny.cc/silent-retreat).

#### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Oct 13

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Oct 13 at Noon as we share food, fellowship and celebrate *National Coming Out Day*. All welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sept 22 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** – “What Is The Chapel Market?” led by Gerald McClendon

**Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm)** — Jeremiah 8:18–9:1; Psalm 79:1–9; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13 facilitated by Lora Bethea, Jan Irvin and Samantha Lowery

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – “Experiencing God Despite Doubts” led by Dr. Graham Standish

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** – A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Origin Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, John Benedict, and Suzanne Wolfe

**YAM (Good Samaritan Rm)** – “Back to (Church) School” by joining the Soul Food Sunday School Class