



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 22, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The *Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541* shows the influence on Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) from Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Composed in Weimar around 1715, this is one of the few works for which a "clean" copy of the manuscript exists. Bach's son, Wilhelm Friedemann (1710-1784), used this copy in 1733 for an audition at St. Sophia's Church in Dresden. He got the job!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
O God, you hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."
— St. Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
"Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541" Johann Sebastian Bach
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. 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 Psalm 113)

Lynne Chadwick

Leader: Who is like our God, high above the heavens in glory?
People: Blessed be the name of God.
Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?
People: Blessed be our Savior Jesus Christ.
Leader: Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy to sorrow, and brings life out of death?
People: Blessed be the living and true Holy Spirit.
Leader: Let us worship our triune God and ever bring our offerings of praise.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #366

HYFRYDOL

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Terri Pennybaker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Terri Pennybaker

Gracious God, you know our sin. Too often we have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have not forgiven our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful in small and great things alike. Forgive us this day, O Lord. Make us faithful stewards of the resources you have given us, patient servants working now for the sake of your future realm, and generous ambassadors of forgiveness and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
In Salem, MA seven women and two men were charged and executed for witchcraft (1692); President Lincoln issued a preliminary emancipation proclamation freeing rebel state slaves (1862); J.R.R. Tolkien began creating his stories of Bilbo Baggins and Middle Earth (1921); *Fiddler on the Roof* opened on Broadway (1964); and the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war (1980).

The text for the African American spiritual *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* borrows from a couple biblical sources: the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) and the story of the **vision of Jacob's ladder** (Genesis 28:10-17).

Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a singing bird will come. (Chinese proverb)

A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. (Proverbs 15:13)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Terri Pennybaker

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 #294 (sing 3x)

DANS NOS OBSCURITÉS

"Within Our Darkest Night"

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "With-in our dark-est night, you kin-dle the fire that nev-er dies a-way, nev-er dies a-way. With-in our dark-est night, you teint ja-mais, ne s'é-teint ja-mais. Dans nos ob-scu-ri-tés, al-lu-me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja-mais, ne s'é-teint ja-mais." The second system continues the melody and bass line. The third system concludes the piece. Chords indicated above the staff include B, Em, D, G, C, G, D, G, Em, C, Am, B, Em, Am, B, Em, Am, B.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 5:6-11

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Children: Rachael Brianne Ammon, daughter of Heather and Russell Ammon
Miguel René Rivera-Stewwing,
son of Felix Rivera-Merced and Kalyn Stewwing

*Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing*

* HYMN #350

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:34-38

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"An Unburdened Heart"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Composer John Gardner (1917-2011) was born in Manchester, England and educated at Exeter College, Oxford. In 1956 he joined the faculty of the Royal Academy of Music. His *Five Hymns in Popular Style* were commissioned for a music festival in Farnham and premiered on May 14, 1963. *Fight the Good Fight* is the fifth setting in this collection. The text, inspired by I Timothy 6:12, was written by the Rev. John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875) and first appeared in print in 1863.

As long as algebra is taught in school, there will be prayer in school. (Cokie Roberts, 1943 - 2019)

William Mathias (1934-1992) was a renowned Welsh composer of choral, orchestral, and instrumental works. His *Fanfare* for organ was commissioned for the inaugural concert for the new organ at Memorial Hall, Barry, Wales in 1987.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

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

"Fight the Good Fight"

arr. John Gardner

*Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.
Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; his boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
Faint not nor fear, his arms are near, he changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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

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:	O God, you look with mercy upon the earth; you care for the poor and downhearted and give all a place of welcome at your table. May these gifts and our lives continually show forth your love for any in need this day. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #363

DARWALL'S 148TH

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

William Mathias

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. Dr. Randall K. Bush
 Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
 Lynne Chadwick
 Terri Pennybaker
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
 ELPC Chancel Choir
 The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, *Piano*
 Acolytes: Youth
 Beadle: Laura Ristau
 Crucifer: Aura Jirau
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall and Courtyard for our annual *Church Picnic* after worship. All are welcome to attend!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Wainwright and Miss Hattie E. Wainwright.

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 29 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
 Sept 29 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 Picnic* in the Social Hall and Courtyard. 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.



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Church Events and Announcements

Sept 22, 2019 • 15th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY AT ELPC

Church Picnic

We will enjoy our annual *Church Picnic* today in the Courtyard and Social Hall. ELPC will provide fried chicken, hot dogs, macaroni and potato salads, beverages, and dessert. Join us as we spend time together as a faith family!

Info Meeting for Revised Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

Following today's *Church Picnic*, please join the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan in the 2nd floor Parlor (approx. 1 pm) for an information meeting for those interested in the *Revised Ignatian Spiritual Exercises*, a year-long set of exercises, group meetings and individual spiritual direction engaging the *Ignatius Exercises* as seen through the lens of Teilhard De Chardin and utilizing the Enneagram.

Tour ELPC's Tower

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

ONC Needs Your Suggestions

Candidate Suggestions for ELPC Boards forms are available in today's bulletin, in the church mailroom, or at tiny.cc/onc.

Today's DODs

Thank you to our Deacons on Duty (DODs) assisting at today's Journey and Sanctuary worship services.



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).

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).

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.

Racial Autobiography Workshops – Sept 28, Oct 5 and 12

Our fall 2019 *Facing Systemic Racism* series will focus on intergenerational writing workshops, where our individual experiences with race are reflected upon, shared and developed into a racial autobiography. These workshops, held on Saturdays, Sept 28, Oct 5 and 12, 5:30-7:30 pm, are open to all who are high school age or older. The three weekly sessions are standalone; each will cover different topics. Writing materials are provided; photos are optional. Feel free to bring your fully charged laptop. Please bring a dish for the potluck meal. Childcare is available by reservation to Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x140).

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.

As ELPC enters into another season of stewardship giving and financial planning, we are mindful of some shortfalls in our budget. Being committed to the practice of prayer, interested members are invited to gather in the 1st floor Prayer Room from 10:40-10:50 am on Sundays to be prayerful about God's plans for ELPC and the financial resources needed to accomplish God's work. We invite you to add this topic to your personal prayers as well.



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 Meetings This Week

Youth & Young Adult Search ... *Monday, 5:30 pm (Highland)*
Peace..... *Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)*

Presbyterian Women Bible Study – Oct 1 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women at 10 am on Tuesday, Oct 1 and/or Monday, Oct 7 at 7 pm for their 2019–2020 Bible study titled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Tuesday's group meets in the 2nd fl Parlor and is wrapped up with a lunch featuring soup and sides provided by the members. Monday's group meets in the Trustees' Room.

First Fall Friday @ Arsenal Cider House – Oct 4

Young adults are invited to the *First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House* event on Oct 4 from 7-9 pm for some fall cider and great conversation. Bring money to try some of the house beverage, as well as an engaging question for the group to discuss! Seating is outdoors. Contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, to RSVP (KelliB@coh.net).

Blessing of the Animals Service – Oct 5

Join us for our special *Blessing of the Animals* service on Saturday, Oct 5 at 3 pm, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu and the Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes. Please bring your pets (on leashes) to the steps on Penn Ave (Narthex if raining). A part of the service will be devoted to our pets who are no longer with us, but remain in our hearts and at our sides. You are encouraged to bring a collar or toy to be blessed.

Family Music Time – Oct 6

Experience the love and connection that a musical community brings to you and your young children as you learn and grow together. Join Kindermusik educator Christa Beck for a family musical experience for parents/caregivers and their young children (from infancy through age 3) during the Church School hour on Sunday, Oct 6. We will gather in the Harambe Room at 9:45 am, but class will begin at 10 am. For more info, please contact Pastor Heather Schoenewolf (412.441.3800 x121).

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.*

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).



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sept 29 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “Becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation” led by Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) – Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16; 1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31 facilitated by Lora Bethea, Jan Irvin and Samantha Lowery

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Teaching Among the Masai and in the Slums of Kenya, and Bringing Water to a Kenyan Village” led by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Origin Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Shirley Fair, Tom Whalen, and Suzanne Wolfe

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