



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 29, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We are pleased to welcome the New York City based *Deanna Witkowski Trio* in worship with us this morning. Deanna's recordings and sheet music will be available for purchase in the Narthex following the service as well as on her website: www.deannajazz.com.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Dear God, we thank you that you never forsake us, that you never stop loving us. Trusting in your unfailing love, we have gathered to worship and praise you. Through your Holy Spirit, touch us, renew us, comfort us, challenge us; for we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"When we start to act hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope — look for action. Then the hope will come."
— Greta Thunberg

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Nocturne in B Major, Op 9, No 3"

Deanna Witkowski Trio

Frédéric Chopin

arr. D. Witkowski

"Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL"

arr. D. Witkowski

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

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

Dr. Kathy Glass-House

("Into God's Care" by the Women of Kenya, found in Women of Prayer)

Leader: God, we bring to you: Our sins for your forgiveness;

People: Our hopes, aims, ambitions for your blessing;

Leader: Our temptations for your strength;

People: Our words and duties and responsibilities for your help;

Leader: Our family, friends and all loved ones for your care and protection;

People: Our brokenness for your healing.

Leader: We gather to worship a God whose faithfulness is steadfast, whose power is merciful, and whose love is sure. Let us together praise God — our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #611

HYMN TO JOY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

("Forgive our Failure" by the Women of East Germany, found in Women of Prayer)

We fail you when we should hope, but are discouraged; when we should trust, but are distrustful; when we should act, but are hesitant; when we should be eager, but are complacent; when we should rejoice, but are sad. Lord, whose mercy never fails, we thank you for everything we have received: bread and life, work and health, hope and achievement, and for the miracle of human love. Lord, whose mercy never fails, we take refuge in you and your faithfulness.

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PRAYER:

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment and light rises in darkness for the godly; grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Larry Fleming (1936-2003) founded the National Lutheran Choir in 1986. This setting of the traditional spiritual *Give Me Jesus* is the second in a set of three spirituals arranged for a cappella choir. The emotion of the text is conveyed, in part, through the wide range of dynamics employed throughout the arrangement.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Pass Me Not"

Deanna Witkowski Trio

music by D. Witkowski

text by Fanny Crosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

James Eng

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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 #771

"What Is the World Like"

NEW WORLD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

SERMON

"Hope in Action"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Deanna Witkowski Trio

African-American Spiritual

arr. D. Witkowski

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

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. Callahan

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

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. L.L. Fleming

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

O, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

A regular army was established by the U.S. War Department with several hundred men (1789); the first performance of Gustav Holst's *The Planets* was held on this day (1918); the second session of the Second Vatican Council opened in Rome (1963); Eva Shain became the first woman to officiate a heavyweight title boxing match and about 70 million people watched Muhammad Ali defeat Ernie Shavers on NBC-TV (1977); the Dow Industrial Average lost 777 points after the U.S. House of Representatives voted down a \$700 billion bank bailout plan (2008).

* 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:	God who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with everything, use these, our offerings, to take hold of, and show us, the life that really is.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #772

TRURO

"Live Into Hope"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

Deanna Witkowski Trio
arr. D. Witkowski

"Wide Open Window"

(dedicated to Mary Lou Williams)

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. 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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
James Eng
Dr. Kathy Glass-House
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Deanna Witkowski Trio:
Deanna Witkowski, *Piano, Vocal*
Daniel Foose, *Bass*
Scott Latzky, *Drums*
Acolyte: Mabel Buben
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire
Crucifer: David Bellin
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

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

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in honor of the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush's birthday, given by Bryan and Heather Lawrence.

♦ 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.
Oct 6 — 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. World Communion Sunday.
Oct 6 — 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 *Fellowship Time* in the 1st floor 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* today and Oct 6 in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please see Pastor Heather Schoenewolf after the service if you are interested in attending today.

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Become a Member of our Faith Family

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Cathedral Concert—Deanna Witkowski Trio

The 9th season of *Cathedral Concerts* season kicks off this afternoon at 3 pm in the Sanctuary 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.

Winner of the Great American Jazz Piano Competition and a former guest on Marian McPartland's *Piano Jazz*, Deanna has been heralded for her "consistently thrilling" playing and her "boundless imagination" (*AllMusic*).

This weekend marks the beginning of Deanna's two month stay in Pittsburgh to continue research on her mentor, the East Liberty raised pioneering jazz pianist-composer Mary Lou Williams. Lecturing and performing Williams' music at the University of Pittsburgh, Duke University, and most recently as a featured performer with the Pittsburgh Symphony, Witkowski is recognized as a noted Williams scholar. Her upcoming biography, *Mary Lou Williams: Music for the Soul*, will be published by Liturgical Press in January of 2021.

Deanna's recordings and sheet music will be available for purchase in the Narthex following the concert as well as at her website www.deannajazz.com.

Order Tamales

Please see Maria Elena or Yamuna today to purchase homemade tamales! Orders will be delivered next Sunday.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

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

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Trish Buben.



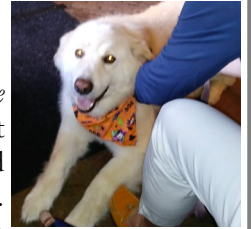
Montreat College Conference — RSVP by Oct 1

Anyone aged 18-23 is invited to the Presbytery-wide College Conference in Jan 2020 at the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. You do not need to be actively enrolled in college to attend. If interested, contact Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net) by Oct 1.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Saturday, Oct 5 • 3 pm

Join us for our special *Blessing of the Animals* service this 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.



Updated Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

From late September 2019 to mid-May 2020, you are invited to participate in an updated offering of the *Ignatian Spiritual Exercises*. Following the 500 year old exercises, this experience will be updated using both evolutionary theology (based in the work of Teilhard de Chardin) to enhance our knowledge of God and the enneagram as a tool for growing in self-knowledge. Like all opportunities for real growth, these exercises will require a commitment of time and effort. Participants will read and pray daily and meet with Rev. Callahan weekly. Sometimes these meetings will be with the group and sometimes one on one with Rev. Callahan. There will be some break weeks around holidays and we will select meeting times based on the needs of the group. Participants will also be encouraged to attend some related SLC programming.

Please Note: If you have questions or are interested, but have not yet spoken with Rev. Callahan, please contact her by Monday morning, Sept 30 (marylynn@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x141).

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. Contact Kelli Booher, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, to RSVP (KelliB@coh.net).

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



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

David Carl's friend's son Morgan,
Katie Haas-Conrad's friend's mother,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,
Christiana Conlin Hayes' husband John,
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine, Lee Lewand,
ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Mary Lou and
uncle Jim and friend Tony,
Pat Valoon, and Pam Walaski's friend Carol.

Committee Meetings This Week

PW Leadership.....Monday, 7:00 pm (Trustees' Rm)
Property.....Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)

Racial Autobiography Workshops – 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. The remaining workshops will be held on Saturdays, Oct 5 and 12 from 5:30-7:30 pm, and are open to all who are high school age or older. The weekly sessions are standalone; each will cover different topics. Writing materials are provided; photos are optional. Feel free to bring your fully charged laptop, and bring a dish for the potluck meal. RSVP for childcare to Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x140).

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).

Training for Youth Worship Leaders – Oct 6

Any youth (grades 4–12) who is interested in serving as an acolyte, crucifer, or usher during our Sanctuary worship service is invited to attend a training session in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Oct 6 from 9:45-10:10 am.

Peace & Global Witness Offering – Oct 6

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday, and ELPC will join congregations around the world to celebrate our oneness in Christ as we partake of the bread and cup at the Table, receive the *Peace & Global Witness Offering*, and focus on justice for migrants seeking a better life in the U.S. The Board of Deacons will host an *International Fellowship* after the 11 am service, featuring foods and treats from a variety of countries and ethnicities.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Littlest Angel Program

The *Littlest Angel* program coordinators wish to thank ELPC for their donations of wedding dresses, which were repurposed into beautiful, sensitive gowns for stillborn children. No additional donations are needed at this time.

Use Food Stamps at the Farmers' Markets: Fresh Access

For SNAP EBT customers, the farmers markets are a great place to shop because for every \$5 you spend in SNAP EBT, you get an extra \$2 for fruits and vegetables. For more info on this *Fresh Access program*, visit www.justharvest.org/fresh-access.

McClure Lecture at PTS – Oct 1

The Rev. Dr. Al Tizon, executive minister of Serve Globally, will be presenting on the topic *Lifestyles of the Rich and Faithful: Confronting Classism in Mission* at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Tuesday, Oct 1 at 4 pm as part of their *World Mission Initiative*. Visit www.pts.edu for info.

Sanctuary and Chapel Tour – Oct 6

Join us after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Oct 6 for an architectural tour of our Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join the tour.

Confirmation Class Info Meeting – Oct 6

Youth in grades 8–9 (and older), who are interested in exploring adult membership at ELPC are invited to attend an informational meeting after worship on Sunday, Oct 6 to learn about our 2019–2020 Confirmation Class in the 2nd fl Parlor. Parents/guardians are welcome. RSVP to Pastor Heather (HeatherS@coh.net).

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.

— SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES —

Oct 6 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “The Bible: What’s In, What’s Out, Who Decided?” led by the Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Lamentations 1:1–6; Psalm 137:1–9; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:5–10 facilitated by Lora Bethea, Jan Irvin and Samantha Lowery

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Insights from Malawi” led by Annabel Degenholtz and Eddie Willson

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Deliverance Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, David Carl, Kelli Booher, Deb Newcomer

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