



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)

OCTOBER 6, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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. The first prelude is a fanfare based on this hymn tune.

In a gentle way, you can shake the world.
(Mahatma Gandhi)

PRAYER OF LAMENT:
(Jeremiah 29)
Joblessness,
homelessness,
hopelessness, and
sorrow, unloved, unsafe,
oppressed, and injured,
un-led, unbelieving,
alone, and lonely —
We feel as if we've been
sent into exile. Yet you
ask us to seek welfare
from this city and to pray
peace for this place. It
feels hard, yet pray we
must — peace, peace,
peace!

TIME OF PREPARATION

"The opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is justice...The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned."
— Bryan Stevenson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Charles Callahan

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Dale Wood

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

* 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

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader: As we look around, it appears that war, violence, homelessness, and loss are everywhere.

People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

Leader: We see much that disturbs and troubles us; much that fills our spirits with unrest.

People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

Leader: Yet you, O God, are greater still — the One in whom all things are possible.

People: As we gather for worship and celebrate World Communion Sunday, increase our faith so we can trust you truly hold the whole world in your hands.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #310

ST. THOMAS

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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The world is a book, and those who do not travel only read one page.
(St. Augustine)

Timothy is known from **Paul's letters as one of his most loyal disciples**, and co-sender of six of the Pauline epistles.

Timothy's mother, Eunice, was Jewish and his father Greek. His grandmother, Lois, is also mentioned as one of the teachers who brought him to Christian faith.

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) began work on his *Requiem* while he was choirmaster at the prestigious church of the Madeleine in Paris. Unlike many *Requiem*s of other **composers**, Fauré's composition places emphasis on the peaceful nature of death instead of pain and fear. The Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra will be presenting the *Requiem* in its entirety on November 3 at 3 pm in the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:
These are your words,
O God. Humble us to
speak their weight.
Strengthen us to hear
their truth. Unbind us to
live their call. In Christ's
name, the Word made
flesh. Amen.

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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 137:1-6

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

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 #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Prison Wisdom"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

"Agnus Dei"

Gabriel Fauré

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Let everlasting light shine on them, O Lord, with thy saints for ever, for thou art merciful.

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine upon them.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by Mike, Angela, Lila and Nora Chang.



* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
The English translator of the New Testament, William Tyndale, was wrongly burned at the stake for heresy (1536); the first sound motion picture, *The Jazz Singer*, opened in New York City (1927); war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria attacked Israel during Yom Kippur (1973); Pope John Paul II was the first pope to visit the White House (1979); author Toni Morrison became the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize (1993).

Margaret Allison Bonds (1913-1972) was one of the first female African American classical composers to gain national recognition during her lifetime. Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman closed their concert of spirituals with *He's Got the Whole World at New York City's Carnegie Hall* in March 1990. Jessye Norman (September 15, 1945-September 30, 2019), one of the finest singers of our time, died this past Monday at the age of 74.

The world is big and I want to have a good look at it before it gets dark.
(John Muir)

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Callahan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Callahan
The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are also available.

The congregation will be served communion in their seats.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn #504

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

“We Come as Guests Invited”

Duet

“He's Got the Whole World in His Hand” arr. Margaret Bonds
African-American Spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Gracious God, you are good news for a weary world. You are hope for all people in despair. As you have generously fed us through this sacred meal, send us forth to feed others. Use us according to your own purpose and **grace. In Christ's name we ask this. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN #509

HOLY MANNA

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, organ

“Grande Marche”

Madeleine Alain

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. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Damon and Lora Bethea
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Michael Painter, *Accompanist*
Adrianna Cleveland, *Soprano*
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *Soprano*
Acolyte: Annie Cowan
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Could be you*
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our *Fellowship Time*. The Board of Deacons will host an *International Fellowship*, featuring foods and treats from a variety of countries and ethnicities. All are welcome to attend!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

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.
Oct 13 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. Full Inclusion Sunday.
Oct 13 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

**Interested in joining the team of adults and youth who help lead worship in this way? Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).*

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 in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please see Pastor Randy Bush immediately 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

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Today is World Communion Sunday, and ELPC will join congregations around the world to celebrate our oneness in Christ and 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. All welcome!

Board of Deacons' Wholistic Wellness Ministry

October 6-12 marks *Mental Illness Awareness Week* (MIAW), and is a national observance in response to the increasing incidence of mental illness. Information will be available during today's *International Fellowship* after worship. Please visit <https://bit.ly/2dcenov> for more info.

Sanctuary and Chapel Tour

Join us after today's 11 am worship service in the Highland Lobby to join the architectural tour of our Sanctuary and Chapel.

Confirmation Class Info Meeting

Youth in grades 8-9 (and older), who are interested in exploring adult membership at ELPC are invited to attend an informational meeting after today's 11 am worship in the 2nd fl Parlor to learn about our 2019-2020 Confirmation Class. Parents/guardians are welcome.

Become a Member of our Faith Family

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* today in the Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please see Pastor Randy Bush immediately after the service if interested.

Tamale Pick-Up

Please see Maria Elena or Yamuna today if you purchased her homemade tamales last week!

Get Your Own ELPC Shirt Today

Want to spread the message of God's love for all people while wearing a colorful shirt that welcomes people to ELPC? Before and after both worship services today, the rainbow tie-dyed ELPC shirts will be sold for just \$10. Get yours and plan to wear it for *Full Inclusion Sunday*.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

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 **Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Peta Harrigan-Cole**.

Cathedral Concert Volunteers Needed

Help us show hospitality to our *Cathedral Concerts* guests by distributing programs and taking the collection at each concert. Please contact Kelli Booher if you are interested (KelliB@coh.net).

Volunteers / Video Interns Needed

Volunteers / video interns are needed to help stream our Sunday worship service each week. If you are interested in being trained to do this, please contact Tim Benedict (tim@tbenedict.com) or Wayne Gaines (wayneg75@msn.com) for more info.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study – Oct 7

Join Presbyterian Women on Monday, Oct 7 at 7 pm in the Trustees' Room for their 2019-2020 Bible study titled *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

Terrell Thomas to Guest Speak – Oct 7

All are invited to hear Terrell Thomas speak on Monday, Oct 7 at 6:30 pm. He will be on hand as a guest speaker for the Young Adult Ministry's *Just Engagement* study series. Terrell currently serves as senior field organizer for the ACLU of Pennsylvania's Smart Justice Campaign in Allegheny County, and has an extensive background in organizing, advocating and creating social change. He will share his experiences working in advocacy and organizing, as well as his work in reducing Pennsylvania's jail and prison population while combating racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

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.

Racial Autobiography Workshop – Oct 12

The remaining workshop in the *Facing Systemic Racism Autobiography* series will be held on Saturday, Oct 12 from 5:30-7:30 pm, and is open to all who are high school age or older. 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).

Café Justo Coffee for Sale – Oct 13

Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during next Sunday's *Fellowship Time*. For just \$10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative. Check or cash only.



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

Linda Benedict's friends, Carol Bonner,
David Carl's friend's son,
Katie Haas-Conrad's friend's mother,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,
Patrice Fowler-Searcy's mother,
Liz Hopkins' mother Margery,
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine, Lee Lewand,
Julianne McAdoo, Tom Menk,
ELPC employee Robert Polk and his wife,
Heather Schoenewolf's parents and friend Tony,
Pat Valoon, and Pam Walaski's friend Carol.

Committee Meetings This Week

Justice *Today, 12:00 pm (Rm 211)*
Nominating..... *Today, 12:30 pm (2nd fl Library)*
Youth Worker Search *Monday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)*
Deacons..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook)*

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).

Full Inclusion Sunday — Oct 13

We will continue lifting up our unity and uniqueness in Christ during Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct 13 by celebrating all of God's people. The Renaissance City Choir, western Pennsylvania's only LGBTQA choral group, will be with us.

Forum on Sudan and South Sudan — Oct 13

You are invited to join the Peace Committee, the International Partnership of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, and Crossroads Presbyterian Church for the *7th Annual Forum on Sudan and South Sudan* next Sunday, Oct 13 at 1:30 pm in the Music Room, which will honor Congressman Mike Doyle, Esther Sprague, and the Enough Project. A light lunch will be provided.

DG2! — Oct 13

Doing Good Together!—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—is a monthly interfaith service group for youth in grades 4–12. After the 11 am service on Sunday, Oct 13, we will meet in the Harambe Room and go to Rodef Shalom for lunch, fun, and a variety of service projects until 3:30 pm. Please RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). A permission slip is required.

Confirmation Class Overnight — Oct 19 to 20

The Confirmation Class will have an overnight retreat at ELPC from Saturday, Oct 19 at 3 pm to Sunday, Oct 20 after the Journey worship service as we explore the question *Who is God?* Please RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Yom Kippur Events in Our Area — Oct 9

Jewish Community Center (5738 Darlington Rd, 15217)

- From 3-4:30 pm in the Katz Performing Arts Center, explore the role that forgiveness and repentance have in our lives and in light of traumatic circumstances. For info, call Rabbi Ron Symons (412.697.3235).

Temple Sinai (5505 Forbes Ave, 15217)

- From 4-5 pm, join a community unity sing-in to carry the strong message of hope from collective voices. Please RSVP to Laura Berman (412.421.9715 x112).

Film: "Gay Chorus Deep South" — Oct 12

The ELPC Justice Committee is sponsoring the film *Gay Chorus Deep South* with ReelQ.org on Saturday, Oct 12 at 7:30 pm at the Row House Cinema (4115 Butler St, Lawrenceville). Contact Carol Chonoska for a comp ticket (724.272.9722; carolchonoska@gmail.com), or purchase tickets for \$15 at <https://reelq.org/2019-tickets>.

Crestfield Camp Scrabble Tournament Fundraiser — Oct 24

Join us on Thursday, Oct 24 from 6-9 pm at Honest John's Bar and Restaurant (Homestead) for a fun night of delicious food and a Scrabble competition at 7 pm to benefit Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. For more info, visit Crestfield's Facebook page, or contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Train Trip through the Fall Foliage — Oct 19

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is invited to join the *Happy Wanderers* on Saturday, Oct 19 from 9:45 am-8:30 pm to enjoy a relaxing three-hour round-trip through beautiful Oil Creek State Park. We will leave ELPC at 9:45 am, travel to Titusville, eat lunch at a nearby restaurant, enjoy a train ride at 3 pm, and then travel back to ELPC. YAM tickets are \$20, *Happy Wanderers* tickets are \$18. Bring money for lunch and train snacks. We need to buy tickets soon, so please RSVP to Kelli Booher immediately (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

— SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES —

Oct 13 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — "Our Brothers and Sisters in South Sudan" led by Benedict Killang

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7; Psalm 66:1–12; 2 Timothy 2:8–15; Luke 17:11–19 facilitated by Lora Bethea, Jan Irvin and Samantha Lowery

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — "Lessons from South Africa" led by Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Deliverance Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Yamada, Beth Urbaitis, and Bill Newcomer

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