



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 27, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Handbells were first brought to the United States from England by Margaret Shurcliff in 1902. The ELPC **Ringers' handbells** are manufactured by the Schulmerich Company from Hatfield, PA.

One year ago today, as they gathered for morning Shabbat worship at the Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, 11 people were needlessly and senselessly killed and 6 others were injured as a result of hatred and prejudice. Today, we remember: Joyce Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bernice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, Irving Younger, all the members of The Tree of Life * or **L 'Simcha, Dor Hadash,** and New Light synagogues, and the first responders who rushed into danger that dreadful morning. We shall never forget.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Hope is the only way and would keep one to get up every morning that the situation is going to change. And you know we need to say that loud to ourselves....the situation is going to change especially for the future because that is the only way that we have a vision that is positive as we begin to, to struggle with the day to day survival that it's going to change because once people lose hope for change then nothing will inspire one to continue to do. You need a little bit in the midst of it, a bit of inspiration to come from yourself, to come from those around you. And struggle and struggle that one day, that day will come for you and for your children.”

— Dr. Brigalia Bam,

*Anglican Women's and Social Activist,
Author, and former Chairperson of the
Electoral Commission of South Africa*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Palmer Shonk, *bagpiper*

“Selection of Hymns for Bagpipes”

“O Lord, We Praise You”

ELPC Ringers
arr. Jacob B. Weber

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

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, for you answer our prayer.

People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple.

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance.

People: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Leader: Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #275

Ein' feste Burg

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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On Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday in October, Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds our faith; marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

Roman Emperor Constantine the Great was said to have received his famous Vision of the Cross (312); Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded by Englishman William Penn (1682); President Woodrow Wilson said the U.S. will never attack another country (1913); Westinghouse radio station in East Pittsburgh, KDKA, began (1920); and Andrew Young, former UN Ambassador, was elected mayor of Atlanta, Georgia (1981).

BORN ON THIS DAY: Isaac Singer, American inventor of the first practical home sewing machine (1811-1875); Joseph Medicine Crow, Native American chief and historian (1913-2013); Oliver Tambo, South African lawyer, anti-apartheid politician and co-founder of the African National Congress (1917-1993); and Ruby Dee, African-American actress (A Raisin in the Sun, American Gangster) (1924-2014).

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

O God, we face our world with cowardice. We would rather avoid danger than take a stand against injustice. We want to enjoy privileges not available to others. We wish to keep away from all the cries for help that bombard us. The problems around us are overwhelming. The distress within us is staggering. Too often we lash out at others rather than turning to you for guidance and strength. Now, in these moments together, we cry out for your help. We want to be your people. We want to live with a clear conscience, clean hearts, and right spirits. Forgive and remake us, loving God. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #422

CREATE IN ME

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

Leader: Siblings in Christ, commit your ways to God. Be still and trust, for God will act to transform us when we pray. Refrain from anger and forsake **wrath, for neither belongs, or has a place in God’s realm. Open yourselves and be agents of the grace, mercy, and peace God offers. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:**
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

BELL ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep from Ringing?”

arr. Sondra B. Tucker

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Ike Ezekoye

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

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.

TREE OF LIFE REMEMBRANCE “Sim Shalom”

Rebecca Schwartz

Grant peace everywhere, goodness and blessing.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“Remember. Repair. Together.”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tiffany Sudar

OFFERING INVITATION

Tiffany Sudar

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

This setting of the well-known hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* is by Ohio composer Frederick Chatfield (b. 1951). English poet Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879) authored this text in 1874.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that we may not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Put away the nightmares of terror and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(From a collection of *Prayers for Times of National and International Crisis and Tragedy*, posted on the PC(USA) website)

Highland Cathedral has been a popular bagpipe tune since it was composed by German musicians Ulrich Roever and Michael Korbin in 1982 for a Highland games in Germany.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Consecration”

Frederick Chatfield

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for 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:	We are grateful to you, O God, for the faith we have inherited. We give thanks for the courage and faithfulness of ancestors who suffered for the gospel that we might know your love. We join with them in putting our trust in you. May we match their generosity and self-discipline, seeking above all else to know your will and do it. To that end, we dedicate our offerings to you. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #372 “O For A World”

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* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

RECESSIONAL “Highland Cathedral”

arr. James Wetherald

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.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Mark and Barbara DeWitt
Ike Ezekoye, Sara Hackett
Tiffany Sudar
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Michael Painter, *Accompanist*
ELPC Ringers
Palmer Shonk, *Bagpiper*
Acolytes: Annie and Liam Cowan
Beadle: Michele Bossers
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*. 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.
Nov 3 — The Rev. Terri Pennybaker preaching.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
Nov 3 — 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* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please see contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122) for more info on future classes.

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



TODAY AT ELPC

Environmental Justice Sunday

Join the Justice Committee's Environmental Team after the 11 am service in the Social Hall for a summary and celebration of the *Earth Care Challenge*. Everyone who pledged is encouraged to come and share what you accomplished (small or large) and your experience. A basket of sustainable household articles will be raffled off. All are welcome, even if you have not yet made a pledge to reduce your energy or meat consumption, or plastic usage. It's not too late to join the effort to avoid climate crisis. Lunch will be served.

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 **Carla Coles**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Dave Cowan**.



Taizé All Saints Procession — Oct 30

Join us for a special Taizé service on Wednesday, Oct 30 at 7 pm for a contemplative procession through the Sanctuary and Trinity Chapel (crypt) as we remember those who have gone before us. Don't miss this touching prayer experience of our unity and eternity in God.

Mission Opportunities with Open Hand Ministries — Nov 2, 5

Please join us in November for one or both of these opportunities to serve our neighbors with OHM and share fellowship with ELPC friends.

- *Saturday, Nov 2 — Saturday Intergenerational Work Day*
Join ELPC youth from 8:45 am-3 pm for interior and exterior work on a Garfield house. No special skills needed. For more info, contact Frank Bauerle (frbauerle@yahoo.com; 817.705.6856).
- *Tuesday, Nov 5 — OHM Circles Dinner*
Each month families involved in OHM's family development program gather to work together on goals and community building. We supply and serve the food, and share in the dinner with OHM families and staff. If you are able to donate a side dish or dessert or help serve, contact Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com).

Science and Theology — Nov 3

In anticipation of the production of *The De Chardin Project* performance on Saturday, Nov 23 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel, we will watch *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: The Wings of Spirit* on Sunday, Nov 3 from Noon-3 pm, and review the fascinating life and theology of this 20th century visionary.



Family Music Class and Potluck Dinner — Nov 2

Families with children who are in elementary school or younger are welcome to join us for a family music class on Saturday, Nov 2 at 4 pm. Taught by Christa Beck, a Kindermusik educator, children and their parents/caregivers will laugh, sing, play, and connect with each other and our community. Music Class will be followed by a potluck dinner at 5 pm. Please RSVP to Gloria Knopp so that we can be sure to have enough of a main course for everyone (GloriaK@coh.net).

No Knitting Classes — Nov 4 and 11

Please note there will be no evening knitting classes on Nov 4 and 11.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Nov 4 and 5

Join Presbyterian Women on Monday, Nov 4 at 7 pm and/or 10 am on Tuesday, Nov 5 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.

"Sweet Jazz" Cathedral Concert — Nov 9

On Saturday, Nov 9 at 7 pm, Pittsburgh jazz legend Mike Tomaro's concert will follow a *Sweet Jazz* theme in the Social Hall. Together with his combo, Tomaro will perform jazz favorites while the audience enjoys sweet desserts. Tomaro—an accomplished saxophonist, composer, arranger, and educator—currently serves as director of the Jazz Studies program at the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be received.

Wholistic Wellness Ministry Meet and Greet — Nov 10

Please join us on Sunday, Nov 10 after the 11 am worship service in the McKelvy Room to learn more about the Wholistic Wellness Ministry (WWM) and our mission! We will have refreshments and a short survey to better understand the health needs of our church community. We hope to see you there!



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

Carol Bonner,
David Carl's friend's son Morgan and
family friend Richard and his family,
Katie Haas-Conrad's friend's mother,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,
Patrice Fowler-Searcy's mother, Jan Herzer,
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine, Lee Lewand,
Julianne McAdoo, Deb Newcomer,
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Mary Lou,
uncle Jim and friend Tony,
Pat Valoon, Pam Walaski's friend Carol, and
Michelle Yamada.

*Our condolences to **Judy Menk** on her husband's passing.*

*Our condolences to **Liz Hopkins** on her mother's passing.*

*Our condolences to **Robert Polk** on his wife's passing.*

Committee Meeting This Week

Centennial Fund.....Monday, 6:00 pm (Highland Rm)

Stewardship Sunday – Nov 10

Stewardship Sunday will be on Nov 10, and is our opportunity to offer pledges and gifts that will impact God's world. Pledging is a discipline of our faith, not unlike the disciplines of regular prayer and worship. Like any discipline, it can take some learning and adjustment to achieve our goals.

This year, we are hoping to increase our pledges by 7%. If you have pledged in the past, we ask that you consider increasing your gift. If you have given to ELPC, but have not pledged, we ask that you consider pledging so that we can plan more responsibly. If you have never pledged or given to ELPC, we invite you to begin this discipline of faith. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and join us on *Stewardship Sunday* to celebrate God's abundance. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Pastor Randy Interviews Jeanne Marie Laskas – Nov 10

Pennsylvania author Jeanne Marie Laskas will be interviewed by Pastor Randy about her recent books—including her exposé on football injuries (*Concussion*), the range of blue collar jobs in the U.S. (*Hidden America*), and the letters received by President Obama from ordinary citizens (*To Obama: With Love, Joy, Anger, and Hope*) at the Seekers Sunday School class on Nov 10. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *Esquire*, and other places. She will also have a book reading after worship. Please join us!

**Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov 3.
Remember to set your clocks back by one hour
(or you will be very early for worship)!**

IN OUR COMMUNITY

EECM Coat Drive – Through Nov 8

East End Cooperative Ministry is extending their *Coat Drive* through Nov 8. Please drop off your new or gently used coat donations to these Strong II Dry Cleaners locations: Homewood (7620 Frankstown Ave, 15208) and Downtown (310 Grant St, 15219).

Free Community Forum – Nov 9

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus will host a free *Community Forum* at the Neighborhood Academy (709 N Aiken Ave, 15206) on Saturday, Nov 9 at 9:30 am. Information will include *What to do when stopped by police*, community resources, improving your credit score, and the importance of the US Census. For more info, please call 412.727.6779.

Church Tours – Nov 10 and 24

On Sunday, Nov 10 join Penn Hackney for a tour of the Trinity Chapel. Then on Sunday, Nov 24 learn about our church's beautiful stained glass windows with Tom Morton. The tours begin following Sanctuary worship. For a full list of upcoming tours, visit www.tiny.cc/elpc-tours.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Nov 17

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Nov 17 at 12:30 pm as we share food and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@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.

— SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES —

Nov 3 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church” led by The Rev. Khyllap

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Zoroastrianism” facilitated by Veera Siganporia

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Wisdom Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Suzanne Wolfe, Mike Chang, and Beth Urbaitis