



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)

NOVEMBER 17, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697) came from a family of musicians in Schleswig-Holstein. It was through his skills as a violinist that Bruhns would gain notoriety during his short life. One story that has been passed down states that he would often play a very complex violin part while accompanying himself on the pedals of the organ! Bruhns composed only five compositions for the organ that we know of.

The important question to ask is not, 'What do you believe?' but 'What difference does it make that you believe?' Does the world come nearer to the dream of God because of what you believe?
(Verna H. Dozier)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof."
— Barbara Kingsolver

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
"Praeludium in G Major" Nicolaus Bruhns
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

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The Rev. Schoenewolf
People: Y también contigo. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah Wilson

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously.
People: **Let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.**
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the highest peaks to the deepest caverns.
People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures to the greatest herds.
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.
People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we worship the God of all creation!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Samantha Coggins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Samantha Coggins

God of peace, we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

Queen Elizabeth ascended the throne in England (1558); the Sixth Congress of the United States (second Session) convened in Washington D.C. for the first time (1800); Giuseppe Verdi debuted his first opera, *Oberto* (1839); the Suez Canal was opened in Egypt (1869); more than forty-six thousand meteoroids fell over Arizona in less than 20 minutes (1966); President Richard Nixon told Associate Press managing editors, "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook." (1973); and WJLA Television in Washington D.C. became the first African American public-broadcasting television station (1980)

Erik Routley (1917-1982) published this paraphrase of Psalm 98 in 1974. Routley was an English minister, composer, and musicologist. He was appointed Professor of Church Music at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ in 1975. The anthem arrangement sung this morning is by John Ferguson (b. 1941), now retired Professor of Organ and Church Music at St. Olaf College.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Samantha Coggins

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 #654 (sing 2x)

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord, I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 12

Samantha Coggins

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:5-19

Isaiah Wilson

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.

* HYMN #376

"When All Is Ended"

YOGANANDA

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Someday..."

The Rev. Schoenewolf

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PW Thank Offering

Sherry Anderson

OFFERING INVITATION

Sherry Anderson

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

John Ferguson/Erik Routley

"New Songs of Celebration Render"

The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #371.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881) was an influential organist, composer and teacher in Belgium and France. He is regarded as the father of the modern legato organ technique and taught many well-known organists, including Charles-Marie Widor.

Joshua Beck is the son of The Rev. Philip and Christa Beck from First United Presbyterian Church in Tarentum. Josh is a junior at Highlands High School and studies organ with Dr. Ed Moore.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

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 of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox, we give thanks for these gifts and pray they may be agents of your peace. May they serve your creation as we seek your new heaven and new earth. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with distress and calm it. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with pain and heal it. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with silence and speak up. In Jesus' name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #373

"O Day of Peace"

JERUSALEM

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Joshua Beck, *guest organist*
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
 Sherry Anderson
 Samantha Coggins
 Sara Hackett
 Aura S. Jirau Arroyo
 Isaiah Wilson
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
 ELPC Chancel Choir
 Andrew Wilkinson, *Recorder*
 Joshua Beck, *Guest Organist*
 Abby Langhorst, *Percussion*
 Acolytes: Sebastian and Matteo Javier
 Beadle: Laura Ristau
 Crucifer: Mike Hellman
 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 loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Hall, mother and father of Mrs. Daniel E. Yates.

♦ 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 24 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
 Nov 24 — 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* on Sundays, Dec 1 and 8 during the Sunday School hour to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please see contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122) for more info.

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



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Church Events and Announcements

November 17, 2019 • 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY AT ELPC

Reducing Gun Violence Address by Ed Gainey

State Representative Ed Gainey will visit ELPC today at 12:30 pm in the Good Samaritan Room to address gun violence. Rep. Gainey is the sponsor of House of Representative Bill 307 to ban the possession, purchase, transfer, use, or manufacture of assault weapons. Attendees will have the opportunity to send a postcard in support of Bill 307 to the representative who is blocking Rep. Gainey's bill. His visit is sponsored by the Peace Committee. Light refreshments will be provided.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm as we share food, fellowship, and affirmations with the group (and maybe bowl if time permits). Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

Confirmation Class Meeting

The Confirmation Class will meet in the 2nd fl Parlor today from 12:30–3:30 pm.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. The *Journey* service DOD is **The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes**.



Wholistic Wellness Ministry

Thanks to all who filled out the *Wholistic Wellness Ministry* questionnaire and/or attended the meet and greet last Sunday. If you did not get a questionnaire last week, it is not too late; we would still like to hear from you! Questionnaires will be available at the entrances to the Journey and the Sanctuary services today. Please complete and drop in the box at the Hospitality Desk.

Youth Retreat at Crestfield Camp – Nov 22 to 24

Youth in grades 6–12 will join youth from other Pittsburgh churches for a retreat sponsored by Crestfield Camp from Friday, Nov 22 to Sunday, Nov 24. This year's theme is *Stand Strong*. Chet Fuhrman (father, teacher, and former conditioning coordinator for the Pittsburgh Steelers) will speak about finding strength in God in the context of school, sports, and relationships. The cost is \$105; partial and full scholarships are available. Permission slips, additional information, and scholarship request forms are available online and from Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Friendsgiving Dinner & Game Night – Nov 22

Young adults are invited to a *Friendsgiving Dinner & Game Night* in the Music Room on Friday, Nov 22 at 6 pm for a potluck dinner and board games. Contact Kelli Booher to let her know what you're bringing (KelliB@coh.net).

Volunteers Needed for Thanksgiving Feast – Nov 24

Our meal together in November is one of our largest attended meals here at ELPC. We could not host such a great time together without all of you! There are different times throughout this day to volunteer. We need volunteers to help set up, greet, serve, tear down, clean up, and wash dishes. If you are available to help, contact Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

The de Chardin Project

A love story about the origins of the universe.

Saturday, November 23 • 7:30 pm

Chapel at East Liberty Presbyterian Church

The *de Chardin Project* is a play about Jesuit priest, scientist and philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955). Silenced and exiled by the church, de Chardin, a renowned paleontologist, crossed continents searching for the missing link between his love for God and his love of Science. His groundbreaking discoveries in human evolution transcended barriers between Faith and Science. And today, his work is regarded as having changed the conversation about cosmology, evolution and theology.

In the play, de Chardin, having suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, finds himself beyond the physical world and engaged with a mysterious guide who leads him on the ultimate adventure: the excavation of himself. The play is a Dora Mavor Moore Award winner for Outstanding New Play (Independent Category).

We are delighted to be joined by the playwright, Adam Seybold (son of ELPC members Kevin and Virginia Seybold), and his wife, actress Kate Fenton, for a dramatic reading of this fascinating exploration of life, science and faith!

Tickets are available for \$10 from Eventbrite at

www.tiny.cc/deChardin

or see the Rev. Mary Lynn Callaban



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

Carol Bonner, Henk Bossers,
David Carl's friend's son Morgan,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law, Jean Kennedy,
Mary Lenox's friend Claudia, Lee Lewand,
Deborah Marx's friend Sharon, Julianne McAdoo,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Carolyn Russ' friend Norman, and Pat Valoon.

*Our condolences to the family of **Lois Fetzer** on her passing.
A memorial service will be held at ELPC on Sat, Nov 23 at 3 pm.*

*Our condolences to **Ing Kalchthaler** on the death of her mother.*

*Our condolences to **Pam Walaski** on her father's passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Session..... Tuesday, 6:30 pm (McKelvy Rm)
FSR Planning..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (Garth Overlook)
Peace..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

Giving Thanks Feast – Nov 24

All are invited to our *Giving Thanks Feast* following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Nov 24. This year, let's celebrate fellowship and give thanks for each other by bringing a dish that represents you! It could be your favorite dish, a dish from your culture or an old family recipe. You will have a chance to read about other's dishes and tell about your own by filling out a label for your dish. Labels can be filled out on Nov 24, or can be picked up at the church (by the information screen in the Highland hallway). A main course and salad will be provided.

Church Tour – Nov 24

On Sunday, Nov 24 after worship, learn about our church's beautiful stained glass windows with guide Tom Morton. Please gather in Highland Lobby.

Young Adult Thanksgiving Day Movie Night – Nov 28

Need a break from Thanksgiving festivities? Looking for something to do on this day? Join your Young Adult friends for a movie night at Waterworks Cinema (930 Freeport Rd, Aspinwall) on Thanksgiving, Nov 28. We will vote on a movie. RSVP to Kelli (KelliB@coh.net).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

43rd Annual East End Interfaith Service – Nov 26

All are welcome to the 43rd annual *East End Interfaith Service* on Tuesday, Nov 26 at 7:30 pm at Temple Sinai (5505 Forbes Ave, 15217). The speaker will be the Rev. Liddy Barlow, Executive Minister of Christian Associates of SW Pennsylvania. Please contact Cantor Laura Berman (412.421.9715; cantorberman@templesinaipgh.org) if you can add your voice to the community choir that night.

Gifts of Hope Fair Trade Shopping Event – Dec 7

Attend the *Gifts of Hope Fair Trade Shopping Event* with over 15 worldwide vendors, live music, and complimentary coffee and donuts at East End Cooperative Ministry (6175 Harvard St, 15206) on Saturday, Dec 7 from 10 am-2 pm. Buy gifts that change a life! For more info, please visit www.pittsburghfairtrade.com

Toymakers' Toy Sale – Dec 8

The Toymakers' annual *Toy Sale* will be held following the Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, Dec 8. Our special project this year is a fleet of Noah's arks, each complete with Mr. and Mrs. Noah, a small herd of animals, and a handy carry-all bag. The sale also will feature some seasonal decorations.

— SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — Nov 24 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – “Monarchy & the Bible” presented by the Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Jeremiah 23:1–6; Luke 1:68–79; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “The History, Beliefs, and Practice of the Quakers” presented Gina Godfrey

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Gospel Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Lane, Tom Whalen, and David Carl



HANGING OF THE GREENS

SATURDAY, NOV 30 † 10 AM TO 1 PM

The church season of Advent begins on the first Sunday in December. In preparation for this, the Worship, Music & Arts Committee invites you to help put up some Christmas trees, garlands, and Advent decorations. Contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111) if you can help!