



# 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 24, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) was a famed German organist and composer. The tune of *Now Thank We All Our God* is used more as a structural device in this piece, never being easily recognizable to the listener.

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pius XI in 1925, with the last Sunday in October allotted for its observance. From 1970, it has been kept on the last Sunday before the beginning of Advent. It celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ that shall lead humankind to seek the peace of Christ.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“Almost a quarter of a century after the Iron Curtain came down, walls are going up again. In steel and concrete, with watchtowers and barbed wire, mankind is building separation barriers at a rate perhaps unequalled in history - at least 6,000 miles in the last decade alone.”  
— *The Guardian*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

ELPC Ringers

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

The Brass Roots

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

“Now Thank We All Our God”

(*Marche Triomphale*)

*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

John Buckley and Emily Rosenthal

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel-Palestine,

People: **For God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord of this nation and all nations,

People: **For God has called us God's own beloved and called us by name.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, Creator of all that is and all that will be,

People: For God has blessed creation and called us to worship, to praise, and to serve.

Leader: Come, let us bless God, revealed in Christ Jesus our risen Lord!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #263

CORONATION

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

\* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.

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## Nov 24 • Christ the King Sunday

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This day in history is the birthday of philosopher Baruch Spinoza (1632), composer Scott Joplin (1868), basketball player Oscar Robertson (1938), and actress Katharine Heigl (1978); the date Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald (1963), and the inaugural flight of Palestinian Airlines at Gaza International Airport (1998).

Before I built a wall  
I'd ask to know  
what I was walling in  
or walling out,  
and to whom I was like  
to give offense.  
Something there is that  
doesn't love a wall,  
that wants it down.  
(Robert Frost)

If "they" are with Christ  
and Christ is with us,  
then "they" cannot be  
very far away from us.  
(Teilhard de Chardin)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Almighty God, you brought forth the world out of mercy and love, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We acknowledge the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have served idols of wealth and privilege, followed false gods of violence and fear, and not loved our neighbors as ourselves. This day may you break our wills, instruct our hearts in the ways of peace, release us from the fear of death, and free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Hear our prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of light and life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"All Good Gifts"

arr. Susan T. Nelson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 2:1-6

John Buckley and Emily Rosenthal

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING

Recognition of Robert Polk and Allen Miller

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.*

\* HYMN #93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Brick Laying and Peace Making"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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.*

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING

Jan Herzer

OFFERING INVITATION

Jan Herzer

*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.

Ralph Vaughan Williams' (1872-1958) setting of Psalm 47 was composed in 1920 for organ, brass, and percussion. It is frequently heard with organ solo as the accompaniment, and sometimes with full orchestra.

Go out into the world in peace, declaring Christ as savior and ruler over all creation. Go out into the world with courage, supporting the ways Christ gives light to those who sit in darkness and guides our feet in the way of peace.  
(from Luke 1:79)

Virgil Fox's (1912-1980) setting of *Now Thank We All Our God* is an arrangement of the third movement of Bach's *Cantata No. 79*. In the original, the chorus is singing the hymn tune.

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O Clap Your Hands"

John Ferguson/Erik Routley  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
text from Psalm 47

*O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.  
For the Lord most high is terrible. God is a great King over all the earth.  
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God; sing praises. Sing praises to our King; sing praises.  
For God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises with understanding.  
God reigneth over the heathen. God sitteth upon the throne of God's holiness.  
Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.*

## \* 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:	Almighty God, receive our offerings and pledges given for the sake of Christ our Lord and the particular ministries of this church. Make us worthy stewards of your gifts and peacemakers committed to tearing down the walls that divide us. Make us generous citizens of the realm of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.	

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #643

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

"Now Thank We All Our God"

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Virgil Fox

*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](http://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  
 Jan Herzer  
 John Buckley and Emily Rosenthal  
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/Music Director*  
 ELPC Chancel Choir  
 ELPC Ringers  
 Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*  
*The Brass Roots:*  
 Samuel Eisenhandler, *Trumpet*  
 Matthew McCormack, *Trumpet*  
 Rana Jurjus, *Horn*  
 Morgan Wynn, *Trombone*  
 John Caughman, *Tuba*  
 Acolytes: Mabel Buben and Liam Cowan  
 Beadle: Mark Statler  
 Crucifer: Nicholas Gerber-Boeldt  
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall (basement level) after worship for our *Giving Thanks Feast*. All are welcome!

#### ♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers today are in loving memory of Dr. Paul C. Williams on his birthday, from the Williams, Fabilli and Motley families.

#### ♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP — 1st Sunday in Advent

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*Dec 1 — Samantha Coggins preaching.*  
 11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*Dec 1 — 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 *Giving Thanks Feast* in the Social Hall. 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 contact Gloria Knopp for more info ([GloriaK@coh.net](mailto:GloriaK@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x122).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Giving Thanks Feast

All are invited to our *Giving Thanks Feast* downstairs in the Social Hall following today's Sanctuary worship service.

### Church Tour

After worship this morning, learn about our church's beautiful stained glass windows with guide Tom Morton. Please gather in Highland Lobby.

### 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 **Elaine Phillips**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Trish Buben**.



### Wholistic Wellness Ministry

The *Wholistic Wellness Ministry* (WWM) would like to thank all who completed our health questionnaire. In moving forward to address your health needs next year, it appears that mental health is the area of greatest interest. In recognition of that, we will focus first on mental health. More information will follow in January.

### 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).

### Hanging of the Greens — Nov 30

In preparation for the season of Advent on Dec 1, the Worship, Music & Arts Committee invites you to help put up some Christmas trees, garlands, and Advent decorations on Saturday, Nov 30 from 10 am-1 pm. Contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111) if you can help!

### BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAITH FAMILY Sundays, Dec 1 and 8

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sundays, Dec 1 and 8 from 9:45-10:45 am to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Gloria Knopp to register (GloriaK@coh.net).



### Support the Giving Tree — Dec 1 and 8

The ELPC Deacon Board organizes the *Christmas Giving Tree* to benefit children and families from East End Cooperative Ministry, ELPC's Mission and Christian Education Ministries, and—for the first time—Casa San José. On Sundays, Dec 1 and 8, the *Giving Tree* will be in the Social Hall during Journey worship, and by the Highland Ave entrance from 9:30 am–12:30 pm. The *Giving Tree* will also be available during our Taizé prayer service on Wednesday, Dec 4. Deacons will be on hand to help you record your name and phone number, along with the information from your tag.

Wrapped gifts, with tags attached, are due by noon on Sunday, Dec 15. If you would like to participate by donating money, make your check out to *ELPC Giving Tree* and deliver it to the church office or Pastor Patrice.

### Tween Craft Night — Dec 6

Tweens in grades 4–6 are invited to enjoy crafts and pizza at *Tween Craft Night* on Friday, Dec 6 from 6-8 pm. If you are working on a project, bring it with you. There also will be craft supplies here—some of which will make great Christmas gifts. Friends are welcome! RSVP required to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

### Young Adult Dinner — Dec 6

Young Adults are invited to a dinner hosted by Pastor Randy and his wife Beth at the manse on Friday, Dec 6 at 6:30 pm. You're welcome to bring along a dessert or cider to share! Come join in a time of conversation, fellowship and good food. RSVP by Dec 3 to Kelli (KelliB@coh.net).

### 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 with a handy carry-all bag, and also some seasonal decorations.

### Christmas in East Liberty — Dec 13

Our *Cathedral Concerts* series continues with *Christmas in East Liberty* on Friday, Dec 13 at 7:30 pm. The Brass Roots, conductor Lance LaDuke, organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore, and the ELPC Chancel Choir will combine for an East Liberty tradition, featuring holiday favorites for brass, organ, choir, and audience! The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be received.

### Middle School Mission Project — Dec 14

Youth in grades 6–8 are invited to go shopping on Saturday, Dec 14 from 11:30 am-2:30 pm to help choose gifts for children who are spending the holiday season in foster care. We will have lunch after pageant rehearsal and then walk to Target. RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).



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

David Carl's friend's son Morgan,

Martha DeMarzi's friend

Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law,

Agnes Green, Mary Lenox's friend Claudia, Lee Lewand,

Deborah Marx's friend Sharon, Julianne McAdoo,

Polly McQueen's brother Clay, Marti Moore,

Carolyn Russ' friend Norman,

Heather Schoenewolf's niece Rose, and Pat Valoon.

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

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## NO Committee Meetings This Week

*The church building will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. ELPC pastors and staff wish you and yours a blessed holiday!*

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### Children's Christmas Pageant of "Why?" – Dec 15

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec 15 at 10 am as we consider the reason for the season in terms of our faith and our lives at the annual children's Christmas Pageant.

*Notes: Dress rehearsal for all participants is on Saturday, Dec 14 from 9:30–11 am, followed by a Christmas party for the participants. If a student can't attend rehearsal, but will be here for the pageant, they are welcome! Let your Church School teacher know.*

### Heretics, Doubters & Other Saints – Dec 15

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to our next *Heretics, Doubters, and Other Saints* gathering. This time, we'll explore what do/don't we think/believe about Christmas? Join us in the 2nd floor Parlor on Sunday, Dec 15 from Noon–3 pm for an open conversation where all ideas and questions will be welcome! Lunch will be provided.

### ELPC to Receive The Christmas Joy Offering – Dec 15

The only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ, and *The Christmas Joy Offering* celebrates the coming of Jesus Christ, the "perfect gift" from a gracious God. We will receive the *Christmas Joy Offering* on Sunday, Dec 15 at all worship services.

### New Jail Ministry

ELPC is joining several other churches in supplying magazines, paperback books, dictionaries, Bibles, calendars, and puzzle books to inmates at the county jail. (*No spiral bound or books/magazines of a military/weapon nature.*) Donations may be left in the box at the Highland Lobby. Contact Judy Mancini (412.299.6160) for info.

### LGBTQ Ministry Events

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Jan 12 at 12:30 pm to share lunch and fellowship. In December, we will be doing our annual Advent retreat and attending the RCC holiday concert together. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net) for more details or to attend.

## 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.

### Holiday Maker Fair & Market – Dec 5

Join the East Liberty branch of the Carnegie Library for an evening of gift making, local shopping and seasonal refreshments on Thursday, Dec 5 from 6–8 pm. Crafts will be available to make, and local vendors will feature products for sale. For more info, call 412.363.8232.

### 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. For more info, visit [www.pittsburghfairtrade.com](http://www.pittsburghfairtrade.com).

### Pittsburgh Youth Chorus Winter Concert – Dec 8

The talented young singers of Pittsburgh Youth Chorus will present their annual winter concert on Sunday, Dec 8 at 4 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. Hear heartwarming music for the holiday season, with an audience sing-along. For info and tickets, visit [www.pittsburghyouthchorus.org](http://www.pittsburghyouthchorus.org).

### RCC Holiday Concert – Dec 14

The Renaissance City Choir presents its holiday concert *The Many Moods of the Holidays* in the ELPC Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec 14 at 7:30 pm. The concert explores the emotions that this time of year elicits from people. A cookie reception will follow in the Social Hall. The 95 member choir is Western PA's only LGBTQIA+ choir. Tickets are available online at [www.rccpittsburgh.org](http://www.rccpittsburgh.org).

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## — SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES —

Dec 1 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm)** – "The Messianic Psalms" facilitated by Carolyn Russ

**Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm)** — Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:36–44 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm)** – "The Challenges of a Spiritual Coordinator Doing Hospice Work" presented by the Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm)** – A discussion of *Inspired—Loving the Bible Again, Fish Stories*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Mike Chang, Sharla Yates, and Michele Bossers