



# 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 22, 2019 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The *Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541* shows the influence on Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) from Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Composed in Weimar around 1715, this is one of the few works for which a "clean" copy of the manuscript exists. Bach's son, Wilhelm Friedemann (1710-1784), used this copy in 1733 for an audition at St. Sophia's Church in Dresden. He got the job!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
O God, you hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."  
— St. Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ  
"Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541" Johann Sebastian Bach  
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 (from Psalm 113)

Lynne Chadwick

Leader: Who is like our God, high above the heavens in glory?  
People: Blessed be the name of God.  
Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?  
People: Blessed be our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Leader: Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy to sorrow, and brings life out of death?  
People: Blessed be the living and true Holy Spirit.  
Leader: Let us worship our triune God and ever bring our offerings of praise.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #366

HYFRYDOL

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Terri Pennybaker

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Terri Pennybaker

Gracious God, you know our sin. Too often we have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have not forgiven our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful in small and great things alike. Forgive us this day, O Lord. Make us faithful stewards of the resources you have given us, patient servants working now for the sake of your future realm, and generous ambassadors of forgiveness and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

In Salem, MA seven women and two men were charged and executed for witchcraft (1692); President Lincoln issued a preliminary emancipation proclamation freeing rebel state slaves (1862); J.R.R. Tolkien began creating his stories of Bilbo Baggins and Middle Earth (1921); *Fiddler on the Roof* opened on Broadway (1964); and the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war (1980).

The text for the African American spiritual *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* borrows from a couple biblical sources: the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) and the story of the **vision of Jacob's ladder** (Genesis 28:10-17).

Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a singing bird will come. (Chinese proverb)

A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. (Proverbs 15:13)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Terri Pennybaker

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 #294 (sing 3x)

DANS NOS OBSCURITÉS

"Within Our Darkest Night"

With-in our dark-est night, you kin-dle the fire that nev-er  
 Dans nos ob-scu-ri-tés, al-lu-me le feu qui ne s'é-

dies a-way, nev-er dies a-way. With-in our dark-est night, you  
 teint ja-mais, ne s'é-teint ja-mais. Dans nos ob-scu-ri-tés, al-

kin-dle the fire that nev-er dies a-way, nev-er dies a-way.  
 lu-me le feu qui ne s'é-teint ja-mais, ne s'é-teint ja-mais.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 5:6-11

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Presentation of Children:* Rachael Brianne Ammon, daughter of Heather and Russell Ammon  
 Miguel René Rivera-Stewwing,  
 son of Felix Rivera-Merced and Kalyn Stewwing

*Profession of Faith  
 Act of Baptizing*

\* HYMN #350

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:34-38

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"An Unburdened Heart"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Composer John Gardner (1917-2011) was born in Manchester, England and educated at Exeter College, Oxford. In 1956 he joined the faculty of the Royal Academy of Music. His *Five Hymns in Popular Style* were commissioned for a music festival in Farnham and premiered on May 14, 1963. *Fight the Good Fight* is the fifth setting in this collection. The text, inspired by I Timothy 6:12, was written by the Rev. John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875) and first appeared in print in 1863.

As long as algebra is taught in school, there will be prayer in school. (Cokie Roberts, 1943 - 2019)

William Mathias (1934-1992) was a renowned Welsh composer of choral, orchestral, and instrumental works. His *Fanfare* for organ was commissioned for the inaugural concert for the new organ at Memorial Hall, Barry, Wales in 1987.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER The Rev. 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.*

OFFERING INVITATION The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
*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 "Fight the Good Fight" arr. John Gardner  
*Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.  
Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; his boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
Faint not nor fear, his arms are near, he changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to 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:	O God, you look with mercy upon the earth; you care for the poor and downhearted and give all a place of welcome at your table. May these gifts and our lives continually show forth your love for any in need this day. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #363 DARWALL'S 148TH  
"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" William Mathias

*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  
 Lynne Chadwick  
 Terri Pennybaker  
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
 ELPC Chancel Choir  
 The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, *Piano*  
 Acolytes: Youth  
 Beadle: Laura Ristau  
 Crucifer: Aura Jirau  
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall and Courtyard for our annual *Church Picnic* after worship. All are welcome to attend!

#### ♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Wainwright and Miss Hattie E. Wainwright.

*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.  
 Sept 29 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
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#### 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 annual *Church Picnic* in the Social Hall and Courtyard. 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 Sept 29 and Oct 6 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

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