



# 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 24, 2021 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Distinguished American composer Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) is a graduate of the Yale and Eastman Schools of Music. She is a professor emerita of the University of California, Santa Barbara. The hymn tune *O Waly Waly* is found three times in the *Glory to God* hymnal, #202, 302, and 847.

We gather to worship on land originally in the care and protection of the Adena and Hopewell Nations, and the Monongahela Peoples, and shared over time by many Indigenous Nations, including the Delaware, Iroquois, and Shawnee Tribes. We honor their legacy and seek justice for all Indigenous people.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"If thou shouldst say 'It is enough, I have reached perfection' all is lost, since it is the function of perfection to make one know one's imperfections."

— St. Augustine of Hippo (d. 430 CE)

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Abide with Me"

J.S. Bach

"When Love Is Found (O Waly Waly)"

Emma Lou Diemer

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 1 John 4)

David Carl

Leader: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them.

People: This we have known, and we trust in this love that God has for us.

Leader: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. Yet we love because God first loved us.

People: As ones who love God and love our siblings and neighbors as well, let us gather to worship God this morning. Alleluia!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #804

MARION

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

### INTRODUCTION OF SERMON THEME

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### 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

Kathryn Ophardt

I Samuel 18:1-3; 2 Samuel 1:23-27

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ON THIS DATE IN

HISTORY:

The Peace of Westphalia ended the Thirty Years' War (1648); the first transcontinental telegraph was sent from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. (1861); the 40-hour work week went into effect (1940); the U.S. blockade of Cuba during the missile crisis began (1962); baseball great Jackie Robinson died (1972); and Civil Rights icon Rosa Parks died and was the first woman to lie in state in the Capitol building (2005).

The annual budget revenues for ELPC come from several sources, including pledges, plate offerings, gifts and trust income, and resources from our endowment. Pledges and offerings are about 38% of the total.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*Parents are asked to keep their children with them in the pews during this time.*

*There is currently no Extended Session program or childcare in the Nursery Suite available.*

*We have provided an expanded Kid's Corner with individually packaged materials, and family-friendly spaces in the Courtyard and the Garth Overlook Room (where you will be able to see and hear worship on a monitor in both spaces).*

\* HYMN #693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:43-48

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

"Intervals of Faith: Perfect 4th – Loving Perfection"

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN #698

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"

TAKE ME AS I AM

VOWS OF COMMITMENT & WORDS OF REAFFIRMATION

The Rev. Dr. Randy and Mrs. Beth Bush

*I reaffirm my vow to love and honor you, giving thanks for what has been and looking forward to all that will be. I will continue to share the journey of life with you in faith, hope and love, with God's help.*

*We celebrate those in our church family who joined in committed relationships during 2020-2021:*

Matt and Megan Battifarano

Ted Cmarada and Susan Spangler

Stephanie Creasy and Isaac Smith

Jason Dauer and David Falk

Ian and Courtney Lavanish

Paul Miller and Brenden Taylor

Christine and Matthew Roth

Elias Szabo-Wexler and Lindsey Ericson

Sarah and Antwone Wright

PRAYER OF BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth

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.*

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

David Carl

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Woodworth

*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.*

*You are invited to use the QR code to the right if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. A donation box is also available in the Sanctuary.*



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*Love Is Little* is a Shaker tune from 1834. It comes from the South Union Shaker Village in South Union, Kentucky. The South Union village was founded in 1807 in Auburn, Kentucky in 1807 and closed in 1922.

The Lord said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19:7)

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738) was a leading composer in France during the Baroque era. The *Fanfare-Rondeau* is from **Mouret's first of two Suites de symphonies** and was composed in 1729.

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Love Is Little"

arr. Mark Schweizer

*Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirits grow,  
Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.*

*Love is gentle, love is small, love will find the best of all,  
Find the peace, find the light, love will do the thing that's right.*

*Love is silent, love is strong, love will sing a quiet song,  
Sing of peace, sing of light, love will do the thing that's right.*

*Love is wonder, love is grace, love will bind all in its place;  
Bind the peace, bind the light, love will do the thing that's right.*

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor  
nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y  
alabanzas a Dios.

Leader: O God, we give you thanks for all your gifts of goodness and grace, of loving relationships, nurturing friendships and daily connections with those around us. Receive now these gifts as a sign of our commitment to you. Use them for your purposes and ever for your perfect glory. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #366 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

HYFRYDOL

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare-Rondeau"

Dr. Moore, organ  
Jean-Joseph Mouret

*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.*

*Please turn off all electronic devices before the service begins.*

#### ♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
David Carl  
Sara Hackett  
Kathryn Ophardt  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Trio: Todd Farwell  
Gail Mosites  
Robin Schneider  
Beadle: Polly McQueen  
Crucifer: Liz Hopkins  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME SUSPENDED

Out of an abundance of caution, we are not providing coffee or refreshments. However, water is available in the Fellowship Room.

#### ♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$150.

#### ♦ 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. The service is also streamed on Zoom.

*Oct 31* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am ..... Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. The service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

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#### ♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France. Rev. BJ Woodworth leads this service in the Chapel.

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.

Available everyday

#### ♦ WEEKLY SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERINGS

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies on Zoom ([www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us)).

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

Mindfulness Meditation

Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada will guide participants in mindfulness meditation practices and offer supports for practicing meditation in every day life on Zoom ([www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us)).

Thursdays, 8 am to 8:30 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our red Friendship Books.

*To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:*

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

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

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Church Tour

Tim VanFleet will guide a church tour of the first floor after today's 11 am worship service. If you would like to participate, please gather at the Hospitality Desk at the Highland Ave entrance immediately after the service.

### Connections Group to Visit Asian Lantern Festival

Our Connections Group will meet at the Pittsburgh Zoo today at 6:30 pm to explore the Asian Lantern Festival. Tickets are \$20 (\$17 for Zoo members), and may be purchased online (specify Oct 24 at 6:30 pm) or at the gate. Bring your mask. Please RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

### Outdoor Livestreaming Space for Sanctuary Service

We have set up an outdoor streaming area for our Sanctuary worship service on Sundays at 11 am. If your family is not yet comfortable attending worship indoors, join us in the Courtyard. Parents and guardians must remain with their kids.



### Dr. Ed Moore's Concert Played on WQED

This evening at 10 pm, WQED will replay (for the third time) Dr. Edward Alan Moore's concert at St. Paul's Cathedral from July 7, 2019.



### Intermediate SSL Class — Thursdays

Our intermediate Spanish as a Second Language class meets on Thursdays at 4 pm. You are welcome to join us as we learn about ourselves, our neighbors, and God through the Spanish language! Join us on Zoom at tiny.cc/elpc-ssl-class.

### Role of Educators in Affirming Racial Identity — Oct 31

The topics of race and education are—and have always been—inextricably intertwined. So, let's talk about it! Join the Facing Systemic Racism Committee during the Church School hour on Sunday, Oct 31 for an intergenerational conversation through story with Dr. Beverly Harris-Schenz and Dr. Linda Lane. If interested in learning more about racial identity in the classroom from the lived perspective of Dr. Beverly Harris-Schenz, please join us!



### Special Acknowledgements During Worship — Oct 31

As part of our All Saints' Day service at 11 am on Sunday, Oct 31, we will remember those in our congregation and larger church family who have passed away since January 2020. Please submit your loved one's name (and photo) if you would like them to be included to Megan (MeganL@coh.net).



### Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Nov 1 and 2

Join the PW Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* on Monday, Nov 1 from 7–8:30 pm and/or Tuesday, Nov 2 from 10 am–12 pm. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

*Join us for worship on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 7 and come forward with your pledge and food donations.*

How many of us have wished that God would work on our timeline and just do exactly what we ask? How many of us have been awakened by the brilliance of God's glory when it showed up in God's way, in God's time?

It takes faith to go where God leads. This year, we are summoning our faith as we walk with God in re-activating our church and manage the ongoing effects of the pandemic. In order to keep ELPC vital and be prepared to follow God, we are planning a pledge goal of \$760,000, which is a 4% increase over last year.

We also are planning a fall food drive to support our sisters and brothers who are experiencing food insecurity. Requested items include canned fruits, vegetables, and tuna; pastas; instant potatoes; etc.

During this season, *listen* for the sounds of God's presence in birds singing, belly laughter, and the choir's anthems. *Watch* for God's presence in spectacular murals, crunchy leaves, and purple sunrises. *Experience* God's presence in the courage of civil servants, the tenderness of caregivers, and the deep commitment of our teachers.

As we attend to all that God has given us and to where God has led us, our hope is that we all can be prayerful and faithful in pledging, so that our church can follow where God is leading us in 2022.





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

Linda Benedict's cousin Rhonda,  
Bill Buchanan,  
Martha DeMarzi's cousins Bob and Derrick,  
Peta Harrigan Cole's brother Philip,  
Darlene Matta's father, and  
Russ Overfield.

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### **YAM "Champing" Fall Retreat — Nov 5 to 7**

This year's retreat is unique in that it is "champing"—camping at a church that is no longer used for services. Tents, camping mats, and/or cots are provided, but you may bring your own. There is 3,000+ sq ft of space, so plenty of room to spread out safely.

The theme will be *Being Comfortable with the Uncomfortable*. Four guest speakers will be leading the discussions on being comfortable in the moments of our life when we might find discomfort: being uncomfortable with ourselves, in community, and bearing witness to suffering and change.

The cost is \$30/person (scholarships are available). Contact Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net) for more details about this retreat. RSVP by Friday, Oct 29.

### **Spiritual Gathering — Nov 14**

All LGBTQIA+ folks and allies are welcome to attend our LGBTQ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, Nov 14 at 12:30 pm. For more details, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).



### **Giving Tree — Nov 14, 21 and 28**

ELPC members have always been extremely generous in supporting this important ministry, and we look forward to providing gifts to children in our community once more. This year, you will have three Sundays to participate online using SignUp Genius on Sundays, Nov 14, 21 and 28. Gifts will be due at the church no later than Sunday, Dec 5.

### **Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee — Nov 21**

On Sunday, Nov 21, we will welcome Dr. Asa Lee, the new president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, as an adult education presenter and also a guest preacher at our 11 am worship service. The Rev. Dr. Lee is an ordained Baptist minister with degrees in music, theology, and educational leadership. His wife, the Rev. Chenda Lee, is an elder in the Methodist church and they have four daughters. It is a joy to welcome Dr. Lee to Pittsburgh and ELPC!



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### **Deanna Witkowski in Concert — Today**

Today at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church (310 Shady Ave) Deanna Witkowski, jazz pianist and Mary Lou Williams biographer, will perform *Mary Lou's Mass* with a twelve-voice choir and instrumental jazz quartet. The suggested donation is \$20; preferred seating is \$50 (students admitted free with ID). Please visit [www.deannawitkowski.com/mary-lou-williams](http://www.deannawitkowski.com/mary-lou-williams) for details.

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### **AdventUS Retreat: *Joining a Hope That Has Come* — Dec 3 & 4**

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a virtual *AdventUS Retreat* from 6 pm Friday, Dec 3 to 7 pm Saturday, Dec 4. The cost is \$25.

We will have opening and closing Zoom time in community with each other and optional times in between to join together for the prayer liturgies and meditations included in the retreat experience.

Everything you need will be prepared for you in advance and be able to be picked up on Sunday, Nov 28 for you to prepare a space internally and externally to be on retreat.

While this retreat is virtual, if you are interested in physically getting away to participate, we have up to 10 single rooms available at Camp Crestfield for \$75/night and \$14/meal (if you would want meals provided).

RSVP to Norma (Norma@coh.net) by Sunday, Nov 21. Contact Rev. BJ Woodworth (BJW@coh.net) with questions.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*Oct 31 • 9:45 to 10:45 am*

### ◆ ADULTS ◆

Both in-person and on Zoom

Contact Sara Hackett or Rev. Heather Schoenewolf for Zoom links.

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### ◆ CHILDREN & YOUTH ◆

Pre-school through Grade 5 — Courtyard

Grades 6 through 12 — Play Yard (facing Baum Boulevard)