



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 7, 2021 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

J.S. Bach's (1685-1750)
Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor is one of the most recognizable pieces of organ music. Scholars throughout the years have debated about whether or not the piece was actually composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, or if even it was originally written for the violin instead of the organ! This popular work has been transcribed and arranged countless times for a variety of instrumental arrangements, full symphony orchestra, concert band, wind ensemble, brass ensemble, in solo arrangements for violin, flute, horn, and even for rock band!

TIME OF PREPARATION

"It is not the person who has too little, but the one who craves more, that is poor...
For the most grievous kind of destitution is to want money in the midst of wealth."
— Seneca (d. 65 CE)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
"Tocatta in D Minor, BWV 565" Johann Sebastian Bach
"Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier, BWV 731"
(Blessed Jesus, We Are Here)

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

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Praise the Lord! The Lord will never leave us alone.
People: Let the name of the Lord be renowned throughout the earth, now and forever!
Leader: Come, let us worship our gracious, generous God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #712

FOREST GREEN

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Woodworth

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and pridefully seek privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we think too little of ourselves and believe we have nothing of worth to give to you. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our anxious spirits that we may give generously and live **faithfully for you all our days. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Woodworth

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!

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Moses George Hogan (1957-2003) was born in New Orleans and studied at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Juilliard School of Music. His arrangements, over seventy in number, of spirituals are performed regularly by choirs around the world.

As they came to Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and those who sold doves. (Mark 11:15)

Too many people spend money they earned... to buy things they don't want...to impress people that they don't like. (Will Rogers)

INTRODUCTION OF SERMON THEME

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

I Kings 17:8-16

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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).

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Moses Hogan

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley In Peace”

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.

We will meet our loved ones there.

For Jesus...

There will be no trials there.

There will be no trials there.

For Jesus...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:41-44

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

“Intervals of Faith: Tritone – Resolving the Tension”

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #699 “Fill My Cup”

FILL MY CUP

Congregation sings refrain; choir sings verses.

PRESENTATION OF STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES & FOOD DONATIONS

* HYMN #694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DATE
IN HISTORY:
The evangelist Billy
Graham was born
(1918), the Museum of
Modern Art opened in
New York City (1929),
the Marx Brothers' movie
Duck Soup opened in
theaters (1933), and the
first issue of *Ebony* was
released (1945); also
Congress overrode
President Nixon's veto of
the War Powers Act,
which would have
expanded the President's
ability to wage war
without congressional
approval.

Not everything that can
be counted counts, and
not everything that
counts can be counted.
(Albert Einstein)

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited to
come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may receive the bread and
the cup, then returning to their seats via the side aisles to partake of the elements. Those not able to
come forward will be served in their seats.*

COMMUNION HYMN #697 (vs. 1, 4-6)

HENDON

"Take My Life"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Almighty God, whether we have given from abundance or scarcity, we
humbly offer these gifts to you. Transform them by your grace and send
them forth into the world to the glory of your name, through your son
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, One God, Mother and Father of us all.

People: Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #708

SCHUMANN

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565"

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Johann Sebastian Bach

*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.

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
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadles: Liz Hopkins
Polly McQueen
Crucifer: Mark Statler
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).

◆ 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.

Nov 14 — 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. 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).

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).

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.

TODAY AT ELPC

Stewardship Sunday

This year's Stewardship theme is *Follow as God Leads*. As we look ahead with faith to be led where God leads us in 2022, we're setting a goal of \$760,000 in pledges, a 4% increase over last year. Please fill out a pledge card (available from an usher), or submit your pledge online or by mail. Donations for the EECM Food Pantry will also be collected today. You can also drop off donations in the staff parking lot (Baum Blvd) from 12:30-1:30 pm. Thank you for your generosity!

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 services.

The *Journey* service DOD is Dana Carl.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Drew Simpson.



Learn How to Help a Refugee Family — Nov 10

ELPC is adopting a refugee family and we need your help! Volunteer opportunities include donations, mentorship, friendship and more. Please contact Eric Jester to find out more (eric@new-burgh.com). Our next planning meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov 10 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Telling the Truth with Dr. George Yancy — Nov 14

Following the 11 am Sanctuary service on Sunday, Nov 14, the Facing Systemic Racism Committee is honored to have Dr. George Yancy discuss the courage and vulnerability in painful listening, the dangers of truth telling, and the importance of trust and love in teaching truth. Participants may view the presentation in the Social Hall or via Zoom at 12:30 pm.

Prior to our discussion, please read a letter by Dr. Yancy, titled *Dear White America*, which was originally published in The New York Times on Dec 24, 2015. Copies are available on the info tables around the church, and is also on the church's website at www.ELPC.church.

Dr. Yancy is professor of philosophy at Emory University and is a distinguished scholar at Dartmouth College. He is a revered author and speaker on racism in America and the impact of white backlash in conversations about race.

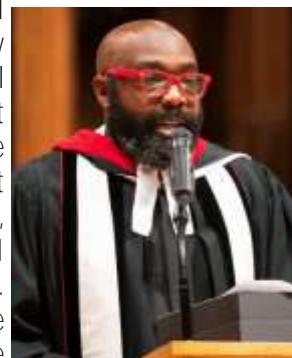


Giving Tree — Nov 14, 21 and 28

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 take a tag (Nov 14, 21, 28), or to participate online using SignUp Genius. 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 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!



Spiritual Gathering — Nov 21 (new date)

All LGBTQIA+ folks and allies are welcome to attend our **LGBTQ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, Nov 21 at 12:30 pm**. For more details, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

Youth Ice Skating — Nov 21

Youth in grades 6–12 will gather for ice skating at The Rink at PPG Place on Sunday, Nov 21. Please bring \$10 (scholarships are available). Fully vaccinated students can **ride in the church van**. We'll meet downtown, but the time will be determined. RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

ELPC Cooks International Virtual Coffee Hour — Nov 21

The Board of Deacons will be presenting a video, titled *ELPC Cooks International*, at a virtual coffee hour following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Nov 21 from Noon-1 pm. The video features five recipes prepared by ELPC members. There will also be an updated *International Recipe Book* with ethnic/cultural recipes for you to enjoy at home. Join us in the Social Hall or on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID: 854 5639 0917; Passcode: 772883).

Advent Party — Nov 28

Youth in grades 6–12 are hosting an Advent Party for our church family on Sunday, Nov 28 from 12:30-1:30 pm. We need your help leading crafts, setting up, selecting the best music, and helping others feel welcome. Contact Sara Hackett if you can help (SaraH@coh.net).



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

Families of the victims of the school bus accident in Butler County this week,

Rev. Dr. Bob and Jan Chesnut's grandson David,

Martha DeMarzi's cousins Bob and Derek,

Peta Harrigan Cole's brother Philip,

Darlene Matta's father, Russ Overfield,

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's father, and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to Karen Fraser on her brother's passing.

Condolences to the family of Justin Johnson on his passing.

The funeral will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday at 11 am.

Visitation will be in the Sanctuary on Tuesday from 4-7 pm.

Condolences to Nancy Leshar on the passing of her daughters.

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.

Hanging of the Greens — Dec 5

Help decorate ELPC for the Christmas season on Sunday, Dec 5 following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. Any amount of time you can help would be appreciated!

Advent Devotions

The Faith Formation Board is collecting stories around the theme of *Waiting* written by those in our ELPC community to be part of an Advent devotional. Please reach out to Pastor Heather (HeatherS@coh.net), Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net) or Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) if you have a story to share about a time it was hard to wait and those who helped you through it, a time you waited and felt closer to God, or saw God show up in surprising ways, or a time you waited and asked God a lot of questions along the way. We look forward to sharing our stories while we wait this Advent.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bach Choir in Concert: *Uprooted* — Nov 13 and 14

The Bach Choir of Pittsburgh continues to move forward through the pandemic into a season of healing and music-making with a live concert of acapella spirituals arranged by William Dawson, *Uprooted*, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Nov 13 at 7:30 pm, and at 4 pm on Sunday, Nov 14. Also included in this concert will be pieces by Harry Burleigh and Thomas W. Douglas. Vaccination certificates and masks are required. For additional info and/or tickets, please visit www.bachchoirpittsburgh.org. Receive a 25% discount on your ticket purchase by using the code 25CONG.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering — Nov 23

Join members of Pittsburgh's many different faith communities at the *45th Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering*, hosted by Congregation Beth Shalom, at 7:30 pm on **Tuesday, Nov 23**. This year's theme is *Doing Good Work*. Connect with opportunities to get involved in advocacy, non-profit, and volunteer organizations in our community. Please bring your COVID-19 vaccination card with you and be prepared to show it. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please contact Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman (mgoodman@bethshalomphg.org) or Rev. Karie Charlton (karieanncharlton@gmail.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 14 • 9:45 to 10:45 am

◆ ADULTS ◆

Both in-person and on Zoom

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

Journey with Scripture — Psalm 119:25–32 ; Amos 7:10–17; Luke (Q) 7:18–30 (*John's Inquiry About the One to Come; John-More than a Prophet; For and Against John*); Galatians 4:1–11, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

Parenting Circle — “The Sandbox Revolution” facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers — “A Pittsburgh Company Countering Online Human Trafficking” led by Cara Jones, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — We will discuss the Fifth Commandment with our book *No Other God — The Politics of the Ten Commandments*, led by Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members.

◆ CHILDREN & YOUTH ◆

Pre-school through Grade 5 — *There is a hold on in-person classes for this age group until January 2022.*

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