



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 14, 2021 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

A prominent ringing technique employed by the bass handbells in **this morning's prelude** is called *martellato lift*. This percussive effect is achieved by holding the bell by the handle and striking the body of the bell on the padded table and lifting the bell into the air.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Born of a Monday, fair in the face,
Born of a Tuesday, full of God's grace,
Born of a Wednesday, merry and glad,
Born of a Thursday, sour and sad,
Born of a Friday, Godly given,
Born of a Saturday, work for your living,
Born of a Sunday, ne'er shall you want,
So ends the week, and there's an end on't."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Prelude in C"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
David Johnson
ELPC Ringers
Dan R. Edwards

"Chimings of Great Joy"

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16)

Paige McKenzie, Melia Chandler

Leader: The Lord gives me counsel; therefore I will keep the Lord always before me.

People: God is at our right hand; we shall not be moved.

Leader: My heart is glad and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

People: You show us the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: God, our Comforter and Provider, we gather now to worship you!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #357

LLANGLOFFAN

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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On this date in history was born painter Claude Monet (1840), composer Aaron Copland (1900), the British Broadcasting Corporation/BBC (1922), and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (1954). Also, reporter Nellie Bly set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days; she made it in 72 (1889), and the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 1,000 for the first time ever (1972).

My mother groan'd,
my father wept,
into the dangerous
world I leapt,
helpless, naked,
piping loud,
like a fiend hid
in a cloud.
(William Blake)

Let choice whisper in
your ear and love
murmur in your heart. Be
ready. Here comes life.
(Maya Angelou)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

God of grace, all around us are wars and rumors of wars. We are afraid for ourselves and our world. We grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

HANDBELL ANTHEM "They'll Know We Are Christians"

arr. Douglas Wagner

INTRODUCTION OF SERMON THEME

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25

Paige McKenzie, Melia Chandler

RECOGNITION OF STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

The Personnel Committee

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Kathryn Ophardt

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 #74

"When God Restored Our Common Life"

RESIGNATION CMD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

"Intervals of Faith: Major 6th – Birthpangs"

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Nocturne op. 72, no. 1"

The Rev. Dr. Bush
F. Chopin

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.

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.



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William Mundy
(c. 1529-1591) was a prominent Renaissance English composer who served from 1559 until his death at the Chapel Royal.

There is a secret in our culture, and it's not that birth is painful. It's that women are strong.
(Laura Stavoe Harm)

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "A New Commandment"

William Mundy
text based on John 13:34

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Kathryn Ophardt

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:	How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done? Take our offerings this day – and take our very selves – that your will may be done in our church, in our community, and throughout your diverse and beautiful world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #215 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

WONDROUS LOVE

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Dr. Moore, organ
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.

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
Paige McKenzie and Melia Chandler
Kathryn Ophardt
The Personnel Committee
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Doug Booth
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 \$175.

♦ 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 21 — 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.

Nov 21 — The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary President, preaching.

♦ 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

Teaching the Truth with Dr. George Yancy

Following today's 11 am Sanctuary service, 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 (zoom.us; Meeting ID: 872 4009 7178; Passcode: 932158).

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.

Recognition of Staff Anniversaries

This morning we acknowledge ELPC staff members who celebrate a special anniversary (ending in 0 or 5) either in 2020 or 2021. They are:

Full-time:

Chaz Clemons.....	5 years
Wil Forrest.....	10 years (<i>now 11</i>)
Dr. Edward Alan Moore.....	10 years
Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.....	15 years
Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy.....	25 years
Norma Meyer.....	25 years
Joe Harris.....	30 years

Part-time:

Adrianna Cleveland.....	5 years
<i>(Journey/Sanctuary choirs)</i>	
Kathleen Whitaker (<i>Taizé musician</i>) ..	5 years (<i>now 6</i>)
Lauren Ward (<i>Childcare</i>)	5 years
David Jennings-Smith	
<i>(Journey choir)</i>	5 years
<i>(Sanctuary choir)</i>	23 years
Jennifer Gorske (<i>Taizé musician</i>).....	20 years (<i>now 21</i>)
James Avant (<i>Taizé musician</i>)	25 years (<i>now 26</i>)

Giving Tree

Signup Genius will be used this year for gift selection. The link may be accessed today (www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A49ACAA28A57-giving1). Sign up with help from the deacons are scheduled after worship on Sundays, Nov 21 and 28, and before and after Taizé Prayer on Wednesday, Dec 1. Gifts are due on Sunday, Dec 5.

Sanctuary/ Chapel Tour

Following today's 11 am service, join a tour of ELPC by Tim VanFleet highlighting Church history and architectural contrasts of the Chapel and Sanctuary. The Narthex, Trinity Chapel, and Chancel will also be included. Please gather in the Highland Lobby at the hospitality desk.

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 Tom Sturgill.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Molly Davidson-Welling.



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 contact 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.

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.

PW Thank Offering — Nov 21

Presbyterian Women invite you to join in making a *special offering to the Lord* in gratitude for your blessings this Thanksgiving on Sunday, Nov 21. Make checks payable to "PW in ELPC" and write "Thank Offering" in memo line.

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).

ELPC Cooks International Virtual Coffee Hour — Nov 21

The Board of Deacons will present a video titled *ELPC Cooks International* at a virtual coffee hour after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 21 from Noon-1 pm, featuring 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).



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

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, and
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's father.

Condolences to the family of Justin Johnson on his passing.

Condolences to Larry White on the passing of his grandfather.

A Note of Thanks...

Florence Johnson and family would like to thank everyone at ELPC for their expressions of sympathy on her husband's passing.

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. RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

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).

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. Materials can be picked up on Sunday, Nov 28 for you to prepare a space internally and externally to be on retreat.

If you are interested in physically participating, we have up to 10 rooms available at Camp Crestfield for \$75/night and \$12/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!

Zoom Inquirers' Class — Dec 5

Are you interested in becoming part of the ELPC faith family? Join Pastor Randy Bush on Sunday, Dec 5 at 2 pm on Zoom to learn about ELPC's ministries and programs and ways to be involved at ELPC and in our community! Zoom info: www.zoom.us; Meeting ID: 811 9583 8813.

Sanctuary/ Chapel Tours — Nov 28, Dec 12 and 26

Following the 11 am service on Sundays, Nov 28, Dec 12 and 26, join a tour of ELPC highlighting Church history, and architectural contrasts of the Chapel and Sanctuary. The Narthex, Trinity Chapel, and Chancel will be included.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bach Choir in Concert: Uprooted — Today!

The Bach Choir of Pittsburgh presents a live concert of acapella spirituals arranged by William Dawson, *Uprooted*, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church at 4 pm today. Vaccination certificates and masks are required. Please visit www.bachchoirpittsburgh.org and enter coupon code 25CONG for a 25% discount on your ticket purchase.

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).

Kingsley Center's Family Support Resources

East Liberty Family Center at the Kingsley Center is available to help with family support and resources with educational workshops, parenting classes, diaper bank, men and women's programming, and other resources. Please contact Joshua McKinley, Family Development Specialist (412.641.0092; jmckinley@kingsleyassociation.org).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 21 • 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 119:41–48; Amos 8:1–14; Luke (Q) 7:31–35 (*This Generation and the Generation of Wisdom*); Galatians 4:12–20, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

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

Seekers — “The End of Empire and European Socialism” led by Dr. Ron Stone, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — We will discuss the Sixth 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)