



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)

JANUARY 23, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

For over 30 years Dr. Gerre Edward Hancock (1934-2012) was Organist and Choirmaster at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, New York City. Dr. Ed Moore studied with him at the Eastman School of Music. The tune *Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)* is based on a Silesian folk song from the early 19th century.

The spirit is the true self, not that physical figure which can be pointed out by your finger. (Cicero, *De Republica*)

PRAYER:
Holy One, thank you for the gift of this day. Help me to stay attentive to your creation and be ever mindful of your teachings as I travel through it. By your Holy Spirit, empower me to see and spread the good news of your grace for all people. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

Who is the third who walks always beside you?
When I count, there are only you and I together
But when I look ahead up the white road
There is always another one walking beside you...

— T.S. Eliot, *"The Waste Land"*

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)"

Gerre Hancock

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

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

Jessica Giannotta

Leader: O God, you have been our refuge from one age to the next.

People: Before the mountains rose or the land was born, from generation to generation, you are God.

Leader: A thousand years in your sight are like one day gone by, like a solitary sentry's watch in the night.

People: Satisfy us with the gift of your Spirit that we may walk by its power and rejoice in you all the days of our lives.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #149

ROCKPORT

"All Hail to God's Anointed"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Almighty God, we confess that we have been vessels of false spirits, led astray by the idols of this world. We have depended on our possessions and not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you **offer and failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.** We have sought security in the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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On this Day in History:
Elizabeth Blackwell was
the first woman to
receive a medical degree
in the U.S. (1849); the
first successful insulin
injection was given to a
diabetes patient (1922);
Walter Morrison sold his
rights to his flying disc
(Frisbee) to Wham-O
(1957); and the following
people died:
Edvard Munch (1944),
Salvador Dali (1989),
Paul Robeson (1976),
and Johnny Carson
(2005).

This same incident is
described in Mark 6:1-6;
however, Luke moves it
up to the beginning of
Jesus' ministry. Scrolls of
the Hebrew scriptures
were kept in a special
place in the synagogue
and handed to readers
by the "chazzan" or
attendant of the
synagogue. On this day
Jesus read a Messianic
text from the prophet
Isaiah.

The text of *God Is My
Strong Salvation* is by
Paul Gerhardt
(1607-1676), a German
theologian, Lutheran
minister, and hymn
writer. Three of his hymn
texts are in our *Glory to
God* hymnal, #104, 703,
and 815.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 #205 (please sing 3 times)

UBI CARITAS

"Live in Charity"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 36:22-28

Kathryn Ophardt

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 a family-friendly space in the Garth Overlook Room (to see and hear worship on a monitor).

* HYMN #722

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

CANONBURY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Living in the Power of the Spirit — Part 1"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice 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. Dr. Bush

*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

"God Is My Strong Salvation"

Richard Shephard

God is my strong salvation; no enemy I fear;

God hears my supplication, dispelling all my care;

If God, my head and master, defend me from above,

What pain or what disaster can part me from God's love?

I fully am persuaded, and joyfully declare,

I'm never left unaided, my God does hear my prayer.

God's comforts never fail me, God stands at my right hand;

When tempests fierce assail me, they're calm at God's command.

The ground of my profession is Jesus and his blood.

He giveth me possession of everlasting good.

To me his spirit speaketh many a precious word

Of rest to him who seeketh a refuge in the Lord.

My merry heart is springing, it can no more be sad;

With laughter and with singing, in God's own sunshine glad.

For Christ is now preparing his city new and bright;

Where saints his throne are sharing, and faith is turned to sight.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

We thank thee, O God,
for our spiritual nature.
We are in nature but we
live above nature. Help
us never to let anybody
or any condition pull us
so low as to cause us to
hate. Help us to walk
together, pray together,
sing together, and live
together until that day
when all God's children
will rejoice in our
common band of
humanity in the Kingdom
of our Lord and God.
Amen.

(Prayer, Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr., 1956)

God is a Spirit: and they
who worship God must
worship God in spirit
and in truth.
(John 4:24)

TRURO is an anonymous
tune first published
around 1778 in a
collection of Psalm and
hymn tunes. The name
comes from the city and
cathedral of Cornwall, the
most southwestern
county of the United
Kingdom.

* 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:	God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given. By your Holy Spirit may they empower us to further your reign in this world now and forevermore. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #772

"Live Into Hope"

TRURO

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Truro"

J. Wayne Kerr
Dr. Moore, *organ*



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
Jessica Giannotta
Kathryn Ophardt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire
Crucifer: Mark Statler
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME SUSPENDED

Due to the pandemic, our Fellowship Time is suspended. 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 will also be streamed on Zoom.
Jan 30 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy 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.
Jan 30 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush 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 on Zoom to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am
Meeting ID #959 8065 3992
Passcode: bestill

Yoga and Centering Prayer Offering
The ELPC Spiritual Life Committee is excited to offer Yoga and Centering Prayer led by Katrina Woodworth in the Sanctuary. This class includes breathing practices along with Hatha Yoga postures and ends with 10–15 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. Donations are accepted. Please register in advance online at www.tiny.cc/yoga-and-prayer.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-9 am

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

Sanctuary/Chapel Tour

Following today's 11 am service, join Jo Ellen Aleshire for a tour of ELPC highlighting church history and architectural contrasts of the Chapel and Sanctuary. The Narthex, Trinity Chapel, and Chancel will be included. Please gather at the Highland Lobby after worship.

Snow Tubing at Boyce Park

Anyone from the church is welcome to join us as we have reserved the snowtubing area this afternoon from 12:30-2:30 pm. You must be 42" tall to snow tube. Participants between 42"-50" must be linked to an adult while tubing. All 6th-12th graders can be dropped off as youth leaders will be there to chaperone. Cost to snow tube is \$10 per person but scholarships are available. Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) immediately after the service to see if space is available.

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 Linda Harrington.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Children and Youth Ministries

In light of the current surge of the Omicron variant in our region, ELPC is pausing all indoor, in-person ministry to **children and youth**. We regret that conditions simply aren't safe enough for us to gather as we had hoped, but plan to continually monitor and reevaluate this situation so that we can gather in person as soon as it is safer to do so. For the most up-to-date info, please visit our website: www.ELPC.church.

In the meantime, 6th-12th grade Church School and 7th-12th grade club 116 will move to Zoom. And plans are already in the works for intergenerational offerings to help us stay connected during this season.

Bowling at ELPC

Families can reserve a time through Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) to come in and use the church's bowling alley throughout the month.

A Letter from the Birmingham Jail:

Remembrance and Reflection — Jan 30

During the Church School hour on Sunday, Jan 30, the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, the Facing Systemic Racism Committee and the Faith Formation Board invite all adults and students in grade 6 and up to participate in a discussion of the **Rev. Dr. King's prophetic letter**.

For this first installment of a three-part series, Dr. Bush, who has done substantive research on the letter as part of his dissertation, will serve as the principal presenter.

Join us in person in the Social Hall or via Zoom (www.Zoom.us, Meeting ID 188 135 194, or call 929.205.6099 using the same Meeting ID). Dr Bush's remarks will also be recorded.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Feb 1 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study lesson *Bathsheba* on Tuesday, Feb 1 from 10 am-Noon or Monday, Feb 7 from 7-8:30 pm. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Foundation of HOPE | Adult Diversion Presentation — Feb 6

On Sunday, Feb 6 from 12:30-1:30 pm, please join the Justice Committee for a presentation about the *Foundation of HOPE Adult Diversion Program* that redirects adults involved in low-level offenses into a restorative program and away from a criminal record, prosecution, and incarceration. ELPC will be joined by the *Foundation of HOPE Adult Diversion* Director Mica Williams, and a case manager, who will discuss their work and opportunities for involvement by ELPC members. The presentation will be in-person in the Social Hall and also available Zoom. Light snacks will be provided. For more info, contact Stephanie Creasy (screasy16@gmail.com).

A New Take on Climate Change — Feb 10

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is reading a new book titled *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis*, edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson. This diverse collection of essays and a few poems are written by female activists, scientists, artists, architects, policymakers, and thinkers of various ages. We invite you to read the book, and join us to talk about your favorite parts on Thursday, Feb 10 at 7 pm via Zoom. To RSVP, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

ELPC Mask Usage Update

All people visiting and working in ELPC will be required to wear a face mask both inside and outside (on the property) regardless of vaccination status, with it being strongly recommended that the mask be an N95, surgical, or comparable mask.



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

Linda Benedict,
Martha DeMarzi's neighbor's son,
Wil Forrest's brother Loren,
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy, Rev. Hydie Houston,
Darlene Matta's father Bob Schwab,
Nancy Phillips, Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's father, and
Cami Teacoach's friend Celina during her pregnancy.

Guest Preacher — Feb 13

On Sunday, Feb 13, the first in a series of annual joint services with Eastminster Presbyterian Church is being planned. The worship service will combine the music leaders and choirs of our two churches, and utilize liturgists from both congregations. As a "pulpit swap," the Rev. Aaron Teter, newly installed co-pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, will present the message.

This joint service is planned to be a hybrid event with both in-person and livestream options for participation.

Climate Change and the Green New Deal — Feb 13

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to a panel discussion on *Climate Change and the Green New Deal* following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Feb 13 in the Social Hall and on Zoom. Together, we will examine the issue of climate change, its implications for racial and economic justice, and how we can combat it by building a mass movement for a *Green New Deal*. Panelists include Claire Cohen, M.D., Patricia DeMarco, Ph.D. and Helen Gerhardt. To RSVP, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net). Light refreshments provided.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Feb 20

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. This month we will meet via Zoom and maybe in person. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).



Download Our New App

ELPC recently published a mobile app to serve as a hub for all ELPC-related news, events, and digital offerings. On the app, you can stream live and archived worship services and concerts, watch sermons, listen to our Taizé podcast, download bulletins, browse events, connect with our social media pages, read up-to-date news, and more. The app is available for Android users on Google Play™ and will soon be available for iOS users on the App Store®. Search for "East Liberty Presbyterian."



In our

COMMUNITY



Free COVID Tests

Free COVID testing kits are now available from the U.S. government. Please visit www.covidtests.gov to order up to four kits.

Forest Bathing — Feb 26

What is forest bathing? Well, it is not a nature walk or a fitness hike. It is a 60-minute, guided visit into the natural world, where we will slow down, awaken our senses, and nurture our relationship with nature.

Through a series of invitations, beginning on Saturday, Feb 26 (time and location to be determined), you will find your own ways of connecting with nature as you relax into being present with the sights, smells, sounds, textures, and tastes of the woods.

There's no rush and there's no right or wrong way to do it. Simply come as you are and witness the beauty of your own relationship with nature. We also will have opportunities to share our observations with one another. We sit a lot and move slowly, so dress appropriately and consider bringing a blanket.

Congregational Meeting — Feb 27

On Sunday, Feb 27 at 12:45 pm, we will convene for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. This is a time to reflect on the past year, receive reports and budget information, and elect officers to serve on our governing councils. It also is a time to consider the ways in which God is at work in our congregation's programmatic, educational, mission-oriented, and worship lives.

Arrangement are being made for a hybrid event. You are invited to attend the meeting in the Social Hall or on Zoom. Contact Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122) for the Zoom details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 30 • 9:45 to 10:45 am

Next Sunday, all classes will combine in the Social Hall (and on Zoom) for the first of a 3-part series:

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Participate in a discussion of the Rev. Dr. King's prophetic letter. Dr. Bush, who has done substantive research on the letter as part of his dissertation, will serve as the principal presenter.

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