



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)

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Does not wisdom call,
and does not
understanding raise her
voice?...My children,
listen to me: Happy are
those who keep my
ways. For whoever finds
me finds life and obtains
favor from the Lord.
(Proverbs 8:1, 32, 35)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Holy One, heaven and
earth reverberate with
your glory, and humans
and angels alike sing
your praises. Open our
minds to your
breathtaking work in the
world, even as you call
us to spread the good
news of Jesus Christ,
our mentor and Savior,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

— Helen Keller

Where there is no struggle, there is no strength.

— Oprah Winfrey

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Robert Buckley Farley

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Dale Wood

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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

* 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

David Carl

Leader: God, the most Holy One, calls to us – here in the sanctuary, at home, or wherever the Spirit of the Lord has sent us.

People: Christ, the risen Savior, calls to us – beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily life and work.

Leader: **We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and speaking truth to power.**

People: We respond with times of prayer and worship, trusting that we are redeemed and beloved.

Leader: **Friends, as we listen for God's call in our lives, let us worship God together.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

NICAEA

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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The text for the hymn *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* can be traced back to the 5th century. It is based on the ancient Latin *Te Deum laudamus*, which translates to “God, we praise you.” The melody comes from a German hymnbook dating from 1774.

He, Watching Over Israel is a chorus in the second part of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's (1809-1847) oratorio *Elijah*. Originally composed to a German text, Mendelssohn revised the work in an English version and it was premiered in England at the Birmingham Festival in 1846. The text of this chorus is based on Psalms 121:4 and 138:7.

Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength. (St. Francis de Sales)

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #746 “Send Me, Jesus”

THUMA MINA

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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 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 #4

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-9

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Smoke, Fire & Faith”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

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

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“He, Watching Over Israel”

Text from Psalms 121:4 and 138:7

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
 here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
 praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

On this day in history **were born America's** third vice president, Aaron Burr (1756), **baseball great "Babe"** Ruth (1894), President Ronald Reagan (1911) and Reggae musician Bob Marley (1945); on this date died Pulitzer-winning historian Barbara Tuchman (1989) and tennis great Arthur Ashe (1993). Also, Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne following the death of her father, King George VI (1952).

Many of Felix **Mendelssohn's** manuscripts remained unknown until they were discovered in libraries in Berlin and Kraków, Poland in 1986. The postlude is one of the pieces found in these manuscripts.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

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 #526

LINSTEAD

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity shown to us. It is known in this breaking of bread. It is felt in your spirit that sends us forth into the harvest. It is celebrated through deeds of justice, mercy, and loving-kindness. All praise to you, our Triune God, this day and always. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Moderato Maestoso" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
Dr. Moore, organ

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
David Carl
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadles: Mario Seneca and Mark Statler
Crucifer: Liz Hopkins
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.

Feb 13 — Kathryn Ophardt 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. Worshiping with Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Feb 13 — The Rev. Aaron Teter 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

February Yoga and Mindful Meditation

Start your day on your mat, stretching and moving your body for 45-50 minutes of gentle Hatha yoga and 10-15 minutes of guided mindful meditation. February classes will have gentle and slow mindful movement, linking postures and breath and end with guided silent meditation. Donation-based. Must register online at <https://tinyurl.com/Feb-Yoga-and-Meditation>.

Monday and Wednesday mornings, 8-9 am

Feb 16, 21, 23, 28

No classes February 7, 9 or 14

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

ELPC's Updated Mask Usage Policy

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.

Church Tour

Participate in a guided tour of the Trinity Chapel today. Please gather at the Highland Lobby after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service to join the tour.

Foundation of HOPE | Adult Diversion Presentation

Please join the Justice Committee today 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 on Zoom (www.Zoom.us, Meeting ID: 813 2173 1297, Passcode: 649860) after the 11 am worship service. Light snacks will be provided. For more info, please contact Stephanie Creasy (screasy16@gmail.com).



Help Casa San José by Making Valentines

Join Casa San José in sharing love with immigrants as we make *valentines* for the people at the Moshannon Valley Processing Center. They can be in Spanish, English, or both. Handmade valentines are encouraged. You can drop them off in the Highland Lobby through today.

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.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Feb 7

Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study lesson *Bathsheba* on Monday, Feb 7 from 7-8:30 pm on Zoom. For more info, email PW.ELPC@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).

Combined Worship Service with

Eastminster Presbyterian Church — 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* at 12:30 pm on Sunday, Feb 13 in the Social Hall and on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 827 3760 9292; Passcode 755590). 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. Light refreshments will be provided.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee — Feb 13

Stop by the Narthex after next Sunday's 11 am worship service to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). If you are unable to pick up your coffee in person, contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com). Note: Café Justo will be sold on the second Sunday of the month.

Club116 Resumes — Feb 16

Club 116 will resume on Wednesday, Feb 16 for the oldest group. Club 116 will resume for all ages on Wednesday, March 2. Please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) or Pastor Heather (HeatherS@coh.net) for more info.



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,
Dan Eash, Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy,
Joseph Kennedy IV,
Darlene Matta's father Bob Schwab, Nancy Phillips,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's father, and
Cami Teacoach's friend Celina during her pregnancy.

Yoga and Mindful Meditation — Feb 16, 21, 23 and 28
Start your day on your mat, stretching and moving your body for 45-50 minutes of gentle Hatha yoga and 10-15 minutes of guided mindful meditation. The donation based classes will have gentle and slow mindful movement, linking postures and breath and end with guided silent meditation. This Spiritual Life offering will gather on Zoom on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Feb 16, 21, 23, 28 from 8-9 am. (*No classes Feb 7, 9 or 14.*) Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/Feb-Yoga-and-Meditation>.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Feb 20

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Feb 20 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).



February Church Tour — Feb 20

Participate in a guided tour of the Sanctuary and Chapel on Sunday, Feb 20. Please gather at the Highland Lobby after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service to join the tour.

Inquirers' Class — Feb 20

If you are interested in joining the ELPC faith family, please join our next Inquirers' Class at 2 pm on Sunday, Feb 20. Contact Pastor Randy Bush for details (RandyB@coh.net).

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.

In our

COMMUNITY



Free COVID and Flu Vaccinations — Feb 17

The Kingsley Association (6435 Frankstown Ave, 15206) will be a mobile COVID-19 and flu vaccination site on Thursday, Feb 17 from 10 am—1 pm. Vaccines are provided at no cost. Walk-ins are welcomed, or pre-register online at <https://vax4.allegHENYcounty.us/patient/s/> (select The Kingsley Association location).

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.

Lenten Silent Retreat — March 18 to 20

Save the date for a silent retreat at St. Emma's Monastery in Greensburg in the middle of Lent! More details coming!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 13 • 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 — Hosea 8:1–14; Community Rule (1QS 3.13–21); Romans 1:18–2:16; Luke (Q) 11:33–35 (The Light on the Lampstand, The Jaundiced Eye Darkens the Body's Light), facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

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

Seekers — “What Really is Critical Race Theory?” presented by Leigh Patel, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — A discussion of *Wholehearted Faith* by the late Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu, led by Michelle Bard and other class members.

◆ CHILDREN & YOUTH ◆

Preschool — Suspended

Kindergarten through Grade 3 — Suspended

Grades 4 and 5 — Suspended

Grades 6 through 12 — on Zoom (contact Sara for info)