



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 13, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Festal March”

Florence Price

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“Hallelujah, You’re Worthy”

Judith Christie McAllister

Eastminster Praise Team

ELPC Journey Praise Team

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, ELPC

The Rev. Aaron Teter, EPC

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

The Rev. Teter

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #339

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Total Praise”

Richard Smallwood

Eastminster and ELPC Combined Voices

CALL TO CONFESSION

Susan Spangler, ELPC

Angela Tookes, EPC

Leader A: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners.

Leader B: Those in need of forgiveness — each of us, all of us, individually and collectively.

Leader A: That is why it is important for us as Presbyterian congregations to come together honestly, humbly, uniting our voices and spirits before God, seeking God’s grace this day.

Leader B: Trusting in the God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive us our sins, let us join together in a time of confessional prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(read in unison)*

Susan Spangler

Angela Tookes

Great God, your Son called disciples and prayed for their unity. As neighboring churches, we long to answer that call, yet for too long have stood apart from one another. Forgive all divisions. Help us to confess our lack of charity toward people whose customs are different or whose creeds **conflict with what we believe. Forgive arrogance that claims God’s truth and will not learn new** ways. Heal broken fellowship by your mercy and draw the church together in one faith, ever loyal to our one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

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TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Susan Spangler
Angela Tookes

Leader A: The powerful, life-giving good news is this: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader B: Friends, gathered here or wherever you might be, let us believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise God! Alleluia!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 25:4-12

Kathryn Ophardt, ELPC

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Storm Is Passing Over"

Barbara Baker
Eastminster Chancel Choir
ELPC Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Teter

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

The Rev. Teter

SERMON

"The Paths We Take"

The Rev. Teter

* HYMN #769

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN

verse 1 – all

verse 2 – women (all on refrain)

verse 3 – all

verse 4 – men (all on refrain)

verse 5 – all

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

JoAnn Mack, EPC
The Rev. Dr. Bush

The East Liberty Presbyterian and Eastminster Church teams that helped bring about this joint worship service would like to invite both congregations into further relationship building. Our hope would be to develop and nurture new, creative connections between our two churches by sharing in personal conversation and prayer.

If you would like to take part, simply fill out the questions listed on the Prayer Card inserted in your bulletin. Then, as you leave, place your completed Prayer Card in the basket labeled with your home church's name.

Next, pick up one Prayer Card out of the neighbor church's basket in the cross aisle and take it home with you. Over the course of the next few weeks, pray for the person listed on your selected notecard. Then, at the end of February, send a brief message to that person (using their selected form of communication) to greet them, introduce yourself, and share a friendly word with them.



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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, ELPC
The Rev. Paul Roberts, EPC

Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of the mission organizations and agencies mutually supported by Eastminster Presbyterian Church and East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

Any Eastminster offering envelopes placed in the offering plates will be credited to Eastminster. You can use an ELPC offering envelope or the QR code to the right if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM "We've Come This Far By Faith/I Will Trust in the Lord"

Donnie McClurkin
Eastminster Praise Team
ELPC Journey Praise Team

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
Perry Recker, EPC

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:	Loving and Holy God, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Use them to build up your body – the church universal, to bless the poor in body and spirit, to feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, and bring peace to all, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

SIYAHAMBA

verse 1 – *Siyahamba*
verse 2 – *Marching*
verse 3 – *Dancing*
verse 4 – *Praying*
verse 5 – *Singing*

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Teter

POSTLUDE

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Adolphus Hailstork
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. Aaron Teter
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Paul Roberts
JoAnn Mack
Kathryn Ophardt
Perry Recker
Susan Spangler
Angela Tookes
Musicians: ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Journey Praise Team
Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
ELPC Organist/Music Director
Michael Warren,
ELPC Journey Praise Team Director
Eastminster Chancel Choir
Eastminster Praise Team
The Rev. Nicol L. Porter,
Eastminster Minister of Music
Dr. Nemesio Valle, III,
Eastminster Organist/Choir Director
Naomi Jones, *bongos*
Tylique Katzbeck, *piano/African rattle*
Jonathan Lightfoot, *cajon/djembe*
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire
Crucifer: Mark Statler
Sound: Tim Benedict, Wayne Gaines, ELPC
Broughton Ganaway, EPC

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME SUSPENDED

Due to the pandemic, our Fellowship Time is suspended. However, water is available in the Fellowship Room.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Huber and Mr. Harry M. Huber.

◆ 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 20 — 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 OFFERING

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom (Meeting ID 959 8065 3992) to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

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

Welcome to Eastminster Presbyterian Church Members!

Today's 11 am service is the first in a series of annual joint services with Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

We would like to invite both congregations into further relationship building. Our hope would be to develop and nurture new, creative connections between our two churches by sharing in personal conversation and prayer.

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.

Climate Change and the Green New Deal

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 today 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

Stop by the Narthex after the 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.



Yoga and Mindful Meditation — Feb 16, 21, 23 and 28

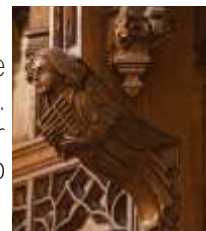
Start your day on your mat, stretching and moving your body for 45-50 minutes of gentle Hatha yoga and 10-15 minutes of guided mindful meditation. The donation based classes will have gentle and slow mindful movement, linking postures and breath and end with guided silent meditation. This Spiritual Life offering will gather on Zoom on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Feb 16, 21, 23, 28 from 8-9 am. (No class on Feb 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 on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 824 5064 2591). Please contact Pastor Randy Bush for more info (RandyB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x123).

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. Contact Pastor BJ Woodworth for info (BJW@coh.net).



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

Linda Benedict, Rachelle Calfee,
Martha DeMarzi's neighbor's son,
Dan Eash, Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy,
Mike Hellman's great-niece Amelia and her parents,
Joseph Kennedy IV,
Darlene Matta's father Bob Schwab, Nancy Phillips,
Gwendolyn Schmidt,
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother and father,
Larry Sweeney, and
Cami Teacoach's friend Celina during her pregnancy.

Condolences to Peta Harrigan Cole on her cousin's passing.

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 (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 895 1736 2467).

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 to rest, listen, be quiet, and be still in community with one another. More details are forthcoming, but mark your calendars now!

ELPC and OHM Marathon: Fun, Fitness and Fellowship

ELPC is inviting runners and fast walkers to be part of the Open Hand Ministries Pittsburgh Marathon Fundraiser. Registration is free. ELPC will have two relay teams! Please join us! For ELPC relay teams, contact team captain Bob Forloines (rforloines@gmail.com; 610.331.1134). To participate as an individual in any of the marathon races, please contact OHM's Cheryl Lowitzer (marathon@openhandpittsburgh.org; bit.ly/Ohm2022).



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 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).

DONATIONS TO ELPC

You are invited to use this QR code if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. Collection plates will be circulated during the *Offering*. A donation box is also available in the Sanctuary.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Feb 20 • 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 2:1–23; Community Rule (1QS 8:1–16); Romans 2:17–3:20; Luke (Q) 11:39–51 (Woes against the Pharisees, Woes against the Exegetes of the Law, Wisdom's Judgment on This Generation), facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

Parenting Circle — "The Sandbox Revolution" facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers — "The Divided Mind of the Black Church" presented by The Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock, facilitated by Gwen Puza

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

◆ CHILDREN & YOUTH ◆

Preschool — Suspended

Kindergarten through Grade 3 — Suspended

Grades 4 and 5 — Suspended

Grades 6 through 12 — Resumes Feb 20