



# 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 20, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in 1906. She was the first African-American woman composer to have a composition performed by a major symphony orchestra. Her *Symphony No. 1 in E Minor* was first performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933.

Though truth and falsehood be / near twins, yet truth a little elder is.  
(John Donne)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this day. Guide my steps as I face choices to care for the earth or not, to show compassion toward others or not, to care for myself or not, to be true to Christ or not. May each of my choices draw me closer to you. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart.

— Kahlil Gibran

For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed;  
nor is anything secret, except to come to light.

— Mark 4:22

### MUSIC MINISTRY

“Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546”  
“Adoration”

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Florence Price  
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.  
People: Y también contigo.

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 37)

David Jennings-Smith

Leader: Friends, take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.  
People: **Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.**  
Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.  
People: For the Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.  
Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #756

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“O God of Every Nation”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

David Jennings-Smith

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David Jennings-Smith

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We had hidden ourselves from you and the world, loving those who love us; showing kindness to those who are kind to us; giving only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Speak to us your plain truth. Help us take down our barriers. Fill our hearts with selfless love. Make us new by your matchless grace. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

### TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

George Washington signed an act that created the US Postal Service (1792); New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art opened (1872); abolitionist and statesman Frederick Douglass died in Washington, D.C. (1895); biblical scholar John Trevor authenticated that a Palestinian Bedouin had found in a small cave the Dead Sea scrolls (1948); Col. John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the earth more than once (1962).

Be so true to thyself, as thou be not false to others.  
(Francis Bacon)

From the arranger, Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970): "Down by the Riverside provides instruction for resolving matters in a peaceful and non-violent manner. With the river functioning as a source of life, reflection, rejuvenation, prayer, cleansing, and freedom, the slaves often referenced water in the songs they composed and sang. This song experienced a revival during the Civil Rights Era as African Americans and their allies marched for justice and equality."

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

David Jennings-Smith

Leader: Hear the good news: Go now to live as Christ commands. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 45:1-11, 15

Kathryn Ophardt

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Kathryn Ophardt

*Children in preschool through grade 3 are invited to the Chapel for a time of learning together. Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Parents and caregivers should meet their children in the back of in the Sanctuary during the Doxology, when children will return to the worship service.*

*The nursery is open to young children who are accompanied by their parents/caregivers during worship (there will be no staff/volunteers present); the service is livestreamed into that space.*

VIDEO

Behind the Mask: A Pandemic Photography Project  
by Beth Kukucka

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-31

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Straight Talk on Level Ground"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & 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.*

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

"Down by the Riverside"

arr. Rollo Dilworth

*War, no more. Study war, no! War no more!*

*Ain't gonna study war no more.*

*Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside.*

*I ain't gonna study war no more.*

*Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside.*

*I ain't gonna study war no more.*

\* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Almighty God, as we must go through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, may Thou go with us and strengthen us for the task. Keep us strong. Keep us calm. Help us to love our enemy. And above all, keep the fires of freedom burning in our hearts, so that no matter **what happens, ain't gonna let nobody turn us around.**  
(Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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.

The *Prelude and Fugue in C Minor* is believed to have been composed at two separate times in **Bach's life. The fugue** was probably composed **during Bach's years in** Weimar (1708-1717) and later paired with the prelude, written in Leipzig around 1730. Together they create a powerful pair.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
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:	Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our gratitude bloom forth into the lives of others, so that all will be well. In the name of the One who gave everything for us, Jesus the Christ.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #815

FESTAL SONG

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546"

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Dr. Moore, *organ*



BLESSING:

May the God who sent Joseph to Egypt and gave him tears of joy at reunion with his family, surround your days with strong visions, worthy work, reconciliations, and the strength to persevere, in the name of God, Mother and Father of us all.



*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](http://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: Kathryn Ophardt  
David Jennings-Smith  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Beadle: Polly McQueen  
Crucifer: Erich Stein  
Sound: Tim Benedict  
Lenore Williams

◆ 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 27* — 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.

*Feb 27* — 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 (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

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 21, 23, 28*

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person at 6 pm 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

A Warm Welcome to Beth Kukucka!

ELPC extends a warm welcome to Beth Kukucka, the artist who created *Behind the Mask*, a pandemic photography project that asks the question, "Who are you behind the mask?" Beth's video project will be shown during today's 11 am worship service. We thank her for joining us and sharing her moving creativity with us! Additional info can be found on Beth's website at [www.bethkphoto.com](http://www.bethkphoto.com).

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

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



Church Tour

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

**Inquirers' Class**

If you are interested in joining the ELPC faith family, please join our next Inquirers' Class at 2 pm on Zoom ([www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us); Meeting ID 824 5064 2591). Please contact Pastor Randy Bush for more info ([RandyB@coh.net](mailto:RandyB@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x123).

Annual Report Available

Copies of the 2021 Annual Report are available at the Highland Lobby entrance. Please take one copy per family.

**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.

**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 Linda Sanders.

Yoga and Mindful Meditation — Feb 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 21, 23, 28 from 8-9 am. Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/Feb-Yoga-and-Meditation>.

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, we will find our own ways of connecting with nature as we 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.



Join us in ELPC's Courtyard on Saturday, Feb 26 from 11 am to Noon to explore the hidden beauty found within the space's architecture, plants, trees, and flowers—even amidst winter. We will have a fire for warming as we slowly reflect on the beauty of the natural world. We will sit a lot and move slowly, so dress appropriately and consider bringing a blanket.

RSVP to Pastor BJ Woodworth ([BJW@coh.net](mailto:BJW@coh.net)) by Wednesday, Feb 23.

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](http://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!





*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.*

#### 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).

#### Taizé Podcast Now Available

If you are unable to come to our Taizé services in person on Wednesdays at 7 pm, stream or download a 15-minute contemplative recording each week. Each podcast includes a brief time of centering, music, a meditation, and a closing prayer. You can find a link to listen to the recordings at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church), in our *This Week in Worship* email news flash each Friday, or in our new app.



#### 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 free on Google Play™ and on the App Store®. Search for "East Liberty Presbyterian." Google Play is a trademark of Google LLC. App Store is a registered trademark of Apple Inc.

In our

## COMMUNITY



#### Dr. Ed Moore Performs Organ Concert — Feb 24

Dr. Ed Moore will be performing an organ concert this Thursday, Feb 24 at Princeton University Chapel in Princeton, NJ. The concert begins at 12:30 pm and will be broadcast live on WWFM radio. The live broadcast is available in the Trenton/Princeton area at 89.1 FM or online at [www.wwfm.org/classical-music-stream](http://www.wwfm.org/classical-music-stream). Featured on the concert will be two works by César Franck (1822-1890) in celebration of the 200th anniversary year of his birth.

#### Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to Death Penalty — Feb 24

On Feb 24 at 7 pm, Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will present the virtual program *An Evening with Larry Krasner*, the former Criminal Defense and Civil Rights lawyer who is now the District Attorney for Philadelphia. He will discuss issues related to the death penalty in Pennsylvania and efforts to reform the justice system. He will also discuss his book *For the People*. Please register on the PADP website ([www.padp.org](http://www.padp.org)) or contact Vivienne Selia (vselia@comcast.net).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*Feb 27 • 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 10:13–11:11; Community Rule (1QS 9:3–11,12–17); Romans 3:21–4:12; Luke (Q) 12:2–7 (Proclaiming What Was Whispered, Not Fearing the Body's Death, More Precious Than Many Sparrows), facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

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

Seekers — "Howard Thurman and Practices of Spirituality of Liberation" presented by The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, 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 until March 6

Grades 4 and 5 — Suspended until March 6

Grades 6 through 12 — in 2nd floor Parlor and on Zoom