



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)

APRIL 3, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Dale Wood (1934-2003) was a distinguished composer, editor, author, and composer whose sacred music has been performed and recorded worldwide. His setting of *Wondrous Love* was arranged for organist Wilma Jensen.

PRAYER:
May God guide you through all life's hard places; may Christ call you forth from every dark tomb; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with faith overflowing that you may walk unencumbered in the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

— Hymn text, Sydney Carter

MUSIC MINISTRY

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
“Wondrous Love”

Craig Phillips
Dale Wood
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carl

Leader: As people formed by God, we give praise to God this day.
People: Like rivers flowing in the desert and spring bursting forth again,
Christ makes all things new!
Leader: As people restored by God, we give praise to God this day.
People: Like vision no longer clouded and tombs no longer sealed with
stones, Christ makes all things new!
Leader: As people pressing on in faith, let us now come together to worship God
this day.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #839

ASSURANCE

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #728

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

“Somebody's Knocking at Your Door”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:15-21

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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The raising of Lazarus is the crowning miracle or “sign” in the gospel of John. It reveals Jesus as the giver of life and it prefigures his death and resurrection. Lazarus is actually a shortened form of the Hebrew name Eleazar, which means “God is my help.”

Paul J. Christiansen (1914-1997) was conductor of The Concordia Choir at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN from 1937-1986. The American folk hymn *Wondrous Love* originated in the early 19th century during The Second Great Awakening. The text was first published in a camp meeting songbook in 1811.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

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.

“All God’s Creatures”

All God's creatures got a place in the choir, some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now

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Listen to the top where the little bird sings
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,
And the hoot owl cries over everything and the blackbird disagrees
Singing in the night time, singing in the day,
When little duck quacks, and he's on his way
And the otter hasn't got much to say and the porcupine talks to himself

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The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,
The donkey brays and the pony neighs and the old gray badger sighs
Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do and the old cow just goes moo

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Songwriter: Bill Staines © BMG Rights Management

* HYMN #822 “When We Are Living” SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:38-44 The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON “Removing Impediments” The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION Kathryn Ophardt

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 “Wondrous Love” arr. Paul J. Christiansen

April 3 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

On this day in history
was born the poet
George Herbert (1593),
the author Washington
Irving (1783), actor
Marlon Brando (1924),
biologist Jane Goodall
(1934), and comedian
Eddie Murphy (1961).
Today began the Pony
Express (1860),
President Truman
inaugurated the Marshall
Plan (1948), and one day
prior to his assassination,
Dr. Martin Luther King,
Jr. gave his
“Mountaintop” speech in
Memphis, TN (1968).

As he said to the dead
Lazarus, Christ says to
us: “Come forth.” Come
forth from the despair of
doubt. Come forth from
the sorrow of sin. Come
forth from the death of
disbelief. Come forth to a
newness of life.
Come forth.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Kathryn Ophardt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		The Rev. Schoenewolf
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		Let us give thanks to the Lord
nuestro Dios.		our God.
People: Es justo dar gracias y		It is right to give God
alabanzas a Dios.		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 #510 COME, SHARE THE LORD
“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THANKSGIVING Kathryn Ophardt
Holy God, giver of bread and wine, send us now from your table in confidence
that we are your own children: born of your Spirit, fed at your table, called out
from our tombs, filled with your grace, sent to speak your truth and offer your
love to the world in Christ’s name. May it be so. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #808 “When Memory Fades” FINLANDIA

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE attr. Johann Sebastian Bach
“Little Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 559”

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 silence all electronic devices before the service begins.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Sara Hackett
Kathryn Ophardt
David Carl
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadles: Jo Ellen Aleshire and Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Mario Seneca
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is coffee available from 9:30 – 10 am in the Whitfield Lobby (lower level) and the Highland Ave Lobby. There will also be coffee available in the Narthex following the 11 am worship service.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The congregation is invited to sponsor an Easter plant or contribute to the EECM Food Pantry. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Highland Ave Lobby. You can pick up your plant/s after the 11 am Easter Sunday worship service.

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The service is also streamed on Zoom.
April 10 — 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 OFFERINGS

Contemplative and Centering Prayer for Lent
During the season of Lent, Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead Contemplative Prayer on Zoom. It will involve the reading of a Psalm and Centering Prayer (20 minutes of silence), in community with one another.
Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am
Meeting ID #959 8065 3992
Passcode: bestill

Spring Yoga and Creation Contemplation Classes
In March and April, Katrina Woodworth will teach one class on Wednesdays from 8-9 am. Winter is waning and Spring is around the corner. Seasonally and spiritually, we are entering into Lent, Easter and Spring. What better way to transition than to get on our mat and be in touch with our bodies! Inspired by the PC(USA) *Lent Daily Reflection Calendar*, our yoga practice, readings and meditations will focus in on **caring for creation in solidarity with Christ's sacrifice and resurrection!** *Please register in advance at:*
<http://tiny.cc/spring-yoga>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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

Pickleball Tournament

Youth in grades 6–12 are getting together from 12:15-3 pm today for lunch and pickleball. There will be trophies, but no experience is needed. Please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) to see if spots are still available.

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to be slideshow streaming operators for our 11 am Sanctuary worship service. We hope to setup a rotating schedule. Please see Tim Benedict, Wayne Gaines or Lenore Williams for more details, or email Tim (TimB@coh.net).

Tread Lightly for Lent: Daily Reflection/Action Calendar

This Lenten Devotional is being co-sponsored by the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee and the Faith Formation Board. It is available to download at www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent.

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 Doug Cooper.



Contemplative Prayer — Mondays

Join Rev. BJ Woodworth on Zoom (Meeting ID 959 8065 3992, Passcode bestill) during the season of Lent for Contemplative Prayer, involving the reading of a Psalm and Centering Prayer (20 minutes of silence), in community with one another. All are welcome to join us on Mondays from 7:30-8 am.

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Sewing Group — April 4

The Sewing Group plans to meet on the first Monday of each month (April 4) from 1:30-4:30 pm in Room G02. All are welcome! Please contact Diane Jackson (dnjcks44@gmail.com) for more info.

Presbyterian Women PW Bible Study — April 4 and 5

Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study lesson *Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church* on Monday, April 4 from 7-8:30 pm or Tuesday, April 5 from 10 am-Noon. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Tween Clay Night — April 8

Youth in grades 4–6 are taking a trip to the clay studio at the Union Project on Friday, April 8 from 5-7 pm. RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Lenten JourneyDance — April 8

Experience Lent in a unique way this year. Join Yamuna for her Lenten *JourneyDance* in the Chapel on Friday, April 8 from 6:30-7:45 pm. Take a musical, dancing journey as we approach the end of Lent, with songs from *Godspell* among other songs including *Guide Me, God*, *Song of the Pharaohs*, *Joyful, Joyful*, and *Prayer of St. Francis*. All ages and body types welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and come with an open heart to dance your Lenten journey. A donation from the heart is appreciated. Call/text Yamuna (412.728.8645).



Holy Week & Easter Services

Wednesday, April 13: 7 pm

Taizé Stations of the Cross led by Pastor BJ

Thursday, April 14: 7 pm (communion will be served)

Maundy Thursday led by Pastor Heather

Friday, April 15: 7 pm

Good Friday led by Pastor Randy

Saturday, April 16: 7 pm

Easter Vigil led by Pastor BJ and Pastor Randy

Sunday, April 17 (communion will be served)

Easter at 8:45 am led by Pastor Patrice

Easter at 11 am led by Pastor Randy

On Palm Sunday, April 10, the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering will be received.

Sponsor an Easter plant or contribute to the EECM Food Pantry. Order forms are at the entrances. Pick up your plant/s after the Easter Sunday service.



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

Kathy Callahan's parents Dave and Ginny,
Pat Frick's sister Kathi Johnston,
Cathie Hajdu and Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy,
Joe Kennedy, and

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother and father.

Condolences to The Rev. Cynthia Jackson on her husband's passing.

Condolences to Cathleen Malmstrom on her mother's passing.

Are We a Social Club or Justice Seekers? — April 9

In his prophetic *Letter From Birmingham Jail*, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., expressed frustration with white moderates, including clergy who were critical of civil rights efforts. Dr. King asserted that the white church needed to take a principled stand or risk being “dismissed as an irrelevant social club.”



Let us continue the conversation on Zoom (Meeting ID 846 9026 2039, Passcode 950626) on Saturday, April 9 at 6 pm, with the third and final deep dive into King's letter. We will be led by the Rev. Paul Roberts, co-pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and members of the ELPC Facing Systemic Racism Committee.

Café Justo Sales — April 10

Stop by the Narthex after the 11 am worship service next Sunday 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.*

Family Fun at Liberty Green Playground — April 10

Families with kids of all ages are invited to gather at the Liberty Green playground following our Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, April 10. Cheese pizza, drinks, and snacks will be provided. Let us know that you're coming so that we have enough. RSVP to Megan (MeganL@coh.net).

Church Tour — April 24

All are invited to join a tour of the majestic ELPC tower on Sunday, April 24. Please wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes for this tour. Gather in the Highland Lobby following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service to join the tour guide if interested.



In our

COMMUNITY



Chatham Baroque in Concert at ELPC — TODAY

Pittsburgh's own Chatham Baroque will be presenting a concert in the Sanctuary today at 2:30 pm. A limited number of tickets are available to ELPC members. Please contact Dr. Ed Moore for more info about these tickets (EdM@coh.net).

Carnegie Library Book Club Meeting — April 28

All are invited to join the Carnegie Library (East Liberty branch) for their monthly book club on Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm. They will be reading *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* by Eric Klinenberg. Call 412.363.8232 or email buccig@carnegielibrary.org to request a copy or for more info.

Yoga, Pranayama, and Meditation Retreat — April 30

On April 30 from 9am-4pm, join Yamuna Morgenstern and Katrina Woodworth for a day of enjoying practicing yoga in the Sanctuary and learning pranayama (yogic breathing techniques) to facilitate meditation, relaxation and good health in your daily life. Take time for intentional rest and develop practices that nurture the opportunity to commune with the Divine. The day will include 2 yoga classes, pranayama instruction, time for reflection and group activity, meditation practices, and lunch. Class will be limited to 15 people. The first yoga retreat filled up fast, so **don't wait to reserve your space!** Suggested donation is \$35-\$60 (lunch included). Register and donate on Eventbrite (tiny.cc/yoga-retreat). Contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

April 10 • 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 — Micah 5:2–9; Qumran (Cave 4) Vision of the Son of God, 5:12–6:14; Romans 9:1–29; Luke (Q) 14:26–14:35, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

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

Seekers — “Resurrection Spirituality,” presented by The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, and facilitated by Gwen Puza

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