



# 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)*

## MAY 15, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / FAREWELL TO PASTOR BUSH

William Mathias (1934-1992) was a renowned Welsh composer of choral, orchestral, and instrumental works. His *Fanfare* for organ was commissioned for the inaugural concert for the new organ at Memorial Hall, Barry, Wales in 1987.

FINAL WORDS:  
I must go in,  
the fog is rising.  
(Emily Dickinson)  
Go on, get out — last  
words are for fools who  
have not yet said  
enough.  
(Karl Marx)  
Friends applaud; the  
comedy is finished.  
(Ludwig van Beethoven)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

A song not for now you need not put stay,  
A tune for the was can be sung for today,  
The notes for the does-not will sound as the does;  
Today you can sing for the will-be that was.

— *Walt Kelly (creator of "Pogo")*

### MUSIC MINISTRY

"Fanfare – North"

Gregory Fritze

The Brass Roots

"Fanfare"

William Mathias

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Fanfare – West"

Gregory Fritze

The Brass Roots

### 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 (from Psalm 104)

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

Leader: How manifold are your works, O God. In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever. I will sing to God as long as I live.

People: We will sing praise to our God while we have being; I will ever rejoice in the Lord.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12

ST. DENIO

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment. In pulling back, our humanity is diminished. In turning aside, our calling as disciples is negated. Forgive us our sins, we pray. Blow your Spirit upon us and through us that we may lead lives that sustain and celebrate all of creation. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

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

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Finally, beloved,  
whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is pleasing,  
whatever is  
commendable...think  
about these things. Keep  
on doing the things that  
you have learned and  
received and heard and  
seen in me, and the God  
of peace will be with you.  
(Philippians 4:8-9)

On this day in history,  
born were the author  
L. Frank Baum (1856);  
artist Jasper Johns  
(1930); secretary of state  
Madeleine Albright  
(1937); and KC Royals  
baseball great George  
Brett (1953). Also, the  
first Mickey Mouse film  
was screened (1928)  
and the first McDonalds  
restaurant opened in San  
Bernardino, CA (1940),  
and on May 17  
segregated schools were  
ruled unconstitutional in  
Brown v. Board of  
Education (1954).

Composer Tom Fettke's  
(b. 1941) frequently  
performed setting of  
Psalm 8, *The Majesty  
and Glory of Your Name*,  
was composed in 1979.  
For many years he was a  
teacher and church  
musician in California,  
and now resides in  
Brentwood, TN.

## TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: God's promises are trustworthy and true. Be at peace as you serve the Lord. 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 #820 (sing 3 times)

NADA TE TURBE

"Nothing Can Trouble"

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 1:1-5, 31

Todd Farwell

Revelation 22:1-5

Adrianna Cleveland

### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION FOR SEASON OF TRANSITION

The Rev. Dr. Sheldon W. Sorge  
General Minister to Pittsburgh Presbytery

### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

*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 now open and staffed for children age 3 and under.*

### \* HYMN #661

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

SPARROW

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### SERMON

"For Everything There is a Season"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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. Schoenewolf

*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

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Tom Fettke  
text based on Psalm 8

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;  
the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, who are we that you are mindful of us?*

*You have given us a crown of glory and honor, and have made us a little lower than the angels.*

*You have put us in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,  
the fish of the sea. Oh, who are we? Oh, who are we that you are mindful of us?*

*O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.*

*O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

PRAYER:

Delivering God, each day  
we awaken to your  
goodness and our hearts  
cry out in praise as you  
set us to tasks for the life  
of the world. Do not let  
us hinder your love, but  
strengthen our will, as we  
offer thanks in every  
simple gesture of this  
day. Amen.

FINAL WORDS:

Last tag.  
(Richard B. Mellon,  
1858-1933)

Richard and his brother  
Andrew played a game  
of tag that lasted seven  
decades. On his  
deathbed these were  
**Richard's last words** to  
his brother.

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-  
1933) was a well-known  
German organist who  
taught music theory and  
composition at the  
Leipzig Conservatory. He  
embarked on a concert  
tour of America in spring  
1932. The tour did not go  
well as he was suffering  
from diabetes at the time.  
After returning to Leipzig,  
his health deteriorated  
quickly and he died at the  
age of 55 in April 1933.

\* 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. (Interlude) A - men.

\* 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:	Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of justice and compassion to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to bring healing to this world. May they be a witness of your love that endures for all the seasons of life. Through Jesus Christ we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

\* CHARGE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader:	Nothing worth doing can be completed in our lifetime;
People:	Therefore we are saved by hope.
Leader:	Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;
People:	Therefore, we are saved by faith.
Leader:	Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;
People:	Therefore, we are saved by love.

\* BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Praise the Lord"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
arr. Donald Rotermund

*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](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 silence 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  
The Rev. Dr. Sheldon W. Sorge  
Adrianna Cleveland  
Mark and Barbara DeWitt  
Todd Farwell  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, *piano*  
*The Brass Roots:*  
Samuel Eisenhandler, *trumpet*  
Matthew McCormack, *trumpet*  
Rana Jurjus, *horn*  
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*  
John Caughman, *tuba*  
Abby Langhorst, *timpani*  
Beadle: Debbie O'Dell-Seneca  
Crucifer: Mario Seneca  
Sound: Wayne Gaines and Bobby Jarsulic

♦ SUNDAY RECEPTION

Please join us in the Social Hall following today's worship service for a farewell reception honoring Pastor Randy Bush, his wife Beth, and children Ian and Charlotte. We wish them the best of luck!

♦ 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.  
*May 22* — 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.  
*May 22* — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

Today's flowers are in honor of The Rev. Dr. Randy and Mrs. Beth Bush, presented by ELPC.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé: Prayerful Song and Quiet Meditation  
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

In the Season of Eastertide we will be mediating and dwelling on the stories of resurrection and new life. The group will take a break starting May 30 through Labor Day and resume on Monday, Sept 12.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

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

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month

June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16,

Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 9 (*second Friday*)

6:30-7:45 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

Reception for The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Randy and Beth Bush

Following today's Sanctuary service, all are invited to a farewell reception in the Social Hall for our departing Senior Pastor Randy Bush, his wife Beth, and children Ian and Charlotte. There will be a box at the event to collect cards sharing reflections and good wishes for the Bush family.

Beginning June 1, Pastor Randy will be serving as the interim Head of Staff for Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, MD. The church's address is 611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD 21146. He also has a gmail.com account with the user name of Revrandykbush for email messages.

Organ Concert

ELPC and *The Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh* are co-sponsoring an organ concert presented by Jan Kraybill today at 3 pm. Dr. Kraybill is Principal Organist for the Dome and Spire Organ Foundation. Contact Dr. Ed Moore for complimentary tickets to this concert (EdM@coh.net). *The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

No Church Tour Today

The church tour originally scheduled for today has been cancelled so all can attend the reception for Pastor Randy in the Social Hall immediately after the Sanctuary service.

**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 Thomas Sturgill.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is George A. Clark.



Wednesday Morning Yoga and Contemplation Series

Join Katrina Woodworth for a Hatha yoga class on Wednesdays at 8 am on Zoom in May and June to explore our relationship with creation through the 4 elements of water, wind, earth and fire. The ancient Yogis understood that our bodies contain all 4 elements. In this class we will explore the elements through movement, posture, breath and meditation. Each class will end with a contemplative reading and 15 minutes of silent meditation. Register in advance at [us02web.zoom.us/j/81600563547](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600563547). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Part-Time Gardener Wanted

The Property Committee is looking for someone to help maintain the flower beds around the church on a regular basis, especially the Rain Garden that extends along Penn Ave and Whitfield St. This paid position would require approximately 3 hours per week from May to the end of October. This person would also work closely with the Gardening Crew to help organize and lead volunteer workdays throughout the summer. Contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com) or Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Child Care Worker Needed

ELPC is looking to hire a Child Care worker to provide care for infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings in our nursery. The ideal candidate for this position will create a welcoming, engaging, safe, and age-appropriate environment for infants and toddlers. If you know someone who might be interested, please visit [www.elpc.church/careers](http://www.elpc.church/careers) for more info.

Volunteer Flower Planting Day – May 21

Join the Gardening Crew from 9 am-Noon on Saturday, May 21 for their annual volunteer flower planting day. Each spring a group of dedicated members and friends refresh the Highland Ave entrance and the Courtyard. Bring your generous spirit and a pair of work gloves to the Highland driveway. **If you're interested in helping, or would like to learn about upcoming garden workdays, please contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com).**

Congregational Meeting – May 22

There will be a *Congregational Meeting* on Sunday, May 22 in the Sanctuary immediately after the 11 am service.

GCF Sidewalk Seedling Sale – May 22

Garfield Community Farm will be hosting a Sidewalk Seedling Sale on Penn Ave in front of ELPC on Sunday, May 22 from 12–2 pm. Stop by after Sanctuary worship and get started on your garden while supporting a local neighborhood community farm.

Making a Difference Together Panel Presentation – May 22

Join the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee on Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 pm for the *Making a Difference Together Panel Presentation*, led by Local Active Hope Innovators: Stefani Danes (founder of Rachel Carson Ecovillage), John Creasy (founder of Garfield Community Farm), and Fred Kraybill (renewable energy advocate). Attend in-person in the McKelvy Room or via Zoom (Meeting ID: 81600563547). Light refreshments, stimulating ideas, good company and inspiration provided. For more info, contact Nancy (n.heastings@comcast.net).



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

Frank and Paula Bauerle's son-in-law Brian,  
Kathy Callahan's parents,  
David Carl's father and his friend's parents,  
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy, Liz Hopkins,  
Jon Nelson's cousin Rayna,  
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother,  
Vivienne Selia's friend, and Herma Stewart's nephew.

*Condolences to Katie Haas-Conrad on her friend's mother's passing.*

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

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#### LGBTQ Ministry Gathering — May 22

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 pm both in person and via Zoom. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

#### Church Tour — May 29

All are invited to join a *Hidden Places Tour* after the 11 am Sanctuary service on Sunday, May 29. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join this exciting tour!

#### Brass and Organ Concert — May 29

The Brass Roots and conductor/arranger Jim Nova return to team up with Dr. Edward Alan Moore in a concert of music adapted from the movies and video games at 3 pm in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 29. A freewill offering will be accepted. The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

#### Environmental Book Club — June 2

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate* by Naomi Klein. Then join the book club for a discussion on Thursday, June 2 at 7 pm, led by Amanda DeWitt. For more info, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

#### The Chapel Marketplace is Re-Opening! — June 6

*We've been waiting for this day!*

*Keep it on your calendar and in your prayers!*

The Chapel Marketplace is a clothing ministry of ELPC where people from the community can come and shop (no cost) for clothing. To re-open, we need your help, especially help sorting clothes and staffing the Chapel Marketplace. We also need donations of new or gently used clothes (spring/summer seasonal — please, no men's suits or ties right now). You can leave your donations in the bins near the main desk at Highland Ave. If interested, please contact Frank Bauerle (frbauerle@yahoo.com). Someone will contact you about how and when you can help.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### EECM Golden Gala — May 21

The EECM congregation will be honored with 11 others as founding and member congregations of East End Cooperative Ministry's 50th Anniversary. The *EECM Golden Gala* will be held May 21 and you are invited to purchase tickets, buy raffle tickets and more! Please visit [www.eecm.org/goldengala](http://www.eecm.org/goldengala) for details.

#### A Workshop on Conducting Equity Audits — May 21

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church (3319 West Liberty Ave, 15216) will host a workshop on Saturday, May 21 from 6-8 pm to explore the key concepts, procedures, and value associated with conducting an Equity Audit. This hands-on session aims to ensure participants are equipped to begin focusing on dismantling institutional racism through concrete actions. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-you-in-equity-audits-tickets-328953668277](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-you-in-equity-audits-tickets-328953668277).

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#### Inquirers Class — June 12

If you are interested in learning more about ELPC and would like to join our faith family, please attend the next *Inquirers Class* on Sunday, June 12 after the 10 am Sanctuary worship service in the Fellowship Room. To register or for more info, please contact Megan (MeganL@coh.net).

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*May 22 • 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 7:8–20; Qumran (selected reading); Romans 14:1–15:13; Luke (Q) 17:26–35, 19:12–26; 22:28–30, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

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

Seekers — “Focusing Our Values, Ethics, and Moral Energy to Transform the U.S. Healthcare System,” presented by Margaret (Meg) Park, M.Div., and facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — A discussion of a reading by Shauna Niequist entitled *Present Over Perfect: On Disappointing People*, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members.

### ◆ CHILDREN & YOUTH ◆

Children under Age 3 — Nursery

Age 3 through Grade 3 — Room 206

Grades 4 and 5 — Room 211

Grades 6 through 12 — 2nd floor Parlor