



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)

OCTOBER 2, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

TIME OF PREPARATION

God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in you is calmness, peace, and concord. Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back to a unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature. Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection, make us one in the Spirit by your peace which makes all things peaceful. We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(BCW, p. 812, Dionysius of Alexandria, died 264)

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Dale Wood

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Dan R. Edwards

ELPC Ringers

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 (*Psalms 1*)

Pamela M. Kimmel

Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.

Leader: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

People: May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

MCKEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Derail Holcomb

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

Derail Holcomb

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION



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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Derail Holcomb

Leader: Set your hopes on God, who richly provides all things for our enjoyment. Do good; be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. In doing so, you will take hold of life as it is meant to be and you will realize that ever-present realm of God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Friends, believe in 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 #654 (please sing 3 times)

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

"In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Ode to Joy"

arr. Dan R. Edwards

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:37-42

Pamela M. Kimmel

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 the Chapel during the Doxology, when children will return to the worship service.

The nursery is open to young children under the age of 3. Please note that attendance may be limited based on staff to child ratios, so we can only ensure participation on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents/caregivers must complete a registration form and sign children in and out of the nursery each day.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their children to the nursery, and the service will be livestreamed into that space.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Children:

Thomas Ryan Kniess, son of Ana Canavezi Kniess and Ryan R. Kniess

Levi Selekman, son of Elisabeth Heffner and Zachary Selekman

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #795

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"Blessings and Woes"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING INVITATION

Derail Holcomb

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

"Write Your Blessed Name"

K. Lee Scott

text: Thomas à Kempis

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name...Amen.

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* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



— 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.
People: Y también contigo.
Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.
People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.
Leader: Demos gracias al Señor
nuestro Dios.
People: Es justo dar gracias y
alabanzas a Dios.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.
It is right to give God
thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
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 AFTER COMMUNION

Derail Holcomb

Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand. And may we, now nourished with your body and blood, extend your arms of peace to a world in turmoil and at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. May all honor and glory and dominion be yours now and forevermore. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #756

“O God Of Every Nation”

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* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Moderato Maestoso”

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Derail Holcomb
Pamela M. Kimmel
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Michael Salmon, *Accompanist*
ELPC Ringers
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The Deacons are offering an *International Sweets and Treats* after today's worship service in the Mckelvy Room. All are welcome!

Coffee and water are available in the Balaka Room.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Captain and Mrs. Alfred Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Hicks, Mr. Lewis W. Hicks, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Wenman A. Hicks.

◆ 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.
Oct 9 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
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◆ 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 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

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.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Megan Leisher for info on future classes (MeganL@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

World Communion Sunday

This morning, we'll receive the *Peace & Global Witness Offering* during our worship services. Your support helps cast off anxiety and fear, and embraces God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

You're also invited to participate in the *Presbyterian Women's Offering of Letters* to ask your Senators and Representative to support the *Global Food Security Reauthorization Act* (S 4659/ HR 8446). This legislation will fund global nutrition and agricultural development strategies, such as *Feed the Future*, through 2028.

And the ELPC Board of Deacons will host a sampling of *International Sweets and Treats*. Both events will be held in the McKelvy Room after the 11 am 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 Molly Davidson-Welling. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Karen Walker.



PW Bible Study: Celebrating Sabbath — Oct 3 and 4

Sabbath, "the crown of creation," is God's invitation to intimate friendship with God. Sabbath celebration is the culmination of God's exquisite work of creation (Genesis 1:1–2:3). Admission to this celebration is free, but we must check our work at the door. Please join us on Zoom only on Monday, Oct 3 from 7-8:30 pm, or Tuesday, Oct 4 from 10 am—Noon. For more info and the Zoom link, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Are You Ready to Vote? — Oct 5 and 9

In partnership with the League of Women Voters, the Justice and Facing Systemic Racism Committees are sponsoring three opportunities for citizens to:

- Register as new voter
- Assure registration is still active
- Double check polling location
- Make changes to current voting status (*name, address, affiliation*)
- Obtain website info to apply for electronic voting, etc.
- Develop voting plan

These opportunities will be held on Wednesday, Oct 5 (after Taizé worship), and on Sunday, Oct 9 (after Journey worship in the Whitfield Lobby; and after Sanctuary worship on Penn Ave).

Church Tours — Oct 9 and 23

There will be a tour of the *Sanctuary and Chapel* on Sunday, Oct 9, led by Jo Ellen Aleshire. A *Tower Tour* will be offered on Sunday, Oct 23, led by Steve Evrard. Please wear closed-toe shoes and gather in the Highland Lobby after the 11 am Sanctuary service to participate in either tour.

Fall Forest Bathing — Oct 15

Join us at Frick Park Soccer Field for a time of Fall Solstice Forest Bathing on Saturday, Oct 15 from 9 am-Noon. Sandi Miller will lead us as we attend to the beauty of nature, the colors of leaves, slowing down, harvest, and preparing for wintering.

Enjoy three hours of walking, sitting, and noticing. You will experience a series of guided invitations to slow down, open the senses, and cultivate an embodied relationship between yourself and the natural world. Throughout the walk, you will have an opportunity to share your experiences. We will be walking less than one mile, but there are some hills involved.

RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x211) by Wednesday, Oct 12. Spots are limited

Full Inclusion Sunday — Oct 16

The Renaissance City Choir (RCC) will be with us to provide special music during Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct 16 at 11 am. There also will be a *Community Sing* event in the Social Hall at 1:30 pm.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Oct 16

You are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's **LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Oct 16 after the Sanctuary worship service** It is Full Inclusion Sunday! This month will be an interactive lunch with friends before attending the *Community Sing* event at 1:30 pm. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest for info or to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

YAM Virtual Event — Oct 21

Each month, the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will gather virtually for discussion. On Friday, Oct 21 from 6-8 pm, Isaac from the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee will speak on the importance of environmental justice and how



we can be better stewards of God's creation. We invite others from our church and community to participate in our BYOB Friday virtual event, so invite a friend! Please contact Derail Holcomb for more info (DerailH@coh.net).



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

Dana Carl,

Carol Chonoska's sister Janet,
Stephanie Creasy, Joe Kennedy, Gail Mallory,
Jon Nelson's cousin Beth, Alison Schleifer,
and Vivienne Selia's friend Hetz,

*Condolences to Nicole Molinaro-Karaczun
on the passing of her husband, Alex Karaczun.*

Condolences to Bob Washburn on his wife's passing.

Not all Who Wander are Lost — Oct 16

Following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct 16, youth in grades 6–12 are heading to Howling Hills Corn Maze in Allenport, PA. The eight-acre maze also features a hayride. The cost is \$20 to cover the maze and lunch. We will return to ELPC at 5:30 pm.

Sabbath Retreat — Oct 21 to 23

Join us for a *Sabbath Retreat* from Friday–Sunday, Oct 21–23, at St. Emma's Retreat House in Greensburg. The retreat will be spacious and include times of prayer, rest, solitude, silence, table fellowship, teaching, and reflection. The cost is \$150 (scholarships are available). RSVP to Pastor BJ Woodworth by Sunday, Oct 16 (BJW@coh.net). Spots are limited.

Bring a Coat to Worship Sunday — Oct 23

Clean, gently used and new coats for all-ages and genders will be collected at ELPC on Sunday, Oct 23, and distributed through the Chapel Market and East End Cooperative Ministry. This event is sponsored by the Neighbors Committee.

Connections Group — Oct 23

Please join the Connections Group on Sunday, Oct 23 at 6:30 pm to walk through the Pittsburgh Zoo's Asian Lantern Festival together. Please buy your own ticket online ahead of time (cost is \$20/person or \$17 if you are a Zoo member). Meet inside the Zoo gate at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. This event involves a moderate amount of walking. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

Interested in Being an Usher or Greeter?

If you are interested in being an usher or greeter on Sundays for our worship service, visit <http://tiny.cc/elpcusher> to sign up, or scan this QR code.



Special Acknowledgements During Worship — Nov 6
As part of our All Saints' Day service at 11 am on Sunday, Nov 6, we will remember those in our congregation and larger church family who have passed away since November 2021. Send your images and names to Norma in the church office by Nov 3.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

World Mission Initiative Conference — Oct 7 to 8

What does it mean to engage in God's mission of love, peace, and justice through the major disruptions of our day? How can we lead in mission in new ways amidst such disruption? Join the conference from Friday–Saturday, Oct 7–8, in person or online, to explore these questions in lectures, workshops and plenary. The Rev Eugene E. Cho, president/CEO of Bread for the World, will be the keynote speaker on Friday evening. The conference is free, thanks to sponsors, including Presbyterian Women in ELPC. Registration is required. For details, visit www.pts.edu/wmi-conference.

Community Sing for Social Justice — Oct 16

Experience the joy of choral singing as we join our voices together for social justice! The Renaissance City Choir together with ELPC's Justice Committee invite singers of all ages and skill levels to attend this *Community Sing* event on Sunday, Oct 16 from 1:30-2:30 pm in the ELPC Social Hall. Guided by RCC Artistic Director Kym Scott, attendees will learn and sing simple yet powerful choral pieces with a focus on social justice, along with some familiar justice songs. Masks are required of all participants regardless of vaccination status. The Renaissance City Choir affirms and celebrates LGBTQIA+ identity through the unifying power of music, and rehearses and performs at ELPC as Artists-in-Residence. Please contact RCC with questions (president@rccpittsburgh.com), or for access concerns, please email accessibility@rccpittsburgh.com.

Visit us online at

www.ELPC.church

to learn more about our ministries and opportunities

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Oct 9 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Psalm 5; 2 Samuel 20:1–3,14–22; Mark 3:7–19a, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Parenting Circle (Rm 213) — Reading of *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience* by Brené Brown, facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “A Just Food System,” led by Joyce Rothermehl, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A continued discussion of the book *Fierce Love* by the Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, and other class members