



# 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 16, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FULL INCLUSION SUNDAY

### TIME OF PREPARATION

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, by the power of your redemptive love, we might live in justice and peace. Amen.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

“Be Thou My Vision”  
“When Love Is Found (O Waly Waly)”

David Schelat  
Emma Lou Diemer  
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Reed Williams and Carol Mullen

Leader: Thanks be to God whose inclusive love is the good news we proclaim!  
People: We praise you, God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Leader: Thanks be to God for the beautiful diversity of humankind – and of this community of faith.  
People: We praise you, God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Leader: May our words and our worship be filled with joy and hope, for the God who calls us each  
“Beloved” has called us here today. Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #301

“Let Us Build A House”

TWO OAKS

### WELCOME FROM **ELPC**'S LGBTQ MINISTRY

Wil Forrest and Antwone Wright

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Lynne Chadwick

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lynne Chadwick

God of Love, you claim us all as your beloved children, yet we often fail to recognize your image in others – or even in ourselves. We act as gatekeepers to your kingdom when you call us to fling open the doors in welcome. We are captivated by complacency or fear and settle for a society that prioritizes the rights of some while dismissing the rights of others. We remain bound by a narrow vision of identity and a narrow vision of your abundant grace. Forgive us, we pray – not because we have earned your favor but because we stand in need of your mercy. Transform our hearts that we might embrace the good news of your extravagant love and live out your love, inclusion, hope and justice – so that through our words and witness all may know your grace.

### TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Lynne Chadwick

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? No one but God. But Christ came not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.  
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Praise God!

#### ANTHEM

##### "Our Love Can Mend a Broken World"

William Penn/Tom Trenney

*The world seems so eager to threaten, but love remains patient and kind. The world strives for wealth, might, and power, but love longs for soul, heart and mind. The world plays a loud clanging cymbal, but love sings its still, small voice. The world delights in bearing false witness, but love, in the truth, will rejoice! Let's see what love can do to mend a broken world. The world makes our genders unequal, but love treasures every design. The world lets our colors divide us, but love makes the rainbow its sign. The world harms with guns and with weapons, but love gives the captive release. The world often hungers for violence but love always thirsts for our peace. Let's see what love can do to mend a broken world. The world shuns the immigrant's hunger, but love feeds the poor refugee. The world argues, "They're not my children," but love says, "My child, come to me." Let's see what love can do to mend a broken world. Our love can mend a broken world.*

#### PRAYER BY MARK STEIDL

Mark Steidl

Dynamic God of diversity and inclusion, thank you for loving us every day. You give us energy to be unapologetically ourselves, and to embrace our multiple identities. Today, we are reminded that we are awesome human beings, who dance to our own funky rhythms. As we dance out of worship today, we ask you to empower us to be an inspiration to the world. And all God's people will say, Amen.

#### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 139:7-14a

Reed Williams and Carol Mullen

#### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. 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.*

#### HYMN #488

##### "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

WATERLIFE

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:4-8, 26-40

The Rev. Schoenewolf

#### SERMON

##### "Getting Out of the Way"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

#### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

*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.*

#### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Laura Ristau and Matt Stuftt

#### OFFERING INVITATION

Laura Ristau and Matt Stuftt

*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. A donation box is also available in the Sanctuary.*

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“For Everyone Born”

Brain Mann/Shirley Erena Murray  
arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,  
*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:*  
*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

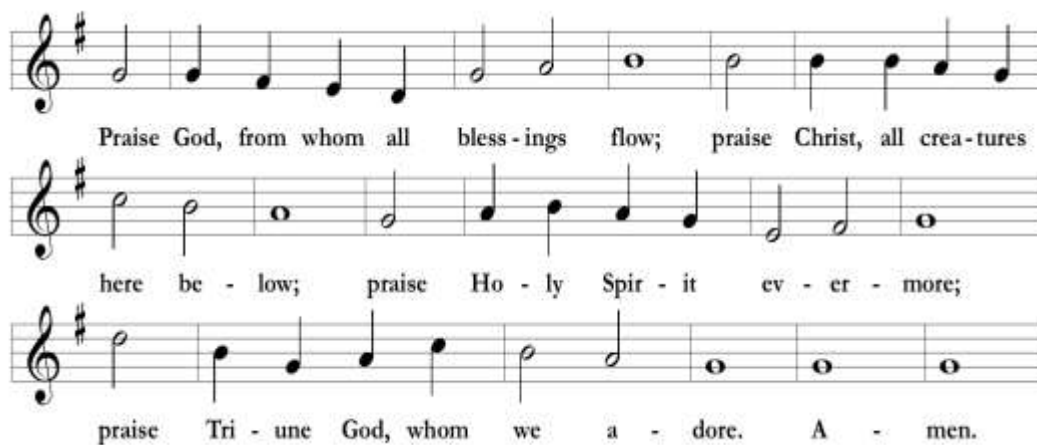
For all who share life, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, or all who share life, a system that's fair,  
*And God will delight...*

For those we neglect, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for those we neglect, the right to belong,  
*And God will delight...*

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,  
*And God will delight...*

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

Leader: Generous God, you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives. We belong to you,  
and all that we have belongs to you. Use these offerings, we pray, in service to the justice  
you are establishing through your kingdom in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

NOEL

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Diane Bish  
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](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. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgy: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Lynne Chadwick  
Wil Forrest  
Laura Ristau  
Mark Steidl  
Matt Stuft  
Reed Williams and Carol Mullen  
Antwone Wright  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Renaissance City Choir  
Dr. Kym Scott, *Artistic Director*  
Katya Janpoladyan, *Cello*  
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Balaka Room.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our weekly worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, contact Frances Wilson ([wilson.franr@gmail.com](mailto:wilson.franr@gmail.com)). The cost is \$175.

*Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade ([www.bloombrigade.com](http://www.bloombrigade.com)).*

◆ 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 23* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 or to register for future classes ([MeganL@coh.net](mailto:MeganL@coh.net)).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome to RCC!

This morning we welcome the Renaissance City Choir (RCC) who will be providing special music during Sanctuary worship as we celebrate *Full Inclusion Sunday*. There will also be a *Community Sing* event in the Social Hall at 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this free event!

### LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

You are invited to today's monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry after the Sanctuary worship service. 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).

### Not all Who Wander are Lost

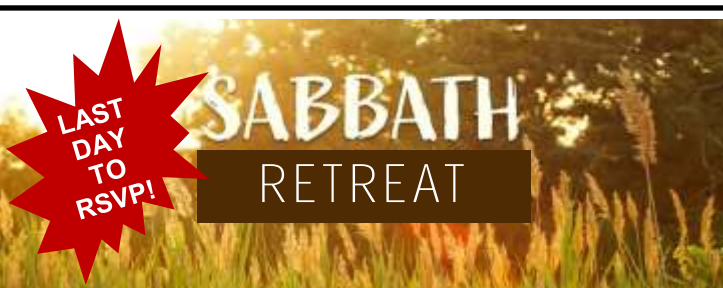
Youth in grades 6–12 are heading to Howling Hills Corn Maze in Allenport, PA today after the 11 am service. The eight-acre maze also features a hayride. The cost is \$20 to cover the maze and lunch. We will return at 5:30 pm to ELPC. Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) to attend.

### Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DODs)

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 Elaine Phillips.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is George Clark.



Friday, Oct 21 at 5 pm to Sunday, Oct 23 at Noon

Join us for a *Sabbath Retreat* 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). Spots are limited.

RSVP to Pastor BJ Woodworth  
(BJW@coh.net) by TODAY

### Stewardship Season

*And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matt 28:20)*

The annual stewardship campaign begins today! It is the time of year when we give thanks for all that we receive from our ELPC community and we focus on pledging as a way of giving back. As we go through this time of change in our church, we can remember that God is with us all the time: when we feel confused or lost, when we are celebrating joyfully, when we are quietly meditative. Stewardship Sunday is Nov 13. Please prayerfully consider supporting our ability to spread God's message by offering your pledge.

### Chapel Market Donations Needed

Donations of fall and winter clothing are needed for the Chapel Market. Especially needed are men's pants, socks and underwear; shoes for all; and women's dresses and skirts. No summer clothing at the present time, please!

### 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).

### 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.

### Church Tower Tour — Oct 23

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.

### 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.



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

Dana Carl,  
Carol Chontos' friend Carolyn,  
Liz Hopkins, Morris Jordan,  
Joe Kennedy, Gail Mallory, Judy Menk,  
Jon Nelson's cousin Beth,  
Vivienne Selia's friend Hetz,  
The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany, and Pat Valoon.

*Congratulations to Michael and Ashley Benedict  
on the birth of their daughter Ava.*

*Condolences to Martha DeMarzi on her niece's husband's passing.*

#### A Talk About Mental Health — Oct 30

Youth, parents, and caregivers are invited to join us after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct 30 at 12:15 pm for lunch and a program on talking together about mental health. The presentation will be led Carol Dundes, a counselor at Samaritan Counseling. Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

#### Welcoming the Rev. Gavin Walton — Oct 30

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Gavin Walton as our guest preacher at Journey and Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct 30. A native of Pittsburgh, the Rev. Walton currently serves as pastor at Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church.

#### Reckoning with Race: The History & Persistence of White Supremacy in the Church — Begins Oct 30

The Facing Systemic Racism Committee encourages congregational participation in the first presentation of the topic "Reckoning with Race: The History & Persistence of White Supremacy in the Church" beginning Sunday, Oct 30 during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 am). The program will consist of a lecture by Dr Brock Bahler, and small group discussion in the Social Hall and on Zoom. For info, contact Michele Bossers (michele2285@gmail.com).

#### Fall Garden Clean Up Day — Nov 5

Please join the Garden Crew on Saturday, Nov 5 for their final volunteer work day of 2022. Work will focus on the flower beds at the Highland entrance, in the Garth and Children's Play Yard, and will take approximately 2.5 hours to complete. Green thumbs are not required! Bring a pair of work gloves to the Highland driveway around 9 am. Please contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com) if you're interested or would like more info.

#### 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

#### Community Sing for Social Justice — TODAY!

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 from 1:30-2:30 pm today 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.

#### "Amen to Action" Meal Packing Day — Nov 12

ELPC is collaborating with neighbor congregations and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to pack 100,000 meals in three hours on Saturday, Nov 12 at PTS (616 N Highland Ave, 15206). This is part of a larger movement in the communities surrounding Pittsburgh called *Amen to Action* that will pack 1,000,000 meals in the month of November for distribution by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Arrive (and park) at PTS from 8-8:30 am (coffee and donuts provided). An 8:30 am *Community Worship* service will be followed by food packing from 9 am—Noon. A total of 100,000 soup kits will be packed in Kadel Dining Hall. All ages and abilities are welcome. You must pre-register at [www.amentoaaction.org](http://www.amentoaaction.org). In order to participate, all who come to the PTS campus will need to fill out the LiveSafe form as part of their Covid safety protocol ([livesafe.jotform.com/211685051786158](https://livesafe.jotform.com/211685051786158)). Contact Bob Forloines for info (rforloines@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

**Oct 23 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am**

♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Psalm 7; 1 Kings 1:1–5, 11–18, 29–31; Mark 4:1–20, 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) — "Current Policy of our Church on the Risks of Peacemaking for Presbyterians," led by Dr. Ron Stone, 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