



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 23, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

Settle my silly heart, good Lord. Hold me still in your motherly embrace, enfolded by your wings of peace and love, and total acceptance. Soothe me, love me into peace...speak to my heart if you will, but most of all be present to me, and me to you. — Dorothy Stewart in *"Women of Prayer"*

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Prelude in G Major, BWV 541"
"Abide with Me"

Johann Sebastian Bach
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Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Woodworth

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

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

You are invited to say, "God is with us always." as you greet each other this morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Griffin

Leader: In times of certainty and times of doubt,
People: God is with us always.
Leader: In times of hope and times of fear,
People: God is with us always.
Leader: In times of joy and times of grief,
People: God is with us always.
Leader: In times of stability and times of transition,
People: God is with us always.
Leader: With wholeness of heart, mind, soul and strength, let us together praise God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin

God of all time, you promise to be with us always, but too often we turn from you. Our worries and our wants distract us from your will. We lean on our own limited understanding and doubt your strength. We place our hopes in the false promises of the world rather than believe your Word. Forgive us, we pray. Calm our troubled spirits and quiet any voice but yours. By your Spirit give us strength to follow you, the humility to hear you, and the gratefulness to love you, our neighbor and ourselves. Hear now our silent prayers.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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HYMN #184 (please sing 3 times)

“Calm to the Waves”

CALM SEAS

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Barbara Griffin

Leader: What can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord? Nothing – not death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the past nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 121

James Eng

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.

HYMN #292

“As the Wind Song”

WAIKUA TAPU

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Winds, Waves and Wonder”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Woodworth

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

Diane Flaherty

OFFERING INVITATION

Diane Flaherty

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

“Invocation”

Rollo Dilworth

Lord, send your anointing to this place.

Lord, send us your mercy and your grace.

Send us your love, let it rain down above.

Hear our prayer today.

Send us your peace so that all pain will cease.

Send it, send it. Send your anointing.

Send it, Lord.

Hear our prayer today. Amen.

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* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
The Rev. Woodworth

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: Gracious God, signs of your faithfulness are all around. Receive these gifts, which we offer to you as a symbol of our faith and gesture of our gratitude. Bless and magnify these gifts that by our witness others might know the fullness of your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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 #702

“Christ Be Beside Me”

BUNESSAN

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in G Major, BWV 541”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. BJ Woodworth
James Eng
Diane Flaherty
Barbara Griffin
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Balaka Room.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Wainwright and Miss Hattie E. Wainwright.

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). The cost is \$175.

Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade (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 30 — The Rev. Gavin Walton, guest preacher.

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).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Bring a Coat to Worship Sunday

Clean, gently used and new coats for all ages and genders will be collected today, and distributed through the Chapel Market and East End Cooperative Ministry. This event is sponsored by the Neighbors Committee.

Church Tower Tour

A *Tower Tour* will be offered today, 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

Please join the Connections Group this evening 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.

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 Jo Ellen Aleshire.



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!

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 presenter for each installment will be Dr Brock Bahler who serves at Pitt as Senior Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies. Dr Bahler is a member of and ruling elder at Open Door Presbyterian Church in Garfield. In this series, Dr. Brock Bahler will provide a big picture church history overview of how Christianity invented, codified, perpetuated, and benefited from white supremacy. We will consider not only how we continue to be implicated in this history, but will consider how we can lament, respond to, and develop reparations for this injustice.

The program will consist of a lecture and small group discussion in the Social Hall and on Zoom at 9:45 am. For info, contact Michele Bossers (michele2285@gmail.com).



REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Sunday, Nov 6 at 11 am Worship

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 (412.441.3800 x211) by Nov 3.



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

Mike and Sherry Anderson's
granddaughter Amber,
Carol Chontos' friend Carolyn,
Liz Hopkins, Morris Jordan,
Joe Kennedy, Gail Mallory, Judy Menk,
Jon Nelson's cousin Beth, and
Vivienne Selia's friend Hetz.

Condolences to the family of

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany *on his passing.*

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

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

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.

Church Tours — Nov 6 and 20

There will be a *Hidden Places* tour on Sunday, Nov 6, and a *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour on Sunday, Nov 20. Both tours follow the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

Yoga Retreat — Nov 12

Please join Yamuna for a brief, but sweet *Yoga Retreat* on Saturday, Nov 12 from 9 am-Noon in the Sanctuary. This abbreviated retreat will include a yoga class, some meditation, and maybe an abbreviated JourneyDance experience. No lunch will be included; however, we invite all participants to bring their own lunch, and we can have an informal lunch together if we so choose! Suggested donation: \$20-\$40. RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x211). Limited to 20 participants. Bring your own matt and whatever else you would need (blanket, water bottle).

ELPC Fall Pie Festival — Nov 20

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to the first ever *ELPC Fall Pie Festival* in the Social Hall on Sunday, Nov 20 after the 11 am Sanctuary service. You are invited to bring your favorite fall pie (or cake or cookies) to share with the congregation. The Spiritual Life Committee will provide the whipped cream, ice cream, and warm drinks while we sample your favorite pies or other sweet treats. Please join us for a time of celebrating the fall harvest and anticipation of the arrival of the holiday season, then stay for the *Choral Festival* at 3 pm in the Sanctuary!



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Zoom Presentation: Forging a Better Future — Oct 26

On Wednesday, Oct 26 at 5 pm, Dr. Joylette Portlock, Executive Director of Sustainable Pittsburgh, will give the zoom talk *Forging a Better Future, For All*, sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Commission on Race and Reconciliation of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Under her leadership, *Sustainable Pittsburgh* regularly works with hundreds of partners in the region — including local governments, nonprofits, and the business community — to ensure that our economy is built to last and our people and our planet thrive. Dr. Portlock has been Associate Director of Science and Research at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and is an advisory board member of the Black Environmental Collective. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology and anthropology from MIT and a PH.D. in genetics from Stanford.

Her talk will deal with moving from environmental racism to environmental justice. For more info, contact Marianne Novy (mnovy@pitt.edu). Zoom Meeting ID: 864 1179 4777; Passcode: 351255.

“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 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. All ages welcome. You must pre-register at www.amentoaaction.org; and also fill out the PTS LiveSafe form (livesafe.jotform.com/211685051786158).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Oct 30 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

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