



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)

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful, you say. Yes, to be sure, but (God) does what is still more wonderful: (God) makes saints out of sinners. — Soren Kierkegaard

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Jesus, Lead Thou On (Seelenbräutigam)”

arr. Paul Manz

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“A Westminster Carillon”

Michael Bedford

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Kevin McChesney

ELPC Ringers

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Ryan Booher

Leader: God calls all people into one beloved community, teaching us the way of peace through life together.

People: Fill us with visions of your eternal reign as we now celebrate the communion of saints. Pour into our hearts the power of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Leader: Let us together worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

HYMN #819

“Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus has shown us God’s forgiveness for our sins. Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness for all your sins in the name of the Triune God, now and forevermore. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Please see today’s bulletin insert for a listing of those who have passed away in the past year.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Pie Jesu” (from *Requiem*)

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-2

Lenore Williams

In observance of Native American Heritage Month, we're offering November's scripture passages in the First Nations Version (FNV), by Terry M. Wildman and the First Nations Version Translation Council. The FNV "recounts the Creator's Story—the Christian Scriptures—following the tradition of Native storytellers' oral cultures" and is one recent example of Indigenous Americans' leadership in the Christian faith. For more information, visit firstnationsversion.com.

As ELPC begins grappling with our complicity with white supremacy, we seek to honor the past, present, and future of our Native members and siblings—not only in November, but year-round; and not only in words, but in action—by deeply reconsidering and repairing our relationships with Native American peoples and cultures. Reading the Bible through one Native lens is merely one beginning of what we hope to be a long, faithful conversation and commitment to substantive change.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of truth tellers who have shown us what it means to trust the Great Spirit. So let us lay to the side everything that weighs us down and the broken ways that so easily wrap around our legs to trip us. And let us run as if we are in a long-distance race, setting a steady pace and heading toward the goal. This means we must keep our eyes on Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the trailblazer of our spiritual ways, the one who was first to reach the end of the trail. The joy that lay before him gave him the strength to suffer on the cross and willingly bear its shame. He now sits at **Creator's right hand in the place of greatest honor.** (FNV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (NRSV)

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/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 #691

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

LAND OF REST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 1

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Getting There From Here"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sonia Degenholtz

OFFERING INVITATION

Sonia Degenholtz

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.



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

*Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer, patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken. Have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Woodworth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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. Schoenewolf

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 #523

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

BICENTENNIAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Woodworth

Holy One, all that we have comes from you. You bless our lives with the companionship of your people, the freedom that comes from the forgiveness of sin, and the nourishment of this Communion meal. May this sacrament remind us of the unity, hope and love we have in you and strengthen us to serve you and your people. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“For All the Saints”

Wilbur Held

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
Ryan Booher
Sonia Degenholtz
Sara Hackett
Lenore Williams
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Adrianna Cleveland, *Soloist*
Robin Thompson, *Soloist*
Beadle: Polly McQueen
Crucifer: Erich Stein
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). 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.
Nov 13 — 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* on Sunday, Nov 13 after the 11 am Sanctuary service in the Highland Rm 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



Declared in 1990, November is *National American Indian Heritage Month*, during which we celebrate the rich histories and invaluable contributions of American Indians. This month, let us reflect on and honor the incredible resilience of our country's first people.

Church Tour

There will be a *Hidden Places* tour following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

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 Dana Carl.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Karen Walker.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Nov 7

Join Presbyterian Women on Monday, Nov 7 from 7–8:30 pm (Zoom only) for their Bible Study *Sabbath and Sunday*. For more info and the Zoom link, please email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Environmental Team Book Discussion — Nov 10

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is reading *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis* by Cynthia Barnett. Americans see water as abundant and cheap: we turn on the faucet and out it gushes. Most don't realize these freshwater sources are in deep trouble. Read the book, and join us on Thursday, Nov 10 at 7 pm for a discussion on Zoom only. For more info, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

INQUIRERS' CLASS ON NOV 13

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* next Sunday, Nov 13 after the 11 am worship service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Megan Leisher for more info (MeganL@coh.net).



Stewardship Season

In Mark 12: 41–44 we learn of the widow who offered two copper coins as her comparatively meager offering. Jesus used this story as an example of a person who gave generously based on her limited means. As we approach Stewardship Sunday next week, we might think prayerfully about our own copper coins. We alone know the extent of our bounty and our financial stress. There is no “correct” amount to pledge, but giving as God guides us allows us to serve God through ELPC for others to feel the warmth of God's love.

Next week is Stewardship Sunday. It is a time when we pledge so that we at ELPC have the resources to make our faith alive. Also on Nov 13, we will share our resources by bringing food offerings for those in need. Requested donations are: cake mixes, toppings; canned peas, potatoes and/or tuna; crackers; cranberry sauce; jelly; gravy mix; cereal; pancake syrup; ramen noodles; soups/broth; or stuffing mix.

You have received a pledge card in the mail, and you will find cards in the pews, and you can give and pledge via the QR code in the bulletin.

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; but you can bring your own, and we can eat together! Suggested donation: \$20-\$40. RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x211). Bring your own matt and whatever else you would need.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee — Nov 13

Stop by the Highland Lobby after the 11 am worship service next Sunday, Nov 13 to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). Contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com) for info. *Note: Café Justo will be sold on the second Sunday of the month.*

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Nov 13

All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering on Sunday, Nov 13 at 12:30 pm. To RSVP or for more info, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

YAM Virtual Happy Hour — Nov 18

Join the Young Adult Ministry on Friday, Nov 18 at 7 pm for their monthly Virtual Happy Hour! Contact Derail for more info (DerailH@coh.net).



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,
Alex Haas-Conrad's dad Karl, Morris Jordan,
Joe Kennedy, Gail Mallory, Judy Menk,
Jon Nelson's cousin Beth,
and Vivienne Selia's friend Linda.

Connections Movie Night — Nov 19

The ELPC *Connections Group* will see the movie "Till" on Saturday, Nov 19 at the Waterfront Theater. After the movie, we'll get coffee and dessert and discuss the film. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com and let us know if you would like a ride. The exact showtime is unknown until a few days before the event, but plan on approximately 7 pm. We'll contact those who have RSVP'd with details. A limited number of free tickets are available for those who need them.

PW Thank Offering — Nov 20

All members and friends of ELPC are invited to support the PW *Thank Offering* during 11 am worship on Sunday, Nov 20. Make checks payable to *Presbyterian Women in ELPC* and write "PW Thank Offering" in the memo line. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Church Tour — Nov 20

There will be a *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Nov 20. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

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!



Cathedral Concert: Choral Festival — Nov 20

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will kick off its 2022–2023 season on Sunday, Nov 20 at 3 pm with an exciting concert featuring guest conductor Dr. Anthony Leach, the ELPC Chancel Choir, and special guests, with music of living African American composers. Contact Dr. Ed Moore for details (EdM@coh.net).



In our

COMMUNITY



PA Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) Conference — Nov 13

The PA Interfaith Power and Light's Annual Conference will be held on Sunday, Nov 13 from 1 – 4 pm.

This year's theme is *Environmental Justice & Human Resilience*. The conference will offer a virtual keynote address and response panel session that will be broadcast across PA, and two workshops in each of our four, in-person locations. Southwest PA will be held at Duquesne University. ELPC is a member and supporter of PA IPL.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Joylette Portlock (Executive Director, Sustainable Pittsburgh), will be at Duquesne.

When you register you must choose between in person or virtual. The cost is \$25. There is a reduced rate for students and for those who are experiencing financial hardship.

A ZOOM link for the Annual Conference and additional information on speakers, workshop topics, and your workshop location will be emailed to you in early November.

Contact Kathy Hrabovsky for info (412.953.5202; outreach@paip.org).

Hanging of the Greens — Nov 27

Get into the Christmas spirit by decorating the Sanctuary for the Advent season! Join us on Nov 27 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11 am service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 13 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Psalm 9; 1 Kings 11:26–39; Mark 4:35–41, 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) — "Meet Immigrant Students Who are Attending English Classes at ELPC," led by Ruth Farrell of Casa San José, 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