



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)

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

Jesus Christ, Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the promise of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY

“My Spirit Be Joyful” J.S. Bach/Harry Herforth
“Now Thank We All Our God (Marche Triomphale)”
Sigfrid Karg-Elert/Kevin McChesney

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

Dr. Beverly Harris-Schenz

Leader: Blessed be the God of Israel, who has looked favorably upon God's people and redeemed them.

People: Blessed be our God!

Leader: God has called us God's own beloved, and called each of us by name.

People: Blessed be our God!

Leader: God has blessed creation and called us to worship. Let us together praise God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Harris-Schenz

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Harris-Schenz

Holy God, we confess that we have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love and compassion. Forgive us, God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to follow Christ in word, in deed and in spirit. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Dr. Harris-Schenz

Leader: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through the one in whom God was pleased to dwell. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #646 (sing 3x) “Sing Out, My Soul”

MAGNIFICAT

Sung first time in unison. Second and third times in canon as led by the choir. Lectern side first, followed by the pulpit side.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Wil Forrest

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20

Dr. Harris-Schenz

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 pray that you will grow strong with the strength that comes from the honor and shining-greatness of his power. Then you will be able to stand firm in a calm and unhurried manner, as you give thanks with glad hearts to the Great Spirit who is our Father from above. For he is the one who has made you ready to take your place on this road of life, a place he prepared for you among all the holy ones who walk in his light.

The Giver of Life has set us free from the dark ruler of this world. He has brought us safely onto his good road to walk it **together with Creator's much-loved Son**. He is the one who paid a great price to release us from our bad hearts and broken ways. He is the visible representation of our Invisible Creator. All that the Father has belongs to this Son. He existed before creation and is above all created things. For it was in him that all things in the spirit-world above and on the earth below were created, all things seen and unseen. Yes, even governments, rulers, powers, and authorities were all created by him and for him.

He is the one who is in first place and the head of all things. It is in him that all things come together and find their full meaning and purpose. He is also the head of his body on earth, the sacred family. He is in first place before all other things, the first to rise to life from among those who have died. In this way, he remains chief in all things.

It made our Great Father's heart glad to have all that he is living in his Son. Through his Son he brought together everything in the spirit-world above and on the earth below into harmony with himself, making peace through his life-blood poured out on the cross. (FNV)

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. (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 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Child: Ruth Penelope Toro, daughter of Catherine and George Toro

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

Nov 20 • Christ the King Sunday

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Members: Rick and Teri Malmstrom, Emily Snoek

* HYMN #109

“Blest Be the God of Israel”

MERLE’S TUNE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

The Rev. Schoenewolf

All blessings to the Great Spirit of the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel)! For he has come to rescue his people from a great captivity....He has come to free us from the fear of our enemies so we can walk all our days in his sacred and right ways. And you, my son, will be a prophet from the One Above Us All. You will make a clear path for the coming of the Great Chief, to show his people that he will heal our broken ways by cleansing us from our wrongdoings. Because Creator is kind and gentle, he will come to us as the sunrise from above, to shine on the ones who sit in darkness and in the land of death’s shadow, to guide our feet on the good path of peace. (FNV)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (NRSV)

SERMON

“What Do We Expect?”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

VIDEO

Trans Day of Remembrance

Wil Forrest

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Thank Offering Mary Alice Lightle, *Moderator, Presbyterian Women*

OFFERING INVITATION

Mary Alice Lightle

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“I Will Sing”

Rosephanye Powell

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy, Rebecca McGregor

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: Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. In thanksgiving we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service, and may we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #100

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Virgil Fox

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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
 Wil Forrest
 Dr. Beverly Harris-Schenz
 Sara Hackett, Mary Alice Lightle
 Rebecca McGregor
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Director
 ELPC Chancel Choir
 Dr. Anthony T. Leach, *Guest Artist*
 Neal Holter, *Electric Bass*
The Brass Roots:
 Samuel Eisenhandler, *Trumpet*
 Matthew McCormack, *Trumpet*
 Carrie McCormack, *French Horn*
 Abby Lannan, *Euphonium*
 John Caughman, *Tuba*
 Beadle: Polly McQueen
 Crucifer: Erich Stein
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The Spiritual Life Committee invites everyone to the first ever *ELPC Fall Pie Festival* in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms after today's service!

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are presented by Tamara Golden in loving memory of her mother, Gail Noden, and grandparents, George and Norma Noden.

◆ 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 27 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth preaching. First Sunday in Advent.
 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



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.

PW Thank Offering

All members and friends of ELPC are invited to support the *PW Thank Offering* during today's worship services. 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.

Holiday Giving Tree Tag Distribution

For the next 3 Sundays (and on Wednesday, Nov 30 too), the *Giving Tree* tags will be distributed. Please prayerfully consider taking a tag, purchasing the gift listed, and returning the wrapped gift by Dec 11. This ministry opportunity will enable us to serve our neighbors and members who are struggling financially during the holidays.



Fall Pie Festival

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to the first ever *ELPC Fall Pie Festival* in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms after today's 11 am worship service. 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!

Cathedral Concert: Choral Festival

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will kick off its 2022–2023 season this afternoon at 3 pm with an exciting free concert featuring guest conductor Dr. Anthony Leach, the ELPC Chancel Choir, and special guests, with music of living African American composers.



Elder and Deacon Nominations

Wanted: Servant-Leaders to help guide our congregation into our next era of ministry! The Officer Nominating Committee needs YOUR suggestions to identify a diverse set of candidates for Elder, Deacon, Centennial Fund, as well as the next Nominating Committee. We are looking to assemble a leadership slate that encompasses a wide mix of talents and perspectives, ensuring continued leadership, renewal, and growth for our congregation. We also want to ensure our committees are composed of both new and long-time members — balancing experience with fresh ideas and energy.

Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know can contribute to the leadership of our congregation. Officers will be elected at the *Congregational Meeting* in February, with terms beginning in May 2023. Submit names to Nominating Committee Co-chairs Andrea DeVries (andrea.devries74@gmail.com) and Jill Millard (millardjill@yahoo.com).

Church Tour

There will be a *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour after the 11 am worship service today. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

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 Elaine Phillips.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Peta Harrigan Cole.



*Hanging of
the Greens*
Sunday, Nov 27

Get into the Christmas spirit by decorating the Sanctuary for the Advent season! Join us next Sunday in the Sanctuary immediately after the 11 am service.



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.

Advent Devotionals Available — Nov 27

The Faith Formation Board has created an *Advent Calendar* for our church family rich with opportunities to actively engage persons of all ages in this practice of waiting. Electronic and printed copies of this devotional will be available the first week of Advent, next Sunday, Nov 27.

César Franck: The Three Chorales Concert — Dec 10

ELPC organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore will perform works by César Franck on Saturday, Dec 10 at 4 pm, commemorating the 200th anniversary of Franck's birth. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be received. Join us in the Sanctuary or live on YouTube or Facebook.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Dec 11

All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering on Sunday, Dec 11 at 12:30 pm with the YAMs. For more info or to attend, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

Christmas in East Liberty — Dec 16

The highly anticipated Cathedral Concert and East Liberty tradition *Christmas in East Liberty* returns on Friday, Dec 16 at 7:30 pm, and will feature The Brass Roots, the ELPC Chancel Choir, organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore, and conductor Daniel Nesta Curtis. Join us in the Sanctuary or virtually on YouTube or Facebook. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be received.

Ten Thousand Villages Shopping — Dec 17 and 18

Help support the Deacons' holiday outreach ministries by shopping at Ten Thousand Villages on Saturday, Dec 17 and Sunday, Dec 18. You can come to ELPC to shop, or go online to purchase items. Contact Board of Deacons Moderator Dave Cowan (DavidACowan@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x230).



In our

COMMUNITY



Clergy Holiday Jam Session — Dec 3

On Saturday, Dec 3 from 3-5 pm, a *Clergy Holiday Jam Session* will be held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206) to benefit the National Black Presbyterian Caucus. The event will feature the talented clergy of the Rev. Dr. Harry Cooper, the Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, and the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge. There will also be special sweets for sale! Support the Caucus by making a year-end, tax deductible contribution!

RCC Concert — Dec 3

Pittsburgh's LGBTQIA+ chorus is thrilled to invite you to their first in-person holiday concert since 2019! Join Renaissance City Choir at ELPC for their annual holiday concert *Holiday Greetings and Gay Happy Meetings* on Saturday, Dec 3 at 7:30 pm. In addition to fun holiday favorites with RCC's signature twist, they will be joined by special guests *Vocal Confluence*, Pittsburgh's all-voice barbershop chorus. Live stream tickets are also available so you can join in the joy from the comfort of home. For access concerns, please email accessibility@rccpittsburgh.com. Purchase tickets at <https://rccpittsburgh.ticketleap.com/rccholiday22>.

Belle Voci Concerts — Dec 9 and 11

Belle Voci will present two performances of *Forward Into Light: Music Illuminates Our Path*. The first will be held at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church (300 Glenn Ave, 15116) on Friday, Dec 9 at 8 pm. The second performance will be sensory-friendly, shorter in length, geared toward the unique needs of patrons, on Sunday, Dec 11 at 2 pm at ELPC. General admission tickets are \$20, and can be purchased at www.bellevocipgh.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 27 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Psalm 11; Song of Songs 1:1–6; Mark 5:21–43, 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) — “The Hidden Life of Cloistered Nuns,” 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