



# TAIZÉ:

*Prayerful Song &  
Quiet Meditation*



**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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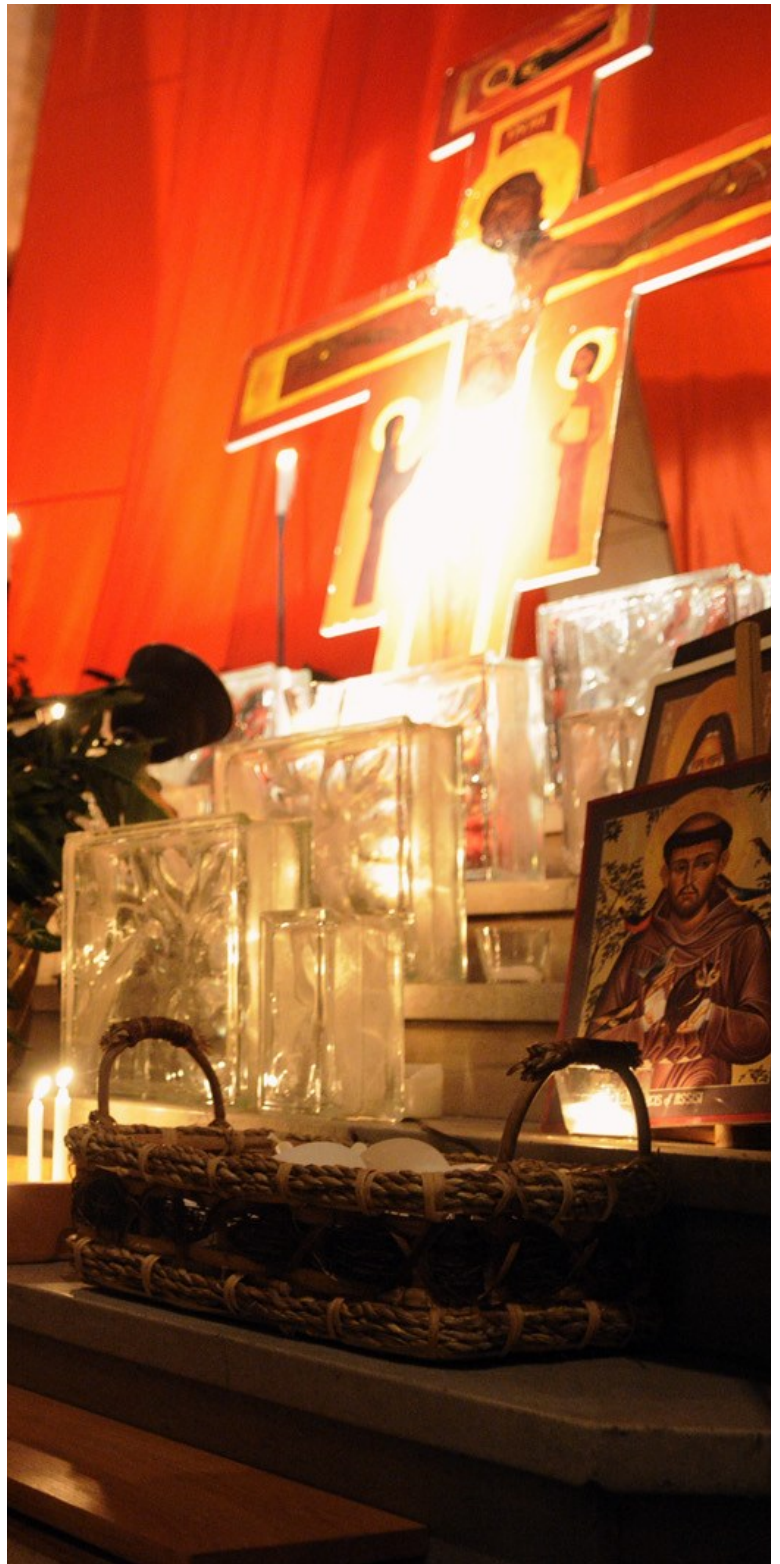
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# Welcome to Taizé

We hope this time and space of prayerful song and quiet meditation will give you rest in body, mind and spirit. We invite you to pray and meditate in a variety of ways as you are so inclined.

- Hold a prayer stone, palm cross or prayer beads.
- Allow the simple repeated refrains to be sung over you and join in as you are able.
- Come forward to the table to doodle or color a mandala.
- Sit on a prayer cushion or chair at the front to be closer to the icons and artwork.
- Light a candle in prayer for another.
- Visit one of the prayer stations up on the altar.

May you awaken to the restful and restorative presence of the Spirit, and may you carry that awareness with you out into the world.



**Prelude by Gerard Rohlif**

**Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth**





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.

## NB22 Sing To The Lord

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let ev-'ry-thing in me pro-claim God's sal-va-tion.  
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und al-les in mir sei-nen hei - li - gen Na-men!

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, and re-mem-ber all of God's mar-vel - ous deeds!  
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und ver - giß nicht, was er dir Gu - tes ge - tan!

## 48 Sing Praises

♩ = 63

*p*

*p*

*fine*

*fine*

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -  
Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord. Sing

da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num! Lau -  
prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing

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**Psalm 103** (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11**

♩ = 104

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

(Al - le - lu - ia)

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Bless the Beloved, O my soul,  
And all that is within me;  
I bless your Holy Name!  
Bless the Beloved, O my soul,  
And remember the goodness of Love.

**ALLELUIA**

Through you comes peace and  
Justice for all who are oppressed.  
You make known the pathway of truth,  
And guide us on the Way.

**ALLELUIA**

You are merciful and gracious,  
Quelling our anger with your patient Love.  
You love us more than we can ask or imagine;  
In truth, we belong to you.

**ALLELUIA**

For you understand us,  
Requiting us not according  
To our ignorance and error.  
As far as the heavens are high above the earth,  
So great is your loving response  
Toward those who are humble;  
So far does your enduring strength  
Uphold those who face the darkness within.

**ALLELUIA**

As parents are concerned for their children,  
So you come to those who reach out in faith.  
For our ways are known,  
Our weaknesses seen with compassion.

**ALLELUIA**

The Beloved's home is in our hearts,  
As we discover in the silence.  
Bless the Beloved, O you angels,  
You faith-filled ones who hear the Word,  
Following the voice of love!

**ALLELUIA**

Bless the Beloved, all you people,  
Those who abandon themselves  
Into Love's hands!  
Praise the Beloved, praise all of Creation!  
Praise the Beloved, O my soul!

**ALLELUIA**



## The Word: Luke 17:11-19 *(the Inclusive Bible translation)*

On the journey to Jerusalem, Jesus passed along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. As Jesus was entering a village, ten people with leprosy met him. Keeping their distance, they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Rabbi, have pity on us!” When Jesus saw them, he responded, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” As they were going, they were healed. One of them, realizing what happened, came back praising God in a loud voice, then fell down at the feet of Jesus and spoke his praises. The individual was a Samaritan.

Jesus replied, “Weren’t all ten made whole? Where are the other nine? Was there no one to return and give thanks except this foreigner?” Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, “stand up and go your way; your faith has saved you.”

## Quiet Meditation and Reflection *(lasting approximately 5-7 minutes)*

### Words from Saints and Ancestors

Continually and unceasingly call to mind all the blessings; which God in His love has bestowed upon you in the past and still bestows upon you.... Bring before your eyes blessings whether physical or spiritual, conferred upon you from the beginning of your life down to the present, and call them repeatedly to mind... When you are moved by the recollection of these blessings which you have received through God’s loving goodness, your heart will be spontaneously wounded with longing and love through this recollection, with the help of divine grace...

— *Mark the Ascetic, a fifth century desert monk*

## 9 Bless The Lord

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The music is in common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." and "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The score includes dynamic markings such as *p* (piano) and *f* (forte). Chord symbols are written above the staff: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A, Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm.

## Prayers of Intercession

(*"I Thank You For Those Things That Are Yet Possible"* by Ted Loder, *Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*)

### Sung Response: G138 Thank You, Jesus, Amen

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and a treble line with chords.

Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you,  
Ti - no ten - da, Je - su! Ti - no ten - da, Je - su! Ti - no

Je - sus, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
ten - da, Je - su! Ha - le - lu - jah! A - men!

WORDS: Trad. Shona; trans. by Patrick Matsikeniyiri (Ps. 118:21; Rev. 11:17; 19:4)  
MUSIC: African folk song; transcribed and arr. by Patrick Matsikeniyiri

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O God, we give you thanks for all that you have done for us: that you have created us, and have given us the gift of life and set us to live in this beautiful world; that you have given us work to do, and the strength to do it; that you have kept us all our days, and have brought us in safety to this present hour.

#### THANK YOU, JESUS, AMEN

We give you thanks for all that others have done for us: for those who taught us when we were children; for those who have given us guidance; for those who to this day love us and surround us with their care; for those who pray for us, who bear us to the throne of grace.

#### THANK YOU, JESUS, AMEN

We give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit: your Spirit bringing to life in us the words of Jesus, your Spirit leading us into new knowledge and new truth; your Spirit brings us strength and courage for living.

#### THANK YOU, JESUS, AMEN

We give you thanks for all that your church has done for us: for all the teaching we have received within the church; for strength and guidance each week for life's way; for the friendship and the fellowship which we here enjoy; for the sacraments of your grace, and the prayers of your people.

#### THANK YOU, JESUS, AMEN

We give you thanks for all that you have done for us in Jesus Christ: that in him you have shown us the length and breadth and depth and height of your great love for us; that in him you have opened to us a new and living way into your presence; that in him you have given us forgiveness of sins and peace with you.

#### THANK YOU, JESUS, AMEN

We give you thanks for everything which has given us strength for earth and hope for heaven. Accept this, our sacrifice of praise, for your love's sake.

#### THANK YOU, JESUS, AMEN

## Silent and Spoken Prayers

*Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.*

*A note about praying for others out loud: Some people are comfortable with having their prayer concerns lifted up in public worship. Others are not. Before you share aloud any prayer concerns, please be sure that you are not breaking confidentiality.*

*Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.*

### NB53 The Lord's Prayer

The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano). There are also performance instructions like '(\*)' and '(\smile)' above certain notes. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the King - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.'

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thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the King - dom,

and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## Prayer over the Anointing Oil *(in unison)*

*We have an anointing station this evening for those seeking individual prayer to share joys or concerns. Any desiring prayer, and/or anointing with oil, are invited to come forward, waiting in the center aisle if the station is full. To assist in hearing prayer concerns, anointing happens to the left in the columbarium.*

Bless this oil, O Lord, pressed from the fruit of the earth. Let it be a holy ointment for the wounds and worries of those who receive it. May it be a sign to all of us of your constant desire to touch our lives and bring us to health and wholeness. Amen.



## G65 Thank You, Lord

1. Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you,  
2. Been so good, Been so good, Been so  
3. Been my friend, Been my friend, Been my,

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
Friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional

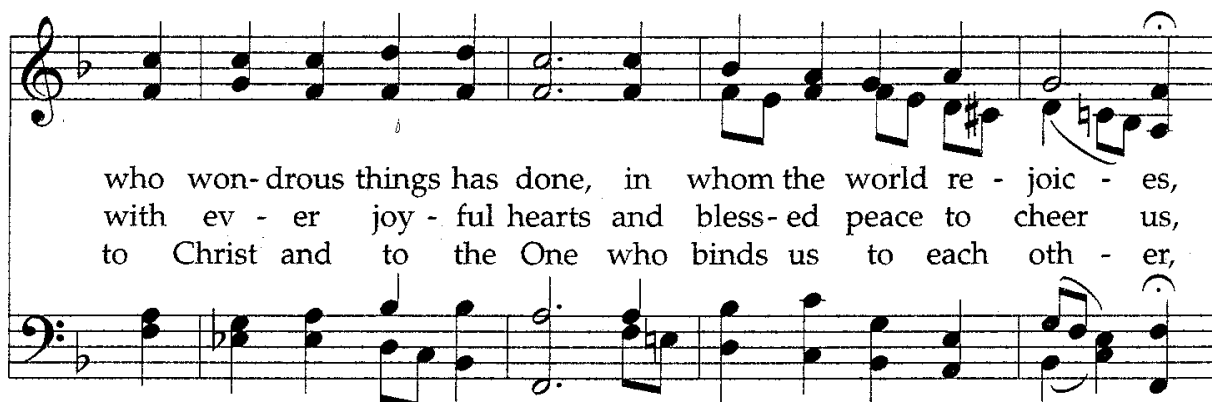
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4. Been my Light ...
5. Been my Peace ...
6. Been my Joy ...
7. Been my Life ...

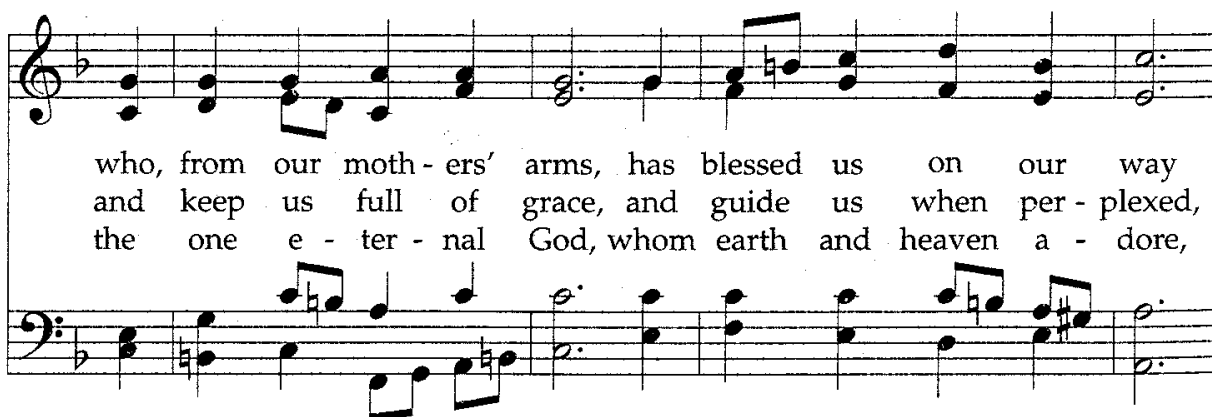
# G137 Now Thank We All Our God



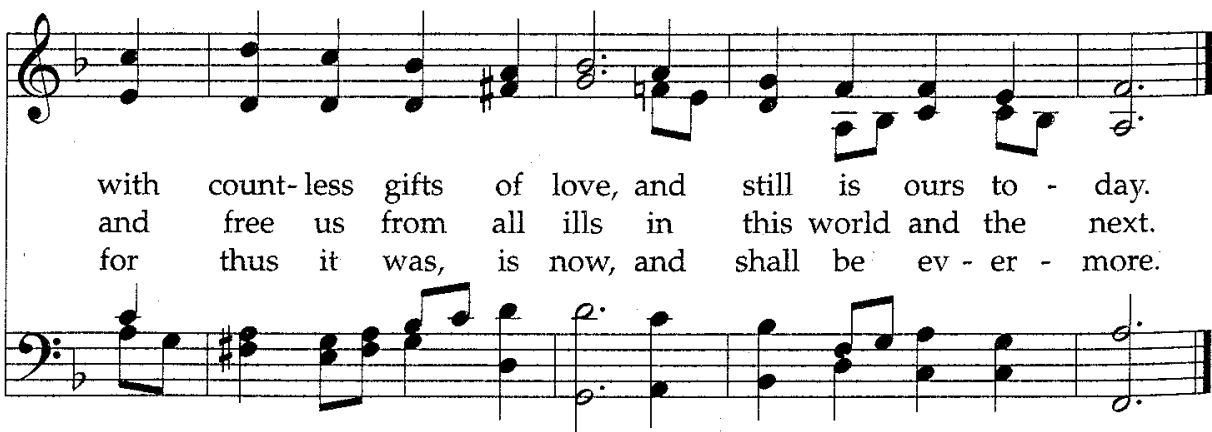
1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,



who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## G86 Praise, Praise, Praise The Lord

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Cameroon song  
MUSIC: Cameroon melody; arr. Ralph M. Johnson, 1994  
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### Closing Blessing *(in unison; John Philip Newell)*

As earth requires rest and the seas need time to be replenished,  
so in resting may we be made more alive,  
so in stillness may our creativity be born anew.  
Bless us this night, O God, that we may wake refreshed.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

## Contemplative Prayer on Mondays

On Mondays from 7:30–8 am, you're invited to a weekly time of quiet contemplation and reflection. The Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead us through a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art, and our bodies to help us start our day and week in communion with God and one another.

Join us online at [www.tiny.cc/contemplative-prayer](http://www.tiny.cc/contemplative-prayer). Enter meeting ID: 959 8065 3992 and passcode: bestill. Contact Pastor BJ ([BJW@coh.net](mailto:BJW@coh.net)) for more info.

## Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

## JourneyDance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions).

Dec 9 (*second Friday*)

6:30-7:45 pm

## Taizé Podcast Now Available

If you are unable to come to our Taizé services in person on Wednesdays at 7 pm, stream or download a 15-minute contemplative recording each week. Each podcast includes a brief time of centering, music, a meditation, and a closing prayer. You can find a link to listen to the recordings at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church), in our *This Week in Worship* email news flash each Friday, or in our new app.

## The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of Taizé Prayer here at ELPC.

BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community).

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# ELPC EVENTS

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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; 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](mailto:DavidACowan@gmail.com)) or Pastor Patrice ([PatriceFS@coh.net](mailto:PatriceFS@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x230).

## Blue Christmas

worship service

Friday  
Dec 9  
7 pm

*This service will include candlelight, chants, thoughtful readings and meditative silence; and a time for comfort and hope.*