



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)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 22, 2023 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

We can't solve modern problems by going back in time. Retreating to the safety of the familiar is an understandable response, but God has called us to a life of faith. And faith requires us to face the unknown while trusting Him completely.
— Charles R. Swindoll

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)”

Gerre Hancock
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

Rebecca McGregor

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: We gather in the presence of God,
People: **We behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.**
Leader: Let us open our hearts and minds to worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rebecca McGregor

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rebecca McGregor

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Rebecca McGregor

Leader: Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us. Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call. Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

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

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #471 (*sing 3 times*)

HEAR MY PRAYER

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

Sara Hackett

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.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their children to the nursery, and the service will be livestreamed into that space.

HYMN #357

“The Days Are Surely Coming”

LLANGLOFFAN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“The Corinthian Conundrum”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Derail Holcomb

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.

OFFERING INVITATION

Derail Holcomb

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

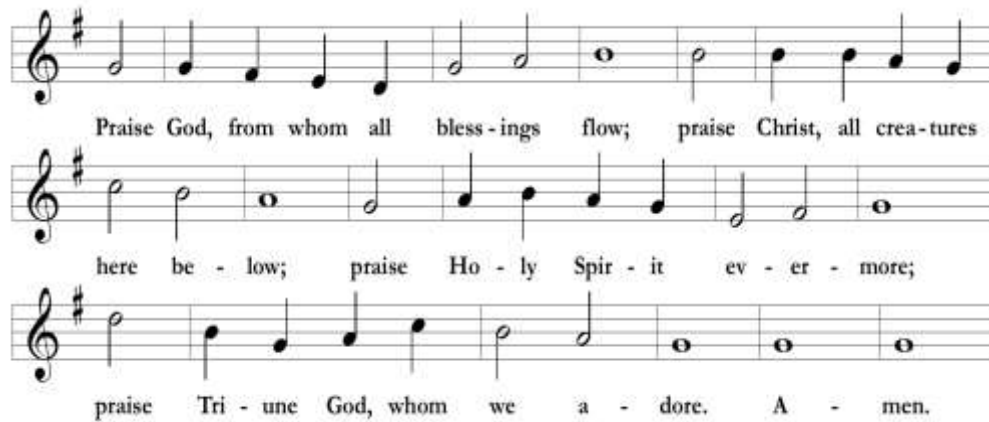
“Prayer for Unity”

Jeffrey H. Rickard
Based on *Finlandia*
by Jean Sibelius

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* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* 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, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ's ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #853

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

SIYAHAMBA

1. **We are marching ...**
2. **We are dancing ...**
3. **We are praying ...**
4. **We are singing ...**

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

“Prélude (We Praise You, O God)”

Marc-Antoine Charpentier
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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: Sara Hackett
Derail Holcomb
Rebecca McGregor
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Handbells: Michelle Bard, Keith Irvin
Jonah Koetke, Mark Statler
Beadle: Lenore Williams
Crucifer: Mario Seneca
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Fellowship Room.

A light lunch will be offered in the Social Hall for those who wish to attend the Environmental Team's event *How to Reduce Energy Bills and Take Advantage of New Incentives*.

◆ 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.

◆ 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.

Jan 29 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth 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* TODAY after the 11 am service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Megan Leisher for more info on future classes (MeganL@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Inquirers' Class

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* after today's 11 am worship service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. This will be a hybrid event ([www.Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us/j/84812298394); Meeting ID: 848 1229 8394; Passcode: 739118). New members will be received on Jan 29 during 11 am worship.



How to Reduce Energy Bills and Take Advantage of New Incentives

Energy prices have gone up sharply within the last half year, and are impacting many households this winter. At the same time, legislators and the Biden Administration are to release \$369 billion for "Energy Security and Climate Change," part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), offering rebates, tax incentives, and other programs to help households conserve energy and to electrify. What is in the programs and how can you take advantage of them?



Join the Environmental Team of ELPC's Justice Committee following today's 11 am worship service in the Social Hall or on Zoom (Meeting ID: 838 3886 1605, Passcode: 562814) to learn about the actions households can take right away or plan to take in the later part of 2023, when the remaining regulations are finalized.

A light lunch will be offered. Contact Nancy Heastings with any questions (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Youth & Young Adult Walking Football

Following the 11 am worship service today, youth in grades 6–12 will be joining the Young Adults for lunch and *Walking Football* in the Gym. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info or to attend (SaraH@coh.net).

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 Linda Sanders.



The History and Persistence of Racism Within the Christian Church — Jan 29

The Facing Systemic Racism Committee invites the congregation to join them on Sunday, Jan 29 during the Church School hour (via zoom or in person) in the Social Hall for the second part of the series, *The History and Persistence of Racism within the Christian Church*, led by University of Pittsburgh professor and lecturer, Dr. Brock Bahler. Dr. Bahler will speak to the intentional codification of racism within the church and how the church continues to perpetuate — and benefits from — white supremacy. His lecture will be followed by a small group discussion of the content, as well as consideration of next steps for ELPC.

Toiletries Drive for Allegheny County Jail — Jan 29 and Feb 5

The Justice Committee is collaborating with the Allegheny County Jail Chaplain's Office to meet some of the current needs of inmates by collecting the following items:

- Body Wash
- Deodorant (*men's and women's*)
- Shampoo/Conditioner (*including black hair care products*)
- Lotion
- Toothpaste

(Please note we can only collect full-size toiletry items in plastic bottles or tubes. Pump mechanisms are prohibited.)

Volunteers will be collecting items after Journey and Sanctuary worship on Sundays, Jan 29 and Feb 5. There also will be a drive-up collection outside of the Highland entrance from 12–2:30 pm on both days. Collection boxes will be available by the Highland entrance during the week.

Monetary donations may be made to ELPC's "Hygiene collection."

If you would like to help with the collections, contact Judy Mancini (412.299.6160; mancinijs@gmail.com).

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Jan 29 • after 11 am worship

A special congregational meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on Jan 29 to elect a *Pastor Nominating Committee*.

Candidates are: Doug Booth, Bill Buchanan, David Carl, Andrea DeVries, James Eng, Linda Lane, Rebecca McGregor, Polly McQueen, and Antwone Wright.

This will be in-person participation only (will not be livestreamed).



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

Linda Benedict,
Tim Engelhardt's dad Steve and mom Cecelia,
Joe Kennedy,
Rhonda Perroz's brother Gary,
and Herma Stewart's sister Edris.

*Condolences to the family of Willa Dixon on her passing.
(Valerie Dixon)*

Condolences to Becky Gloninger on her mother's passing.

*Condolences to the family of Michael Hoehn on his passing.
(Carol, Michael and Benjamin Hoehn and Laura Trabold
and grandchildren Caleb and Caiden Trabold and Reagan Hoehn)*

*Condolences to the family of Morris Jordan on his passing.
(Sharon Hardnet)*

Environmental Book Study:

Superman's Not Coming — Feb 9

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is continuing their study surrounding water with their next book *Superman's Not Coming: Our National Water Crisis and What We the People Can Do About It* by Erin Brockovich.

This 2020 book is a stirring call to action from the environmental activist, consumer advocate, and renowned crusader. It is a brutally honest look at how mismanagement, chemical spills, mishandling of toxic waste and sludge have created the perfect storm in terms of damaging water systems in the United States.

Consider reading our new book and plan on joining us for a discussion on Thursday, Feb 9 at 7 pm, led by Sandy Brake on Zoom. For more info and the Zoom link, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

See Derek Webb in Concert — Feb 10

All are invited to join the Young Adult Ministry on Friday, Feb 10 at 8 pm for Derek Webb in concert in the ELPC Bowling Alley. A member of contemporary Christian band Caedmon's Call, Derek's newest solo work, *The Jesus Hypothesis*, takes another look at doubt and faith in beautiful ways. Tickets can be purchased online at DerekWebb.com.

Study the Enneagram — Feb 20 (3rd Monday of the Month)

Join us on the third Monday of each month from 12:15–1:30 pm, at www.tiny.cc/enneagram. Enter Meeting ID: 966 6904 5127; and Passcode: 9types. Participants will need a copy of *The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Path to Spiritual Growth* by Christopher L. Heuertz. Our group will be led by Lynn Holden, a licensed professional counselor, trained spiritual director, and certified Enneagram practitioner. Please note the group will meet on Feb 20 and March 20.

**ERIN
BROCKOVICH**
**Superman's
Not Coming**

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Cathedral Concerts in 2023

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will continue into the new year with an exciting slate of concerts. Contact Dr. Edward Alan Moore for more details (EdM@coh.net).

Sunday, March 5 at 3 pm

I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's

Life in Word and Song

Featuring Anthony Brown, Baritone

Saturday, April 1 at 4 pm

Carnegie Mellon University

Wind Ensemble

George Vosburgh and

Thomas Thompson, Co-Directors

Stephen Story, Associate Director

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist

Sunday, April 30 at 3 pm

Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh

Featuring Alan Morrison, Organist

Friday, May 19 at 7:30 pm

Brass Roots and Organ



Help ELPC WELCOME children and families by ...

- *Volunteering in the Nursery!* Help is needed once a month or quarterly, during Journey or Sanctuary worship. Volunteers will be trained in our church's child safety policies and will work alongside an experienced staff person. We are also looking to hire an additional childcare worker, so please share the job description (*found online*) with anyone you know who is great with young children.
- *Providing Dinner for Club 116!* We serve dinner at 5 pm to around 25 people every Wednesday at Club 116. Grilled cheese, lasagna, and tacos are all big hits. You can find out more info and sign-up to provide dinner or dessert online: <https://forms.gle/oBmxJziBBgCF5MmU9>.
- *Volunteering at Club 116!* We have a growing program on Wednesday night from 4:30-6:30 pm (*especially our elementary and tween age group*) and need a few more adults who enjoy spending time with some exceptionally wonderful and fun kids. We are looking for volunteers who can help most weeks and occasional substitutes. Contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net; 412.673.2926).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 29 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Next Sunday at 9:45 am in the Social Hall, the Adult Sunday School Classes will combine for the presentation:
The History and Persistence of Racism within the Christian Church led by Dr. Brock Bahler