



# 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)*

## GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY / SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 5, 2023 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

### TIME OF PREPARATION

I disagree with those who say we bear the image of God only, or even primarily, by living out our faith in labor...Our dignity may involve our doing, but it is foremost in our very being – our tears and emotions, our bodies lying in the grass, our scabs healing. I try to remember that Eve and Adam bore the image of God before they did anything at all. This is very mysterious to me, and it must be protected.

— Cole Arthur Riley, “This Here Flesh”

### MUSIC MINISTRY

“Beach Spring”

“Adoration”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

arr. Janet Linker

based on Glory to God hymnal #490, 498, 716

Florence Price

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Cowan

Leader: We are children of God, skin and bones, dust and spirit, feelings and ideas, imperfect and loved.

People: Created in your image, we gather to worship you – not that we might see a reflection of ourselves in you, but so that we might notice your love at work in our lives.

Leader: Created in your image, we give you thanks for difference – that our bodies, minds, personalities, gifts, insights and aspirations bear witness to the breadth of your creativity and the wideness of your love.

People: Created in your image, we seek to learn – how to follow you and care for one another; how to be our authentic selves, enacting justice and embodying love.

Leader: Created in God’s image, let us sing in praise, learn in faith, pray in hope to the God of love. Let us worship together.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #772

“Live into Hope”

TRURO

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

### ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: 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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## March 5 • 2nd Sunday in Lent

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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #442      “Just as I Am, without One Plea”      WOODWORTH

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON      Psalm 121      Dr. Charma Dudley

GOSPEL LESSON      Luke 1:26-38      Jan Herzer

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 #7      “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”      NORWICH

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON      Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7      The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON      “What We Bear”      The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC      “This Is Me”      Benj Pasek and Justin Paul  
(from *The Greatest Showman*)

OFFERING INVITATION      Lenore Williams

*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      “God So Loved the World”      John Stainer  
*text from John 3:16-17*

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION      OLD HUNDREDTH



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



— 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.

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.

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 #770

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

WELCOME TABLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

God of compassion, in Jesus you embodied reconciliation, mercy and steadfast love. Nourished in this communion meal, may we follow his example and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN (*please see music insert*)

FOR EVERYONE BORN

“For Everyone Born”

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, *organ*

“Prelude in F”

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

*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](http://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  
Annie Cowan  
Dr. Charma Dudley  
Sara Hackett  
Jan Herzer  
Lenore Williams  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Adrianna Cleveland, *Soloist*  
Robin Thompson, *Soloist*  
Beadles: Polly McQueen and Mario Seneca  
Crucifer: Erich Stein  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Fellowship 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](mailto:wilson.franr@gmail.com)). The cost is \$200.

#### ♦ 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.  
*March 12 — The Rev. Brian Wallace 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

Meditation Hour (*through May*)

Join John Benedict, retired psychologist and practitioner of insight meditation, in the Prayer Room for an hour devoted to meditation, which includes an opening reading, silent sitting, and walking. All are welcome!

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm (*before Taizé*)

## 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 more info on future classes ([MeganL@coh.net](mailto:MeganL@coh.net)).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Celebrating Gifts of Women Sunday

March 8 is *International Women's Day*—a day to celebrate the gifts of women and to name the inequities experienced by women across the globe. We will join this celebration and observance in worship today. Pastor Heather will speak to our need to continue our work of gender justice.

### Church Tour

Tom Morton will lead a *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour after the 11 am Sanctuary 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 Molly Davidson-Welling. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is George Clark.

### Cathedral Concert

Baritone Anthony Brown will present *I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in Word and Song*, a multi-media musical documentary at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. More info is highlighted below.



## TODAY at 3 pm

### Anthony Brown in concert

ELPC's Cathedral Concerts series will present *I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in Word and Song* by baritone Anthony Brown. *I Go On Singing* tells Paul Robeson's story in his own words, using many first-hand accounts from his autobiography, *Here I Stand*. The multi-media musical documentary traces his humble beginnings as a preacher's son in Princeton, New Jersey, to his international celebrity as an advocate for peace and justice.



The performance will bring music and history alive with equal parts documentary and live concert experience. Musical numbers range from spirituals to Broadway, and include Robeson's original arrangements of favorites like *Wade in the Water*, *Ol' Man River*, *It Ain't Necessarily So*, *Water Boy*, and many others. A freewill offering will be received.

### PW Bible Study — March 6 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study *Sabbath* on Monday, March 6 from 7-8:30 pm (Zoom only), and Tuesday, March 7 from 10 am-Noon (hybrid). Those attending on Tuesday at ELPC are invited to bring a brown bag lunch; beverages will be provided. For more info and the Zoom link, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

### Connections Group — March 11

ELPC's Connections Group invites you to Gretchen Chapman's house to play board games from 7-9 pm on Saturday, March 11. You are welcome to bring a game or a snack to share! Email connectelpc@gmail.com to RSVP.

### Worshiping with the Rev. Brian Wallace — March 12

On Sunday, March 12, we're pleased to welcome the Rev. Brian Wallace as our guest preacher for our Journey and Sanctuary services. Brian has served in ministry since 2003 and currently serves as Associate Minister and Acting Head of Staff of Pittsburgh Presbytery. In this role, he resources and supports leaders and congregations throughout the Pittsburgh area.



### Reparations: A Conversation with Bethel AME — March 12

Join Bethel AME Church from the Hill District in the ELPC Social Hall following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, March 12 to hear about Bethel's ongoing journey toward restitution for the theft of their land and wealth. Following a presentation by Bethel and partner churches, we will discuss the theological and ethical call to reparations, drawing from the book *Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair* by Duke L. Kwon and Gregory Thompson. A light lunch will be served, and the conversation will begin at 1 pm. You may also join online via Zoom at [tiny.cc/d7l4vz](https://tiny.cc/d7l4vz). Enter meeting ID 834 5725 3071 and passcode 257920.

### Spring Solstice Forest Bathing — March 18

Join us at Dark Hollow Woods Park in Verona on Saturday, March 18 from 12–2 pm for a peaceful *Forest Bathing* walk as we enjoy the magic at the beginning of spring. Limited to 10 participants. Please RSVP to Sandi Miller ([samellaannmiller@gmail.com](mailto:samellaannmiller@gmail.com)) by Sunday, March 12. Dress appropriately for the weather. Parking is limited.

### LGBTQ Spiritual Gathering — March 19

All are invited to the LGBTQ Ministry's next monthly Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, March 19 at 12:30 pm to share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Please contact Wil Forrester for more info or to RSVP ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x218).





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

Jo Ellen Aleshire's sister Betty,  
Kimberly O'Donnell's grandson William,  
Joe Kennedy, Barbara Krimmel, and Grace Taylor.

*Condolences to Jo Ellen Aleshire on her brother-in-law's passing.  
Condolences to Stephen Simpson-Hunt  
on his great aunt's passing.*

#### Sunday Social Hour — March 19

The ELPC Session invites you to a Social Hour following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, March 19. All are welcome!

#### Church Tour — March 19

Steve Evrard will guide a *Tower* tour on Sunday, March 19 after the 11 am Sanctuary service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

#### Taking Action on Soot Pollution Standards — March 19

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently proposing to tighten regulations on soot (a mix of metals, organic chemicals, and acidic substances in particles so small they can be inhaled deeply into our lungs and enter our bloodstreams). Emitted by power plants and the **tailpipes of cars and trucks, soot's health burden falls most heavily on communities of color and the poor.** We need to tell the EPA to develop the strongest possible soot standard to ensure clean air. Interfaith Power and Light, a faith-based environmental group, has a letter on soot that you can send to the EPA at [tiny.cc/epa-letter](http://tiny.cc/epa-letter).

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to act to protect our climate and our health, and advance environmental justice. Join us in the Garth Overlook Room following worship on Sunday, March 19 to learn more and sign a petition. Assistance also will be available to help you submit a comment through the EPA website. Comments to the EPA are due by March 28.

#### Update from Your Pastoral Nominating Committee...

This past Monday (Feb 27), we held a hybrid meeting for our PNC orientation from the Presbytery. Rev. Brian Wallace, Presbytery Staff Person, Rev. Vincent Kolb as the Transition Liaison, as well as Pastor Heather and Pastor BJ attended and helped us prepare.

Later in this process there will be an opportunity for each of you to share your thoughts with us; we look forward to hearing them. We are honored to serve you and ELPC in these roles and committed to working together on this journey in a way which honors the Lord our God. Thank you for your trust in us and we ask for your prayers as we take this journey together.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### RCC Cabaret Show — March 24, 25 and 26

The Renaissance City Choir (RCC) will hold its annual Cabaret at ELPC on Friday, March 24, Saturday, March 25 (both days at 7:30 pm), and Sunday, March 26 at 2 pm. **This year's show is *Flying Free with RCC***, a fun combination of solos, ensembles, and full chorus with bird-themed music! Ticketing and more information are available at [www.RCCpittsburgh.com](http://www.RCCpittsburgh.com).

#### Program Assistant for Diversities at Association of Theological Schools

The Association of Theological Studies has an immediate opening for a full-time program assistant to support its multiple diversity projects—including initiatives for racial/ethnic and women leaders, as well as global awareness and engagement. Submit resume and cover letter to Frank Yamada ([yamada@ats.edu](mailto:yamada@ats.edu)).

#### Study the Enneagram Concludes — March 20

Join us on Monday, March 20 from 12:15–1:30 pm on Zoom ([www.tiny.cc/enneagram](http://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 this series will conclude on March 20.*

#### SAVE THE DATE

#### Attaining Resurrection Contemplative Retreat May 5-7 (Friday-Sat)

Villa Maria Retreat Center, Pulaski, PA  
Details coming soon! Contact Pastor BJ with questions!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

### March 12 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

#### ♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Psalm 20; Song of Songs 8:5–14; Philippians 1:27–2:11, 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 Way of Obedience (Isaiah 49:1–7)” led by the Rev. Dr. Steven S. Tuell, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of chapter nine of *Made for Goodness* by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, and other class members