



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 IN LENT MARCH 12, 2023 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

Times of transition are strenuous, but I love them. They are an opportunity to purge, rethink priorities, and be intentional about new habits. We can make our new normal any way we want.

— Kristin Armstrong

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Choral Dorien”
“Jesus, Still Lead On” (*Seelenbräutigam*)

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Jehan Alain
arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carl

Leader: Siblings, come, let us worship and bow down;
People: Let us kneel before our God, our Maker.
Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.
People: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #386

“Come, Worship God”

O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

God, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water that we may never thirst again.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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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SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #654 (*please sing 3 times*)

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

“In the Lord I'll Be Ever 'Thankful”

PSALM READING

Psalm 95

Ryan Booher

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

David Carl

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 #790

“In Silence My Soul Thirsts”

MY SOUL THIRSTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Brian Wallace

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

The Rev. Wallace

SERMON

“What Comes Next?”

The Rev. Wallace

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 Be in My Head”

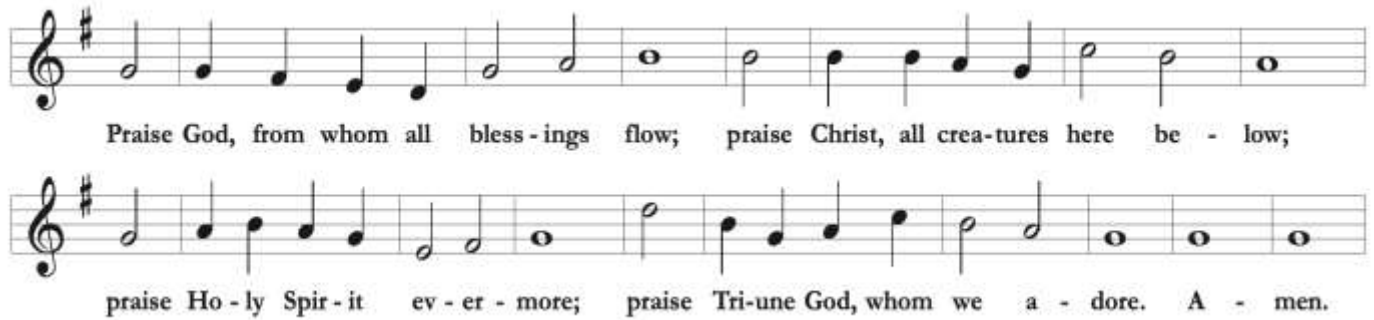
Andrew Carter

*God be in my head and in my understanding,
God be in mine eyes and in my looking,
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,
God be in my heart and in my thinking,
God be at mine end and at my departing.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
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.
Leader:	We give you thanks, gracious God, that you are our God and we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

RHONDDA

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Wallace

POSTLUDE

“Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554”

Dr. Moore, *organ*
attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

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. Brian Wallace
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Ryan Booher
David Carl
Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadle: Mark Statler
Crucifer: Mario Seneca
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Fellowship Room.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Huber and Mr. Harry M. Huber.

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 \$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 19 — 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

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).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome to Guest Preacher The Rev. Brian Wallace

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. We thank him for sharing his message with us this morning!

Reparations: A Conversation with Bethel AME

Join Bethel AME Church from the Hill District in the ELPC Social Hall following Sanctuary worship today 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. Enter meeting ID 834 5725 3071 and passcode 257920.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee

Stop by the Highland Ave hallway after the 11 am worship service to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). If you are unable to pick up your coffee in person, contact Ryan Booher (rabooharco@gmail.com).
Note: Café Justo will be sold on the second Sunday of the month.

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 Tom Sturgill. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Jeff Fritz.

Request Lenten Devotionals

This Lent, ELPC's Faith Formation Board is excited to offer Salt Project's *Bless the Mess* devotional. Please request your devotional from Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net), or on our website (ELPC.church).



Lenten JourneyDance — March 17

Join Yamuna on Friday, March 17 at 7 pm in the Chapel for Lenten JourneyDance. The event will feature songs from *Godspell* among others to help us experience the Lenten Journey through movement.

Sponsor an Easter Plant

Order forms are available on the info tables, and on our website.



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) by the end of today. 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 Forrest for more info or to RSVP (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

Sunday Social Hour — March 19

You are invited to a Social Hour next Sunday, March 19 following the 11 am worship service in the McKelvy Room. It is sponsored by Session. Come, enjoy, and talk with the Elders.

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 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 11 am worship on Sunday, March 19 to learn more and sign a petition to tell the EPA to develop the strongest possible soot standards in proposed legislation. Assistance also will be available to help you submit a comment through the EPA website. Comments to the EPA are due by March 28. 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.

Acolyte Training

Youth acolytes in 4th through 12th grade are needed to help lead worship. Please contact Sara Hackett to sign up (SaraH@coh.net). There will be a training session on Sunday, March 19 after 11 am worship in the Sanctuary.





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

Jo Ellen Aleshire's sister Betty,
The Rev. Dr. Bob Chesnut,
Kimberly O'Donnell's grandson William,
Joe Kennedy, Barbara Krimmel, Margaret McCaulley,
and Grace Taylor.

*Condolences to the family of Suzanne Hewitt on her passing.
(She is the wife of former pastor Rev. Bob Hewitt.)*

Study the Enneagram Concludes — March 20

Join us on Monday, March 20 from 12:15–1:30 pm on Zoom (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.*

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) and the Pittsburgh Marathon are Back — Register by March 31

The Neighbors Committee invites runners and fast walkers to support Open Hand Ministries' 2023 Pittsburgh Marathon fundraiser on Sunday, May 7. OHM is one of our mission partners and a Silver Charity in the *Run For A Reason* program. There will be workouts, practice walks, and an encouraging presence as all of us walk, talk, and run ourselves into fitness and “doing something good” for our community. Register for the Marathon, Half-Marathon, or Relay Team (5 people), and choose Open Hand Ministries as your *Run for a Reason* Charity. Registration closes on March 31. For more info, please contact Laura Ristau (marathon@openhandpittsburgh.org; 412.780.5588).

Yoga Retreat — April 1

Don't miss a wonderful way to spend April Fool's Day on Saturday, April 1. Attend a yoga retreat from 9 am–2 pm with Yamuna Morgenstern, which promises to nourish your body, mind, and spirit! The retreat will provide opportunities for yoga; pranayama (breath work for meditation); time for reflection where participants might walk the labyrinth, journal, or draw; a catered lunch together; and experiencing kirtan. Kirtan is an ancient practice of call and response chanting in Sanskrit. It is both a meditative and uplifting, lively practice that connects you with your true self and the divine. A special guest and artist of kirtan, Devananda Moreau, will lead us. People who only wish to experience kirtan are welcome to attend from 1–2 pm, free of charge. Bring your own mat (or two), a yoga block if you have one, your own blanket for savasana and meditation and a water bottle. Limited to 15 participants.

Register online at tiny.cc/yoga-retreat. The suggested donation is \$35–\$70, which includes lunch. Scholarships are available. For details, contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

PSO Performs Mozart's “Requiem” — March 17 to 19

Hear how hope shines through this once-in-a-lifetime portrayal of Mozart's final musical gift, uniquely interpreted by Music Director Manfred Honeck and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on Friday, March 17, Saturday, March 18 (both days at 8 pm), and on Sunday, March 19 at 2:30 pm at Heinz Hall (downtown). Get tickets at www.pittsburghsymphony.org, and use code REQUIEM20 at checkout to receive 20% off!

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! Visit www.RCCpittsburgh.com for tickets and info.

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).



ELPC's Cathedral Concerts present

CARNEGIE MELLON
UNIVERSITY WIND
ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 1 at 4 pm

Freewill offering will be received

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

March 19 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Psalm 21; Genesis 3:1–7; Philippians 2:12–18, 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 Discipleship (Isaiah 50:4–11),” led by the Rev. Dr. Steven S. Tuell, facilitated by Gwen Puza

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