



# 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)*

## JUNE 18, 2023 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### TIME OF PREPARATION

But BEing time is never wasted time. When we are BEing, not only are we collaborating with chronological time, but we are touching on kairos, and are freed from the normal restrictions of time.

— Madeleine L'Engle, American author

### GATHERING MUSIC *(lyrics included in bulletin)*

Journey Praise Team

“Bless The Lord With Me”  
“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Woodworth

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 *(based on Psalm 100)*

Coleman and Linda Lane

Leader: Let all creation sing with gladness;

People: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

Leader: Come and abide with the One who formed us;

People: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

Leader: **Give thanks, and praise, and bless God's name;**

People: Make a joyful noise to God!

Leader: Let us worship God in the Spirit of Holiness!

### \* OPENING HYMN *(lyrics printed in bulletin)*

“Again I Say Rejoice”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Coleman and Linda Lane

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Coleman and Linda Lane

Almighty God, you have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation. We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world, rather than believing in your steadfast Word.

**We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting. We cry out for justice, if it doesn't cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the freedoms that we value most. We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don't want to be mistreated or hated. We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kin-dom comes. Amen.**

### TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Coleman and Linda Lane

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness is promised to all generations.  
We are justified by faith, forgiven and freed, and at peace with God and each other through  
Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

RESPONSIVE HYMN (*lyrics printed in bulletin; please sing 3 times*)

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Romans 5:1-8

Linda Lane  
Coleman Lane

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children.*

*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.*

\* HYMN (*lyrics printed in bulletin*)

"Change My Heart, O God"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

HEBREW LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"In Due Season"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

ELPC GOOD NEWS

Carol Chonoska

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Woodworth

*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. Woodworth

*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 Narthex.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Complete"

Journey Praise Team

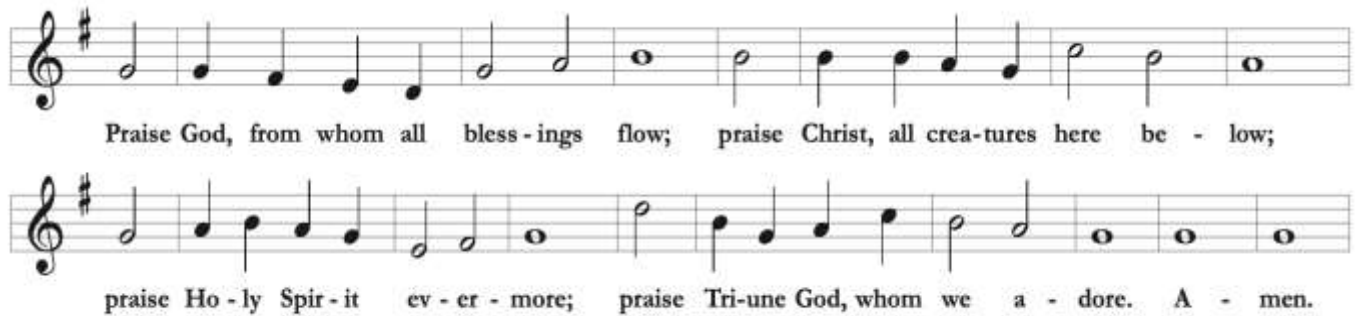
*Here I am, O God. I bring this sacrifice, my open heart. I offer up my life. I look to you, Lord. Your love that never ends restores me again.*

*So I lift my eyes to you, Lord. In your strength will I break through, Lord. Touch me now, let your love fall down on me. I know your love dispels all my fears. Through the storm I will hold on, Lord. And by faith I will walk on, Lord. Then I'll see beyond my Calvary one day, and I will be complete in you. I look to you, Lord. Your love that never ends restores me again.*

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\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y  
alabanzas a Dios.

Leader: Liberating God, use these gifts to transform the world, to bring about your justice, peace  
and reconciliation for all creation. Transform us as we offer them, to be partners and co-  
creators of your beloved kin-dom. In Jesus' name, we pray.

People: Amén.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.

Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN (*lyrics printed in bulletin*)

"This Little Light of Mine"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## SHARING ELPC GOOD NEWS

Who is someone you've noticed quietly serving, giving, loving, or simply using their gifts and passion as an embodiment of the mission and vision of ELPC? As a person comes to mind, consider "telling" on them so we can see and hear God at work through our siblings as they live out the good news of the gospel, in our church and/or in their daily life. Email Pastors Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net), Heather (HeatherS@coh.net), or BJ (BJW@coh.net) your ELPC good news.



*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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Carol Chonoska  
Sara Hackett  
Coleman and Linda Lane  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
Gerald Savage, *Journey Music Director*  
Journey Praise Team  
Sound: Wayne Gaines  
Bobby Jarsulic

#### ◆ SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday morning, there is coffee available in the Narthex from 9 am to Noon.

#### ◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. Porter Corwin.

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 \$100 during the summer worship schedule.

#### ◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir and soloists. The service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Weather permitting, this service will be held in the Courtyard. Additional seating is available in the Garth Overlook Room if you prefer to sit inside.  
*June 25 — The Rev. Dr. Darrell Knopp preaching.*

#### ◆ 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

Meditation Hour

Join John Benedict, retired psychologist and practitioner of insight meditation, in the Chapel 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*)

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month.

July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15.

Oct 20, Nov 17

7-8:30 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 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).

## BLESS THE LORD WITH ME

Solo:

Come on and bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Come on and bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me

Everyone:

Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Clap your hands with me  
Clap your hands with me  
Clap your hands with me  
Clap your hands with me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me  
Bless the Lord with me

Dance before the Lord  
Dance before the Lord  
Dance before the Lord  
Dance before the Lord

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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## WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord

And we offer unto you  
The sacrifices of thanksgiving  
And we offer unto you  
The sacrifices of praise

We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord  
And we offer unto you  
The sacrifices of thanksgiving  
And we offer unto you  
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## AGAIN I SAY REJOICE

Solo:

Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice!

All:

Come bless the Lord  
Come bless the Lord  
Draw near to worship Christ the Lord  
And bless his name, his holy name  
Declaring he is good

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Draw near to worship Christ the Lord  
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Declaring he is good

O that all would praise him  
O that all would praise him

Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice!

Come bless the Lord  
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And bless his name, his holy name  
Declaring he is good

O that all would praise him  
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Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice!

O that we would praise his name  
Praise his name  
To the ends of the earth!  
O that we would praise his name  
Praise his name  
To the ends of the earth!

O that we would praise his name  
Praise his name  
To the ends of the earth!  
O that we would praise his name  
Again I say, again I say  
Again I say, again I say  
Again I say, again I say

Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
And again I say, again I say  
And again I say, again I say  
And again I say, again I say

Rejoice, rejoice!  
Rejoice, rejoice!  
Rejoice!

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## IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

### **In the Lord I'll be ever thankful**

In the Lord I will rejoice  
Look to God, do not be afraid  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near

### **In the Lord I'll be ever thankful**

In the Lord I will rejoice  
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## CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

Change my heart, O God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart, O God  
May I be like you

Change my heart, O God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart, O God  
May I be like you

You are the potter, I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

Change my heart, O God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart, O God  
May I be like you

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## THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
This little light of mine  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
This little light of mine  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
Let it shine  
Let it shine  
Let it shine

Every where I go  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
Every where I go  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
Every where I go  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
Let it shine  
Let it shine  
Let it shine

All around the world  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
All around the world  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
All around the world  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
Let it shine  
Let it shine  
Let it shine

This little light of mine  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
This little light of mine  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
This little light of mine  
**I'm gonna let it shine**  
Let it shine  
Let it shine  
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Happy  
**Father's**  
Day!



## TODAY AT ELPC

### Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DODs)

Every Sunday, a DOD (*Deacon-on-Duty*) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our services. The *Summer* service DOD is Dana Carl.



### Sharing ELPC Good News

This summer, as part of our Sunday service at 10 am, we will be sharing ELPC GOOD News! Who is someone you've noticed quietly serving, giving, loving, or simply using their gifts and passion as an embodiment of the mission and vision of ELPC? As a person comes to mind, consider "telling" on them so we can see and hear God at work through our siblings as they live out the good news of the gospel, in our church and/or in their daily life. Email Pastors Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net), Heather (HeatherS@coh.net), or BJ (BJW@coh.net) your ELPC good news.

### Fridays in The Rain Garden — June 23

The Environmental Team and Gardening Crew are hosting *Workdays in the Rain Garden* on Fridays again this summer. Please join them for a morning of weeding, mulching, and fellowship from 9 am to Noon on every second and fourth Friday through September. Green thumbs are not required—just bring your energy, curiosity, and commitment to our church and community. The next gathering will be on Friday, June 23. Contact Don Breitbarth for more info (don.breitbarth@gmail.com).

### Church Tour — June 25

Steve Evrard will lead a *Hidden Places* tour of ELPC on Sunday, June 25 after the 10 am worship service. Please gather at the Highland Lobby to participate. All are welcome!

### ELPC Connections Event — June 25

Join the ELPC *Connections Group* to see Billy Price with Gabe Stillman (Rhythm & Blues) in concert on Sunday, June 25 at 7 pm, at the Hartwood Acres Park Amphitheater in Allison Park. The concert is free. Bring a chair and your own picnic dinner or purchase from food vendors.

**LGBTQIA+ Ministry Event — June 25**  
Join our faith family at the *People's Pride PGH March and Festival* on Sunday, June 25 at 11 am in Swissvale. Pride Map fliers are in the Highland Ave hallway. Come out and celebrate while we share God's love with all God's people! Please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).



### Calling All Graduates — Info due June 30

As school-years come to a close, many members of our church family are celebrating milestone graduations—and we want to celebrate YOU! If you are graduating from high school, vocational/technical school, college, graduate school, etc., send your name, degree earned, and the name of the institution from which you are graduating to Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net) by June 30.

### Still Thinking About Doing a Mission Trip?

**There's still time to register for our summer Mission Trips!** Middle school youth in grades 6–8 are heading to Crestfield from July 5–8 for summer camp fun and volunteering. High school youth in grades 8–12 are serving with North Street Mission in Wooster, Ohio from Aug 6–11. Participants in the high school summer mission trip must meet certain requirements, including participating in three service projects with ELPC.

Register online at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church) and contact Sara Hackett with questions (SaraH@coh.net).

### Parking on Whitfield St — Aug 13

An outside group has applied for a permit to close Whitfield St outside ELPC on Sunday, Aug 13 to hold a mental health awareness event. If you typically park on Whitfield St on Sundays, please make alternate plans on that date.

### Chapel Market: Expanded Hours and Donation Request

The Chapel Market has expanded its hours of operation! It is now open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm, in addition to being open every Thursday from 10 am—Noon. The Chapel Market is also seeking donations of summer **clothing, especially children's clothes**. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open.





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

Linda Benedict's sister's  
husband and his sister,

Carla Depperman's friend Misael, and

Peta Harrigan Cole's friends Robert and Tracey.

*Condolences to Doris Dick and family on her aunt's passing.*

#### Take Climate Action: Electrify Your Home or Car

Home and transportation electrification—coupled with greening of the electricity supply—is the current best strategy on how we can collectively reduce our climate impact. The Biden Administration's *Inflation Reduction Act* provides many substantial incentives for homeowners and renters to do so. Visit [www.Rewiringamerica.org/IRAguide](http://www.Rewiringamerica.org/IRAguide) for more info. Prepare by planning now, and don't waste an opportunity when an appliance of yours (or your car) needs to be replaced.

The family of Heather and Jim Eng are eager to do just that. After installing an electric heat pump for their space heating and cooling in 2022, they will tackle converting their electric panel to 200 amps to better support charging EV cars, plan on gas-stove alternatives in the kitchen, and prepare for a heat pump water heater and dryer when their appliances need replacement.

You can keep up to date with their journey by visiting the Environmental Team's bulletin board or view a presentation at [tinyurl.com/42x548yj](http://tinyurl.com/42x548yj). For more info, contact Nancy Heastings ([n.heastings@comcast.net](mailto:n.heastings@comcast.net)).

#### Meditation Hour — Tuesdays

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join John Benedict in the Chapel each Tuesday from 6-7 pm for an hour devoted to meditation. John is a retired psychologist and a long time student and practitioner of insight meditation. No experience necessary, and all are welcome!

#### Download the ELPC App

ELPC published a mobile app to serve as a hub for all ELPC-related news, events, and digital offerings. On the app, you can stream live and archived worship services and concerts, watch sermons, listen to our Taizé podcast, download bulletins, browse events, connect with our social media pages, read up-to-date news, and more. The app is available for free on Google Play™ and the App Store®. Search for "East Liberty Presbyterian." Google Play is a trademark of Google LLC. App Store is a registered trademarks of Apple Inc.

In our

# COMMUNITY



#### Trinity Youth Conference (TYC) — July 16 to 22

TYC is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students in Shellsburg, Pennsylvania. The week consists of meaningful workshops, camp games, relevant worship, and refreshingly honest small groups; and is planned and led by a youth planning team. Rev. Ralph Lowe, associate minister for Justice Ministries at Pittsburgh Presbytery, is this year's worship leader and ELPC's Sonya Morley and Sara Hackett are teaching a workshop. Info about cost, workshops, and registration can be found at [TrinityYouthConference.org](http://TrinityYouthConference.org).



#### Taizé Prayer

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM  
AUDIO-STREAM AVAILABLE

#### PW Hosts Diaper Drive — July 30

Clean diapers are a basic need of every infant and toddler. Yet 1 in 3 families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their child clean, dry and healthy. Three in 5 parents miss work or school because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their baby in childcare.

The Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank ([www.wpadiaperbank.org](http://www.wpadiaperbank.org)) has been helping families meet diaper need for more than a decade. The Diaper Bank began as an outreach at New Light Temple Baptist Church, serving families in Allegheny County through six partner agencies. Last year, the Diaper Bank provided over 2 million diapers to families in Allegheny, Washington and Westmoreland counties through 53 partner agencies. Members and friends of ELPC have generously supported this ministry for many years.

Presbyterian Women will host a *Diaper Drive* at the Highland Ave entrance on Sunday, July 30 following our 10 am worship, until 12:30 pm. Sizes 5 and 6 are most needed. For more info, contact [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

#### HELP SUPPORT THE EECM FOOD PANTRY

East End Cooperative Ministries is one of our partners in ministry to our neighbors. Among their many services, they maintain a Food Pantry, and provide lunch meals on a daily basis. We can each help by regularly donating non-perishable food items.

*Please leave your donations in the Highland Lobby.*

