

Summer Worship

Sunday
July 9, 2023
10 am



East Liberty
Presbyterian Church

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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)

JULY 9, 2023 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TIME OF PREPARATION

Community as a discipline is the effort to create free and empty space among people where together we can practice true obedience... To create space for God among us requires constant recognition of the Spirit of God in each other. — *Henri Nouwen*

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#733

“We All Are One in Mission”

ES FFLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

#318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

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

Barbara Griffin

Leader: Gift-Giving God, you call us together,

People: With our different gifts, our different ideas, our different tastes.

Leader: Three-in-One God, pattern of community, you call us together,

People: To share what makes us special, to build each other up, to serve each other in love.

Leader: Diverse-Unifier, you call us together,

People: Knowing that we need all parts of the body if we are to be whole.

Leader: You are the One who calls us together,

People: To sing, to pray, to listen, to speak; to be refreshed so that we can go out and serve.

* OPENING HYMN #317 *(music printed in bulletin)*

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“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

God, you have given each of us many gifts, but sometimes we cannot recognize our own gifts, so we hide it under a bushel. You remind us that all gifts are needed, but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others. God, you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body, but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our own perspective and preference. God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled your gifts, for those times we have cut another off from the body, we offer words of repentance and ask for forgiveness and grace.

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

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TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, God is the giver of MANY gifts and the Creator of the ONE body. God is slow to anger and quick to forgive and helps us to share and honor the gifts of all. God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body. We are forgiven, loved, and accepted. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: ¡Gracias a Dios! ¡Aleluya y Amén! Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!

RESPONSIVE HYMN #399 (music printed in bulletin; please sing 3 times)

THEMBA AMEN

"God Welcomes All"

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 133

Barbara Griffin

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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 (music printed in bulletin; congregation sings refrain; cantors sing verses)
"Christ Has No Body Now But Yours"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Woodworth

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 12:12-27

The Rev. Woodworth

SERMON

"You Belong and Cannot Say...."

The Rev. Woodworth

ELPC GOOD NEWS

Jan Herzer

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

"Invocation"

Rollo Dilworth

Lord, send your anointing to this place. Lord, send us your mercy and your grace. Send us your love, let it rain down above. Hear our prayer today.

Send us your peace so that all pain will cease.

Send it, send it. Send your anointing. Send it, Lord.

Hear our prayer today. Amen.

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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.	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:	Giver of all good gifts, take these gifts, which you have given, and use them in and through us, your body on earth. Make us one, as you are one, to co-create your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven, where steadfast love and faithfulness meet and righteousness and peace kiss. In the name of the One-in-Three and the Three-in-One.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #747 (*music printed in bulletin; please sing 2 times*)

ENVIADO

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Woodworth



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. BJ Woodworth
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Barbara Griffin
Jan Herzer
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Summer Choir
Sound: Wayne Gaines
Bobby Jarsulic

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

All are welcome to a special *Fellowship Time* today after worship in the Narthex, sponsored by the Membership & Outreach Committee.

◆ 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 \$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.
July 16 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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.

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




1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

#318 — IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

#317 — IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
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This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

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(alternate tune: ST. PETER, 318)

#399 — GOD WELCOMES ALL (*please sing 3 times*)

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, using dotted rhythms and whole notes. The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends; God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment uses chords and single notes to support the vocal melody.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

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CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW BUT YOURS
(Congregation sings refrain. Cantors sing verses.)

Refrain

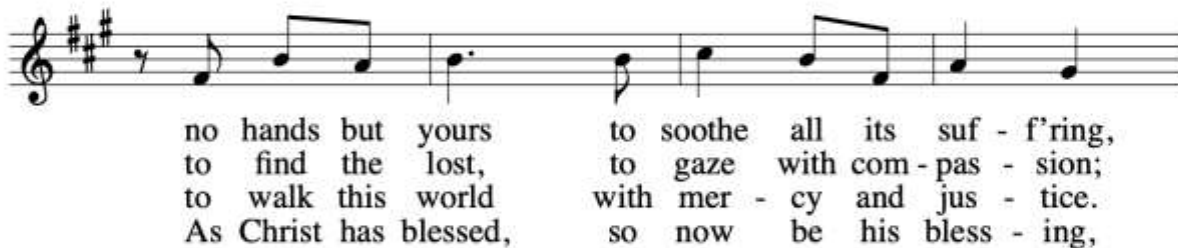


Christ has no bod - y now but yours, no hands but
yours. Here on this earth yours is the work, to
serve with the joy of com - pas - sion.

Verses



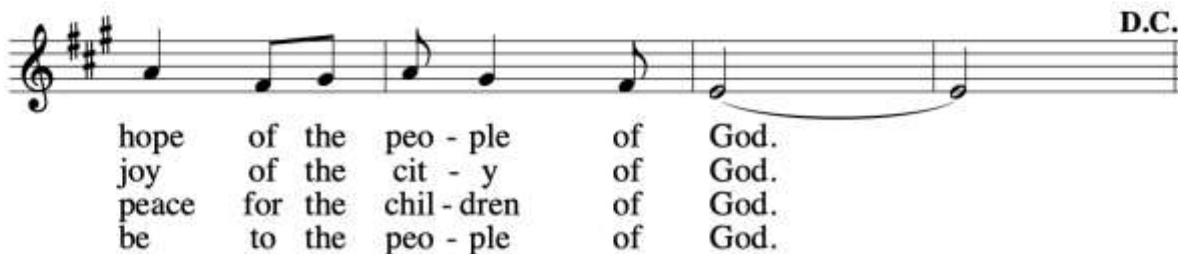
1. No hands but yours to heal the wound - ed world,
2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
3. No feet but yours to jour - ney with the poor,
4. Through ev - 'ry gift, give back to those in need:



no hands but yours to soothe all its suf - f'ring,
to find the lost, to gaze with com - pas - sion;
to walk this world with mer - cy and jus - tice.
As Christ has blessed, so now be his bless - ing,



no touch but yours to bind the bro - ken
no eyes but yours to glimpse the ho - ly
Yours are the steps to build a last - ing
with ev - 'ry gift a ben - e - dic - tion



hope of the peo - ple of God.
joy of the cit - y of God.
peace for the chil - dren of God.
be to the peo - ple of God.

D.C.

#747 — THE LORD NOW SENDS US FORTH (*please sing 2 times*)

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -

make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -

us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.



Interested in becoming part of the **ELPC FAITH FAMILY?**

Attend an Inquirers' Class

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership.

Please attend today's special Fellowship Time immediately after worship in the Narthex. Then **come to the Fellowship Room for the Inquirers' Class**. The class will begin at approximately 11:45 am.

If you are joining us online, the Zoom info is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83102084322>
Meeting ID: 831 0208 4322

Please contact Megan Leisher for more info on future classes (MeganL@coh.net).



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.



TODAY AT ELPC

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Purchase Café Justo Coffee

Stop by the entrance to the Chapel after today's 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 (rabooherco@gmail.com).
Note: Café Justo will be sold on the second Sunday of the month.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

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 Tom Sturgill.



The Chapel Market Requests Toiletry Items

The Chapel Market is in need of toiletry items, including bar soap, tooth brushes and paste, lotion, shampoo, toilet paper, etc. Donations can be left in the baskets in the Highland Lobby.

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 — July 14

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 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, July 14. Contact Don Breitbarth for more info (don.breitbarth@gmail.com).

LGBTQIA+ Ministry — July 16

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering following worship on Sunday, July 16. Join us and share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net).

ELPC Matters: The More You Know — July 23

As we navigate this season of transition together, ELPC is offering a series of informational sessions to broaden congregational awareness of different aspects of our life together that may seem to be more behind-the-scenes, but are fundamental to how we engage our faith in community together.

Our next session in this series will be held on Sunday, July 23 at 11 am, and will offer more information on our **church's 2022 finances**, as requested at the February Congregational Meeting. Jim Tinnemeyer, ELPC Director of Administration and Facilities, along with Elder Tiffany Sudar, Chair of the Finance Committee, will present at this session.

Join us in the Social Hall or on Zoom (Meeting ID: 188 135 194).

Worshiping with Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee — July 30

We're pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee as our special guest preacher on Sunday, July 30!

Rev. Dr. Lee currently serves as the president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He comes to the presidency after seven years of service at Wesley Theological Seminary as vice president for Campus Administration and associate dean for Community Life. He has served on the faculty of Northern Virginia Community College and is often a guest lecturer at workshops and seminars dealing with Christianity in the 21st century; religious difference; and issues affecting church leadership.





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,
The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, Alysha Carroll,
Gloria Knopp, and Larry Sweeny.

Condolences to Henk Bossers on his brother's passing.

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) 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.

Environmental Book Study — Aug 3

For their next session, the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee has selected two fiction books: *Waste Tide* by Chen Quifan and *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Feel free to read one or both! And plan on joining us to discuss them on Thursday, Aug 3 at 7 pm in the Courtyard. Come at 6:30 pm for some time to socialize. Penn Hackney will lead our discussion of *Waste Tide*, and Sally Jo Snyder will lead our discussion of *Grapes of Wrath*. For more info, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Still Thinking About Doing a Mission Trip? — Aug 6 to 11

There's still time to register for our summer Mission Trips! 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 and contact Sara Hackett with questions (SaraH@coh.net).

In our

COMMUNITY

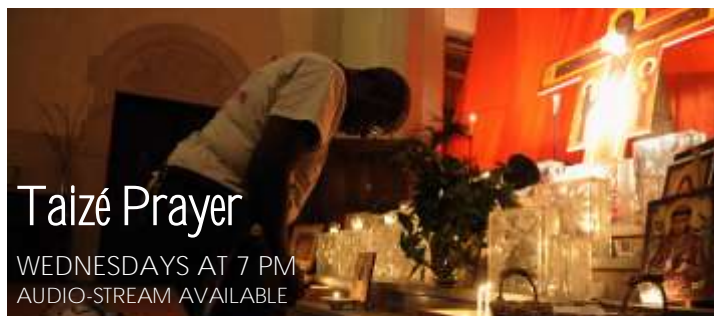


Trinity Youth Conference (TYC) — July 16 to 22

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.



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.



Download Our New App

ELPC recently 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 on the App Store®. Search for "East Liberty Presbyterian." Google Play is a trademark of Google LLC. App Store is a registered trademark of Apple Inc.