

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)

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC (music printed in bulletin)

"Here I Am to Worship" "Siyahamba"

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* Sharing God's Peace

S PEACE The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 Tim Engelhardt

Leader: God of our ancestors, it is you, the great "I AM" that calls us to worship.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: God, who makes the ordinary extra-ordinary and calls us to listen and follow.

People: Awaken us and speak to us this day!

Leader: God of mystery and might, who surely sees and hears the cries of your people.

People: Move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, and direct our feet, that we

may more faithfully follow your call.

* Opening Hymn (music printed in bulletin)

"We Acknowledge You"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

Lenore Williams

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION



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

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Lenore Williams

Leader: Here is the good news for everyone: God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love,

and gives us forgiveness and grace. We do not have to earn it with sacrifice because it is a

free gift from a generous God! Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos gratuito y perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are free and forgiven.

¡Alaben a Dios! Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE HYMN (music printed in bulletin)

"All Who Are Thirsty"

ELPC GOOD NEWS Sara Torretti

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Psalm 105:1-6; 23-26; 45b Tim Engelhardt

Moments with our Children

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)

"My Help"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

The Rev. Woodworth

SERMON

"Every Common Bush Afire With God"

The Rev. Woodworth

The Rev. Woodworth

OFFERING INVITATION

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.

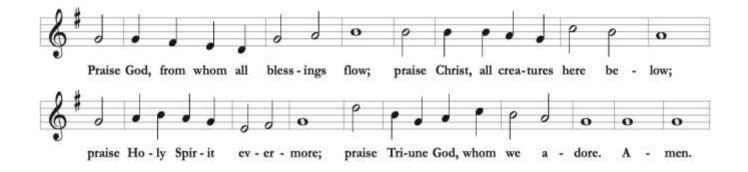


OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Live Pure"

* Doxology at the Presentation

OLD HUNDREDTH



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— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The Rev. Woodworth

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader:

El Señor esté con ustedes. The Lord be with you. And also with you. Y también contigo.

People: Levantemos nuestros corazones. Lift up your hearts. Leader: People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Es justo dar gracias y People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

alabanzas a Dios.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Rev. Schoenewolf The Rev. Woodworth

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 (music printed in bulletin)

"We're Blessed"

Prayer After Communion

The Rev. Woodworth

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this holy meal strengthen us in love and empower us to hear and follow the call to set your people free. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen!

* CLOSING HYMN (music printed in bulletin)

"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

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. Heather Schoenewolf

Tim Engelhardt Sara Torretti Lenore Williams

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,

Music Director / Organist

Gerald Savage,

Journey Music Director
Journey Praise Team

Beadle: Lenore Williams Sound: Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

♦ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Water is available in the Highland Lobby.

♦ 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 \$200 per Sunday.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

Next Sunday, Sept 10, is Rally Day! Please join us for a light continental breakfast beginning at 9:30 am in the McKelvy Room, hosted by the Children and Family Ministry Committee, before going to Sunday School Class. Then worship with us at one (or both!) of the worship services listed below:

8:45 am Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sept 10 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-

Searcy preaching.

11 am......Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. The service is also livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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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

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.

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* on Sunday, Sept 10 after 11 am worship to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please see one of the Pastors to attend, or 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.

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore you Hope of a life spent with you

So, here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above Humbly you came
To the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor

So, here we are to worship
Here we are to bow down
Here we are to say that you are God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to us

Praise Team:
I'll never know how much it costs
To see my sins upon that cross

I'll never know how much it costs To see my sins upon that cross

So, here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me
Altogether wonderful to me
Altogether wonderful to me

Siyahamba

We are marching in the light of God We are marching in the light of God We are marching in the light of God We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, marching
We are marching
Oh, we are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching
We are marching
Oh, we are marching in the light of God

We are dancing in the light of God We are dancing in the light of God We are dancing in the light of God We are dancing in the light of God

We are dancing, dancing
We are dancing
Oh, we are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing, dancing
We are dancing
Oh, we are dancing in the light of God

We are praying in the light of God We are praying in the light of God We are praying in the light of God We are praying in the light of God

We are praying, praying
We are praying
Oh, we are praying in the light of God
We are praying, praying
We are praying
Oh, we are praying in the light of God

We are singing in the light of God We are singing in the light of God We are singing in the light of God We are singing in the light of God

We are singing, singing, we are singing Oh, we are singing in the light of God We are singing, singing, we are singing Oh, we are singing in the light of God

We are dancing in the light of God We are praying in the light of God We are marching in the light of God

WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU

Holy Spirit, you are welcome Come on in, take a seat Inhabit our praise God of Zion, Judah's Lion We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

Holy Spirit, you are welcome Come on in, take a seat Inhabit our praise God of Zion, Judah's lion We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

God of mercy, show your glory As we enter this place, show us your face God, please give us peace We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

God of mercy, show your glory As we enter this place, show us your face God of peace, give us peace We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord Oh, oh, oh We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord Oh, oh, oh We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

Come on in, take a seat Come on in, take a seat, oh Lord Come on in, take a seat We acknowledge your presence We honor your presence Inhabit our praise, oh Lord

Come on in, take a seat Come on in, take a seat, oh Lord Come on in, take a seat Come on in, take a seat, oh Lord

Oh, oh, oh We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord Oh, oh, oh We acknowledge your presence, oh Lord

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of God's mercy

In the waves of God's mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of God's mercy

In the waves of God's mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come

Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come

MY HELP

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills From whence cometh my help My help cometh from the Lord The Lord which made heaven and earth

He said he would not suffer thy foot Thy foot to be moved The Lord which keepeth thee He will not slumber nor sleep

Oh the Lord is thy keeper The Lord is thy shade Upon thy right hand Upon thy right hand

No, the sun shall not smite thee by day Nor the moon by night He shall preserve thy soul Even forever more

My help, my help, my help All of my help cometh from the Lord

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills From whence cometh my help My help cometh from the Lord The Lord which made heaven and earth

He said he would not suffer thy foot Thy foot to be moved The Lord which keepeth thee He will not slumber nor sleep

Oh the Lord is thy keeper The Lord is thy shade Upon thy right hand Upon thy right hand No, the sun shall not smite thee by day Nor the moon by night He shall preserve thy soul Even forever more

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No, the sun shall not smite thee by day Nor the moon by night He shall preserve thy soul Even forever more

My help, my help, my help
All of my help cometh from the Lord

Oh the Lord is thy keeper Oh the Lord is thy keeper The Lord is thy shade Upon thy right hand, Upon thy right hand

No the sun shall not smite thee Nor the moon by night, He shall preserve thy soul Even for ever more

My help, my help, my help All of my help cometh from the Lord

My help, my help, my help All of my help cometh from the Lord

My help, my help, my help All of my help cometh from the Lord

WE'RE BLESSED

Blessed (All: blessed)

We're blessed in the city We're blessed in the field We're blessed when we come And when we go

We cast down every stronghold Sickness and poverty must cease For temptation is defeated We are blessed

We're blessed in the city We're blessed in the field We're blessed when we come And when we go

We cast down every stronghold Sickness and poverty must cease For temptation is defeated We are blessed Solo:

Late in the midnight hour God's gonna turn it around It's gonna work in your favor

Yeah (yeah) Yeah (yeah)

Late in the midnight hour God's gonna turn it around It's gonna work in your favor Yeah (yeah) Yeah (yeah)

Late in the midnight hour God's gonna turn it around It's gonna work in your favor Yeah (yeah) Yeah (yeah)

Late in the midnight hour God's gonna turn it around And around (All: and around) And around (All: and around)

Blessed (All: blessed) Blessed (All: blessed)

We're blessed in the city
We're blessed in the field
We're blessed when we come
And when we go

We cast down every stronghold Sickness and poverty must cease For temptation is defeated We are blessed

We're blessed in the city We're blessed in the field We're blessed when we come And when we go

We cast down every stronghold Sickness and poverty must cease For temptation is defeated We are blessed

HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

Time is filled with swift transition Naught of earth unmoved can stand Build your hopes on things eternal Hold to God's unchanging hand

Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand

Build your hopes on things eternal Hold to God's unchanging hand

Trust in God who will not leave you Whatsoever years may bring If by earthly friends forsaken Still more closely to God cling

Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand Build your hones on things eternal

Build your hopes on things eternal Hold to God's unchanging hand

Covet not this world's vain riches That so rapidly decay Seek to gain the heav'n-ly treasures They will never pass away

Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand

Build your hopes on things eternal Hold to God's unchanging hand

When your journey is completed If to God you have been true Fair and bright the home in Glory Your enraptured soul will view

Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand

Build your hopes on things eternal Hold to God's unchanging hand



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Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT ELPC

Church Tour

Penn Hackney will guide a tour of the stained glass after today's worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join the tour.



LGBTQIA+ Ministry

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering today after worship. Pastor BJ will join the group and lead a centering exercise. Join us and share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend or for more info (Wil@coh.net).

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 Yodit Betru.



CAT Scan Results Available

The report of ELPC's CAT Scan results is now available at http://tiny.cc/elpc-cat-scan, or by scanning this QR code. Paper copies are on the info tables, and will also be presented at the next The More You Know session on Sept 24 in the Social Hall. Submit guestions prior to the meeting by contacting Kristin Cummings (kristinpcummings@gmail.com).



ELPC's Choirs Resume Rehearsals — Sept 7 and 12

On Thursday, Sept 7, the Journey Praise Team resumes rehearsals from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall, and the Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals from 7-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

On Tuesday, Sept 12, the ELPC Ringers/Handbell Choir will rehearse from 6-7 pm in Dr. Ed Moore's office on the 3rd floor.

If interested in joining the Journey Praise Team, contact director Gerald Savage (soundpill@soundpill.net). Contact Dr. Ed Moore to join the Chancel Choir or Handbell Choir (EdM@coh.net).

Inquirers' Class Next Sunday, Sept

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* after the 11 am worship service next Sunday, Sept 10 in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Megan Leisher to register (MeganL@coh.net).



Next Sunday is Pally Day!

Next Sunday marks the start of our church's programmatic year. Plan on joining us for our vibrant Journey service at 8:45 am, with music leadership provided by our Praise Team; Church School classes for persons of all ages at 9:45 am; and our traditional Sanctuary service at 11 am, featuring music by Dr. Ed Moore and our Chancel Choir!

PW Bible Study: Celebrating Sabbath - Sept 5 and 11 Please join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study Elizabeth's Sacred Encounter on Tuesday, Sept 5 from 10 am-Noon (hybrid), or on Monday, Sept 11 from 7-8:30 pm (Zoom only). Those attending in-person on Tuesday morning are invited to bring a bagged lunch and stay for fellowship after the lesson. For more info and the Zoom link, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee - Sept 10

Stop by the Highland Ave hallway after the 11 am worship service next Sunday, Sept 10 to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). Contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com) for more info.

Club One Sixteen - Sept 13

Kids and youth in grades 1-12 are invited to club one sixteen, our midweek ministry. We gather each Wednesday from 4:30-7 pm for Bible Study, games, art, and dinner together, beginning Wednesday, Sept 13. For more info, please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Fall Solstice Forest Bathing - Sept 16

Join Sandi Miller on Saturday, Sept 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm to treat yourself to peace and quiet in the forest. Meet at the fountain at the Frick Environmental Center. Please contact Sandi for info (samellaannmiller@gmail.com).

Church Extravaganza - Sept 17

(SaraH@coh.net).

On Sunday, Sept 17 after the 11 am service, the Membership & Outreach Committee is partnering with the Faith Formation Board to host a church-wide celebration and picnic on S Whitfield St. Hot dogs (including vegan), fried chicken, and ice cream will be provided – please bring a side dish to share and/or sign up to volunteer! We need help setting up, serving lunch, and cleaning up. There will be music, a church tour, balloon art, face painting, and games for kids. Come and learn more about ELPC's exciting ministries! Use this QR code to

sign up to volunteer, or contact Sara

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

Edith Battle, Rev. J. Howard Cherry, JoAnn and Carol Chonoska,

Peta Harrigan Cole's friends Dorothy and Robert, Debbie Hurrell's sister Beth, Chris Martin, Paul Miller,

Jon Nelson's daughter Rachel and cousin Rayna, and Fran Wilson.

Condolences to Pamela Napier on her sister's passing.

No Committee Meetings This Week

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

Tour the Sanctuary and Chapel - Sept 17

Jo Ellen Aleshire will lead a tour of the Sanctuary and Chapel on Sunday, Sept 17 after the 11 am worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

Dinner and a Film - Oct 27

On Friday, Oct 27 from 5:30-8 pm, the Spiritual Life and Justice Committees invite you to an evening of fellowship, food, and formation around the ancient practice of Sabbath. We will gather for a simple meal together and then view the 2-hour documentary, SABBATH: An Ancient Practice Meets the Modern World. The film is told as a collection of short stories, exploring the history of one of the world's most important spiritual practices and its timeless relevance for a stressed-out, modern world. From the Biblical accounts of Creation, to the 10 Commandments, to the Puritans landing in the New World, to the contemporary practice of a "tech-sabbath" — SABBATH ties together our collective history, our health practices, our response to God's invitation and the search for a more sustainable way of life. RSVP to Norma by Oct 22 (412.441.3800 x211).

Thomas Ospital to Perform at ELPC — Oct 27 ELPC's Cathedral Concerts series will kick off its 13th season on Friday, Oct 27 at 7:30 pm with a performance by organist Thomas Ospital from the Church of Saint-Eustache in Paris. The concert will be co-presented with the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh.

Tickets are free for our ELPC community.



ELPC Gratitude Retreat at Villa Maria Retreat Center
Mark your calendars now for November 17–19 and plan on joining us for a time of rest, reflection, prayer, conversation, and giving thanks at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Pulaski, Pennsylvania. Keep a look out for more details!

In our

COMMUNITY



Earth Care Conference - Sept 20 to 23

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to participate remotely or in-person in the PC(USA) Earth Care Conference The Climate Crisis and Empowering Hope from Sept 20 to 23. This hybrid conference will be held Massaneta Springs Conference Center (Harrisonburg, VA) or on Zoom. The workshops are on Sept 21 and 22. Through fellowship, worship, study, and in -depth educational opportunities, Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) want participants to learn more about the current climate crisis. The virtual attendee fee is \$60; the in -person fee is \$200 (including meals); and need-based registration scholarships are available from PEC. Please inquire with Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net) and learn more at https://presbyearthcare.org/2023conference.

Panel on Gun Violence - Sept 27

Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shady Ave, 15206) is hosting a panel on local efforts to combat and prevent gun violence, co-sponsored by Amnesty International Group 39, CeaseFirePA and Squirrel Hill Stands on Wednesday, Sept 27 at 7 pm. More info is at www.amnestypgh.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

The Children and Family Ministry Committee will host a light continental breakfast at 9:30 am in the McKelvy Room next Sunday. Please join them before heading to your class!

Sept 10 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

◆ ADULTS ◆

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Examining Psalms and Stained Glass, facilitated by The Rev. Henk Bossers

Parenting Circle (Rm 213) — Starting Our New Year, facilitated by Trish Buben and other class members

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — "Future of Faith" video by Diana Butler Bass, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – Gathering and Preview Session, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Nursery (under 3) — Nursery Suite, Room 110a Preschool — Nursery Suite, Room 110b K-3rd grade — Room 206 4th-6th grade — Room 211 7th-12th grade — Second Floor Parlor