



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)

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

By opening our lives to God in Christ, we become new creatures. This experience, which Jesus spoke of as the new birth, is essential if we are to be transformed nonconformists ... Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit.
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE

“Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137”

Dieterich Buxtehude
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Andrew Carlisle, *bagpiper*

“Selection for Bagpipes”

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Forloines

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying, “I know you by name, and you have found favor in me.”
People: **Lord, you have promised us, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”**
Leader: Lord, you have blessed us, saying, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.”
People: **Lord, you have humbled us, saying, “I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”**
Leader: Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #391

“This Is the Day”

ESTE ES EL DÍA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Your Holiness, O God, commands that we confess: we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silent in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Beloved siblings, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are, loved, and forgiven. We are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as the people of God. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #431

“Forgive Us, Lord”

CONFESIÓN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 11:29-32

Robert Forloines

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 nursery suite for a time of learning together (registration form required). Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Children will return to the worship service during the Doxology. The nursery is open for play to young children who are accompanied by their parents/caregivers during worship; the service is livestreamed into that space.

HYMN (please see music insert)

“We Sing For Justice”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 4: 1-11

The Rev. Ross-Allam

SERMON

“From Vindication to Innovation”

The Rev. Ross-Allam

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ 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 Sanctuary.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Consecration”

Frederick Chatfield

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

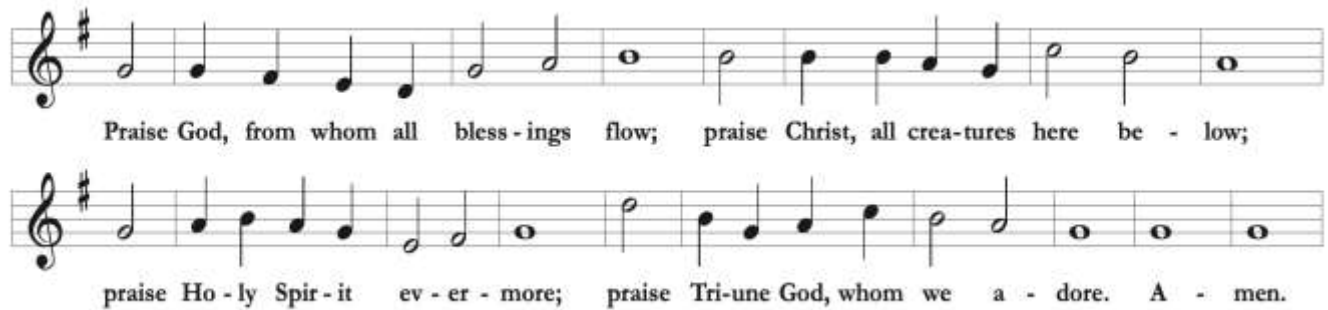
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
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:	Generous and life-giving God, you made your people in your image, sent your Son to be the face of your healing love in our midst, and promised through the Holy Spirit your guidance and power. We thank you for the ways in which your people have cared for each of us. We thank you for the ability to give for the sake of others. We ask your blessing on these offerings, that through them the needs of this world can be met. In Jesus' name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN (*please see music insert*) “Be the Change”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Ross-Allam

POSTLUDE

“Highland Cathedral”

arr. James Wetherald

*During the postlude, the bagpiper will be recessing down the center aisle.
Please leave the center aisle clear until he has passed your pew.*



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. Jermaine Ross-Allam
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Sara Hackett
Robert Forloines
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Andrew Carlisle, *Bagpiper*
Professor of Music and Director of Piping, Carnegie Mellon University
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire
Crucifer: Tim Engelhardt
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Fellowship Room.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Wainwright and Miss Hattie E. Wainwright.

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.
Nov 6 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 of 30 minutes of communal silence and guided meditation on scripture. We will meditate on the Psalms, using the translation *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

Meeting ID: 959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

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*)

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 (MeganL@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome to The Rev. Ross-Allam

We are pleased to welcome The Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam as our guest preacher this morning. He is director of the Center for the Repair of Historic Harms at the Presbyterian Mission Agency PC(USA), and was ordained as minister of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of the Twin Cities in 2013, where he began ordained ministry as executive director of 21st Century Academy at Kwanzaa Community Church PC(USA) and associate pastor for Social Justice at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church.

Murals in our Sanctuary

The 2 murals hanging in the Chancel are by artist Steve Prince, the featured artist-in-residence at this year's Presbyterian Association of Musicians' (PAM) annual *Worship and Music Conference* in Montreat, NC. Additional info can be found at <http://tiny.cc/elpcmurals>, or by scanning this QR code.



Church Tour

Steve Evrard will lead a *Tower Tour* after the 11 am service. Please wear closed-toe shoes and gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

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 Dana Carl.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Linda Sanders.



ELPC Officer Nominations for 2024

The congregation is invited to nominate members of ELPC for the office of Elder, Deacon, and next year's Nominating Committee. The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) will prayerfully consider all recommendations submitted by the congregation as they prepare a slate for terms starting in 2024. Guidelines and nomination forms are available in the church's mailroom and on the church website. *Committee members include: Damon Bethea, Michele Bossers, Andrea DeVries, Jessica Gianotta, Bill Johnson, Josh Mattila, Jill Millard, and Drew Simpson.*

Donations for The Chapel Market

The *Chapel Market* is in need of toiletry items and cold weather clothes. Donations can be dropped off in the boxes at the South Highland Ave entrance.

Mission Opportunities with OHM: House Rehab — Nov 4

Our community mission partner, Open Hand Ministries, has resumed house rehab work days. No special skills are needed, just a desire to do some manual labor and enjoy fellowship while serving our neighbors! Volunteers are needed monthly on Saturdays (Nov 4, Dec 2) and weekly on Wednesdays from 9 am—3 pm. Please contact Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856; frbauerle@yahoo.com) or Tim Raufer (412.999.4267; traufer@openhandpittsburgh.org).

Remembrance of Those Who Have Passed Away — Nov 5

As part of our *All Saints' Day* service at 11 am next Sunday, Nov 5, we will remember those in our congregation and larger church family who have passed away since November 2022. Send your images and names to Norma in the church office (412.441.3800 x211) by Thursday, Nov 2.

PW Bible Study: Sacred Encounters — Nov 6 and 7

Please join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study on Monday, Nov 6 from 7-8:30 pm (Zoom only), or on Tuesday, Nov 7 from 10 am-Noon (hybrid). Those attending 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.

Fall Garden Cleanup and Spring Tulip Planting — Nov 11

Please join the *Garden Crew* on Saturday, Nov 11 for our final volunteer day of 2023. We will remove annual flowers, and plant spring tulips. Green thumbs are not required — just bring a generous spirit and a pair of work gloves to the Highland entrance around 9 am. We will be finished before noon. Free donuts and *Garden Crew* T-shirts for everyone! Please contact Don Breitbarth for more info (donbreitbarth@gmail.com).

Stewardship Sunday Food Drive — Nov 12

Many of our neighbors suffer from food insecurity and hunger. The Neighbors Committee invites you to participate in a food drive to help stock the shelves of East End Cooperative Ministries food pantry with healthy, non-perishable foods to distribute to those in our community who are in need. On *Stewardship Sunday*, Nov 12, please bring your food donations (along with your pledge card) to worship. You can also drop off your donations at the South Highland Ave entrance prior to Nov 12. *Here is a list of suggested items:* brown rice, baking soda, whole grain pastas, instant potatoes, boxed mac & cheese, low-sodium soups and broth, low-sugar canned fruits and vegetables, cans of tomato paste or sauce, tuna fish, high-fiber breakfast cereal, pancake mix and syrup, brownie mixes, peanut butter and jelly, bags of dried beans, and unsalted nuts and seeds.



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

Kathy Benninger and Paul Miller,
Charlotte Calderone,
Melia Chandler,

Carol Chontos' friend Seth and his family,

Doris Dick's sister-in-law Kerry,
Pen Lytle,

Cheryl Rhodes' mother Marian, and
Beth Urbaitis.

Condolences to Henry Petrilli and his family
on his father's passing.

Condolences to Jim Tinnemeyer and his family
on his father-in-law's passing.

No Committee Meetings This Week

Church Tours — Nov 12 and 26

Jo Ellen Aleshire will lead a tour of the *Sanctuary and Chapel* on Nov 12. An *Underground* tour will be led by Tim VanFleet on Nov 26. Please wear closed-toe shoes, and gather in the Highland Lobby after the 11 am service to participate. All are welcome!

ELPC Gratitude Retreat — Nov 17 to 19

As we approach Thanksgiving, look towards Advent, and ponder the end of 2023, it is a great time to take a weekend in community with others and slow down, reflect, pause, pray and forget not all of God's benefits at a *Gratitude Retreat* at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Pulaski, PA from 6 pm on Friday, Nov 17 to 11 am on Sunday, Nov 19.



The retreat will flow in the simple rhythm of **Stop... Look...Go...** We will gather in prayer and reflection and then scatter for time alone and quiet, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening. Friday night we will STOP, get quiet, be still, and build stop signs in our lives. Saturday we will LOOK, listen, smell, taste, and hear the richness, notice the connections, drink in the beauty, smell the goodness and savor what is being graciously given to us in this moment or season of our life. Then Sunday we will GO! We will ponder what gratitude practices we want to incorporate into our lives so we may stay awake to God's goodness in our everyday ordinary lives.

RSVP to Norma by Sunday, Nov 5 (412.441.3800 x211). Cost options are:

1. Friday-Saturday | Shared Bath | \$70
2. Friday-Saturday | Private Bath | \$110
3. Friday-Sunday | Shared Bath | \$85
4. Friday-Sunday | Private Bath | \$135

In our

COMMUNITY



Voter Education Materials on the Upcoming General Election
The League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh (LWVPGH) is a nonpartisan organization that neither supports nor opposes any candidate or political party, and their mission is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in their government. Please visit their website (www.lwvpgh.org) to prepare for the Nov 7 General Election.

Contemplative Prayer — Mondays

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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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 6 ♦ 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) — “Meeting Jesus the Christ Again: A Conservative Progressive Faith (chapters 6-8)” with The Rev. Dr. Bob Chesnut (via Zoom), facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of chapter 6 of the book *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Fr. Gregory Boyle, 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