



# 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)*

## ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

### TIME OF PREPARATION

In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life. You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new. For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give you thanks. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### PRELUDE

Two Settings of "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen"  
(*"O World, I Now Must Leave Thee"*)

Johannes Brahms

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD'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

Barbara Griffin

Leader: With the saints of every age, let us proclaim the goodness of God!

People: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!

Leader: Let us praise our God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #821

"My Life Flows On"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

### LITANY OF LAMENT

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

Leader: We lament the reality of sin in our lives, and its impact on the world around us.

People: We lament that although we have been claimed by Christ in our baptism, we too participate in the brokenness in the world God has made and redeemed.

Leader: We lament that life is not always what we desire: that our efforts do not always pay off; justice does not always prevail; circumstances outside of our control create difficulties we **don't expect**.

People: We lament the prevalence of suffering in our world, and the wounds within our human family caused by disease, inequity, oppression.

Leader: We lament the prevalence of violence in our world: the impact of warfare, gun violence, abuse in all its forms.

People: We lament the violence inflicted upon all of creation and the planet itself.

Leader: We lament that we have suffered loss. We have lost those we love; we have lost a sense of security; we have lost an experience of how things have always been.

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People: We lament the grief we carry as individuals, and we lament the grief we carry as a community. We lament losses in our own church over the last few years: the loss of **members we love through death or departure; the loss of connection as we've navigated Covid; the loss of a pastor and other staff members who no longer minister here; the loss of the broader Church's cultural relevance and influence.**

Leader: We name our lament not only together, but also cry out for the particular laments on our hearts.

#### TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #799 "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

I LOVE THE LORD

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Praise God!

#### CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS

*Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of those who have passed away in the past year.*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Pie Jesu" (from *Requiem*)

Gabriel Fauré

*Blessed Jesus, Lord, grant them rest; grant them eternal rest.*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

Barbara Griffin

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 #488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

WATERLIFE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-11

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"The In Between Places"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

#### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Brief Statement of Faith, lines 1-8, 19-26, 72-80*) The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to **live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to our Triune God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Buchanan

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

OFFERING INVITATION

Bill Buchanan

*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

“Sing Me to Heaven”

Daniel Gawthrop  
text by Jane Griner

*In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song. If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven. Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, touch in me grief and comfort: love and passion, pain and pleasure. Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem, love me, comfort me, bring me to God: Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.*

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Woodworth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

The Lord be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

Lift up your hearts.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: Es justo dar gracias y  
alabanzas a Dios.

It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf and 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 seated in the transepts are asked to join the procession to the front to receive communion by entering one of the pews from the outside and proceed to the center aisle after those seated in the row. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

COMMUNION HYMN #312

“Take Us As We Are, O God”

ENDLESS FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

We magnify your name, O God, for you are gracious beyond measure. In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us, and redeem us in countless ways. In death you usher us to even greater blessing, embracing us in your endless light and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty. As you nourish us in this Communion meal, send us out as seeds to be planted for the **growing of your kingdom, in which we have sure and certain hope. In Jesus' name we pray.** Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“For All the Saints”

Wilbur Held

*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Bill Buchanan  
Barbara Griffin  
Sara Hackett  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Gail Mosites, *Soloist*  
Beadles: Jo Ellen Aleshire  
Liz Hopkins  
Crucifer: Ian Kuchera  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ♦ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Fellowship Room.

#### ♦ 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](mailto:wilson.franr@gmail.com)). The cost is \$200. *Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade ([www.bloombrigade.com](http://www.bloombrigade.com)).*

#### ♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
Nov 12 — 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.  
Nov 12 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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

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* on Sunday, Nov 12 after the 11 am service to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Megan Leisher for more info ([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).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### 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.



### Young Adult Lunch

All young adults, age 18–30s, are invited to join us for lunch across the street from ELPC at Patron Mexican Grill **after today's Sanctuary worship service**. Come to tell and hear stories, make friends, and suggest future young adult events. Friends are welcome!

### 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 Hannah Moon. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Todd Hoffman.



### 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 for nominations and the nomination form can be accessed online at [tiny.cc/elpc-nominations](http://tiny.cc/elpc-nominations), or by scanning this QR code. Printed forms are available at the church.



### 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](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

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### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

*Sunday, Nov 12*

The Neighbors Committee invites you to participate in a food drive to help stock the shelves of the EECM food pantry. 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.



#### *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, unsalted nuts and seeds

### Fall Garden Cleanup and Spring Tulip Planting — Nov 11

Please join the *Garden Crew* from 9 am—Noon on Saturday, Nov 11 for our final volunteer day of 2023 to remove annual flowers, and plant spring tulips. Free donuts and *Garden Crew* T-shirts for everyone! Contact Don Breitbarth for info ([donbreitbarth@gmail.com](mailto:donbreitbarth@gmail.com)).

### Purchase Café Justo Coffee — Nov 12

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

### 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!





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

Kathy Benninger and Paul Miller,  
Melia Chandler,  
Carol Chontos' friend Seth and his family,  
Doris Dick's sister-in-law Kerry,  
Janet Pollard's son, mother, and former husband,  
and Ron Stone.

*Condolences to Joel and Beth Minnigh  
on their nephew's passing.*

*Condolences to Doris Dick on her uncle's passing.*

*Condolences to Henry Petrilli on his father's passing.*

*Condolences to David Phillips on his mother's passing.*

*Condolences to Ron Stone on his former wife's passing.*

A memorial service will be held for Ida Joiner  
at Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church  
on Saturday, Nov 11 at 1 pm.

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#### Committee Meeting This Week

Thursday, Nov 9 @ 5:30 pm..... Mission Board (zoom)

*For more info about how to join a meeting, please contact  
Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).*

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#### Cody Conley to Perform at ELPC — Nov 12

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will continue on Sunday, Nov 12 at 3 pm with a performance by rising violinist—and ELPC's own—Cody Conley. The program will feature works by composers Johann Sebastian Bach, Jean Sibelius, and Niccolò Paganini. Pianist Grace Burns also will perform. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be received. Download the brochure for the 13th season of *Cathedral Concerts* at <http://tiny.cc/elpcconcerts>.



#### ELPC Gratitude Retreat — Nov 17 to 19

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...** RSVP to Norma by TODAY (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

#### Pie Festival Returns — Nov 19

Join us as we give thanks for our many blessings with the return of our *Pie Festival* on Sunday, Nov 19 following the 11 am service. Please sign up to bring a pie in the Highland Lobby or in the Narthex, or contact Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net). *Sponsored by Membership and Outreach.*



#### Family Swim Event — Nov 19

The Children and Family Ministry Team is hosting a swim party for families with young kids and elementary-age students at Shaler Elementary School (700 Scott Ave, Glenshaw 15116) on Sunday, Nov 19 from 12:30-2:30 pm. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net), and also let her know if you need transportation from ELPC.

#### PW Thank Offering — Nov 19

You are invited to support the *PW Thank Offering* during worship on Sunday, Nov 19. Make checks payable to *Presbyterian Women in ELPC* and write "PW Thank Offering" in the memo line. For more info, please email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

#### 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.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

**Nov 12 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am**

### ♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Exploring the scripture passages represented in our Sanctuary's stained glass windows, facilitated by The Rev. Henk Bossers

Parenting Circle (Rm 213) — Exploring how our faith builds and nourishes our family lives, and parent/child relationships, facilitated by Trish Buben and other class members

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — "Meeting Jesus the Christ Again: A Conservative Progressive Faith (chapters 9-11)" with The Rev. Dr. Bob Chesnut, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of chapter 7 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