



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)

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2023 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

Service is what life is all about.

— Marian Wright Edelman

Service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around in the world.

— Michael J. Graham, S.J.

Everybody can be great...because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

— The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

PRELUDE

“Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565”
“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, BWV 147”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

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.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cat Toro

Leader: Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

People: And with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Leader: And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

People: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Leader: So, let us love and worship God in Spirit and in Truth!

People: Alleluia and Amen!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Woodworth

Holy and gracious God, you are light, life, wonder, and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us everything and more than we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more, prettier, shinier, and unfulfilling. Rather than trusting in your provision, we chase after happiness in hollow and fleeting things. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness, your love, and cover us with your grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: Hear the good news: nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Acclamation in G Minor”

Karen Thompson

SCRIPTURE LESSON (*Inclusive Bible translation*)

Cat Toro

Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-18

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 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Children: Anna Grace Baker-O'Donnell and William Fisher O'Donnell
(children of Jameson and Collyn O'Donnell)

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Good News!”

arr. Rosephanye Powell/William C. Powell

Good news, chariot's coming, don't want them to leave me behind.

There's a seat for me in the heavens, I know, don't want them to leave me behind.

There's a long white robe in the heavens, I know, don't want them to leave me behind.

Better get on board and don't you be late, don't want them to leave me behind.

'Cause the chariot's coming from the heavenly gates, don't want them to leave me behind.

Old Moses is leading and she won't wait long, don't want them to leave me behind.

So get moving children when you hear this song, don't want them to leave me behind.

Good news, chariot's coming, don't want them to leave me behind.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“More Than Enough”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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 Haas-Conrad Family

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.



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PRESENTATION OF STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES & FOOD DONATIONS

OFFERTORY HYMNS

#654

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

IN THE LORD I’LL BE EVER THANKFUL

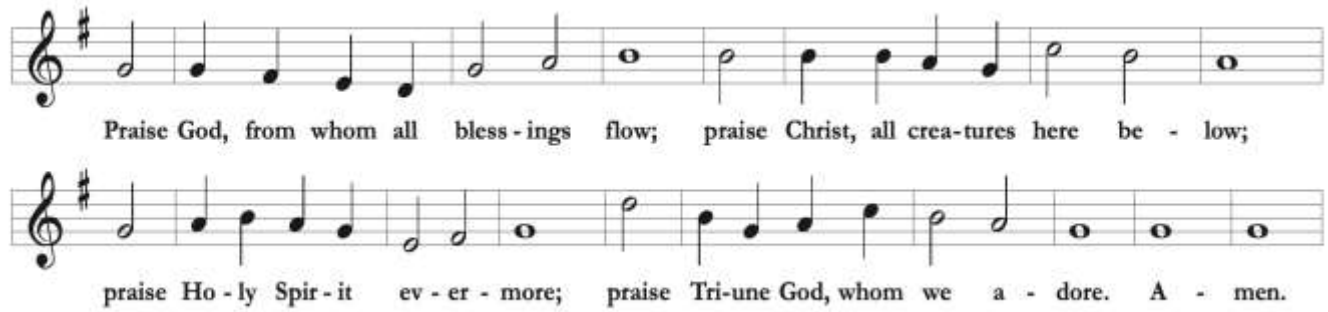
#591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

HALLE, HALLE

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.

Leader: Gracious God, receive our gifts, our feeble tokens of thanks for your extravagant and overflowing blessings, signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus' name.

People: Amén.

Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #644

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Moore, *organ*



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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
The Haas-Conrad Family
Cat Toro
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Beadle: Polly McQueen
Crucifer: Erich Stein
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 Henrietta and Marie Held and Emma King Held.

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 19 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
Nov 19 — 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

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* TODAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM AFTER WORSHIP to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please see one of the Pastors after worship to attend.

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Today is Stewardship Sunday

Today we celebrate God's loving presence in our lives by offering our pledges and our gifts of food. It is because we have been so blessed that we are able to share that generosity by supporting others. When we pledge, we give ELPC the resources to bring God's message to the world.

If you have not brought your pledge card with you today—no worries—you can use the QR code in the bulletin, you can mail your pledge card to the church, or you can bring your pledge card next week.

Inquirers' Class

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* after today's 11 am Sanctuary worship service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please see one of the Pastors after worship to attend.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee

Stop by the Highland Ave hallway after the 11 am worship service today 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.*

LGBTQIA+ Ministry

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering today after worship. 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 Sanctuary service DOD is Jo Ellen Aleshire.

Cody Conley to Perform at ELPC

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will continue at 3 pm today 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>.

Church Tours — Today and Nov 26

Jo Ellen Aleshire will lead a tour of the *Sanctuary and Chapel* today. 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!

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.



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).

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.

Final Call for 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 by Nov 13. The Officer Nominating Committee will prayerfully consider all recommendations submitted by the congregation as they prepare a slate for terms starting in 2024. Guidelines and forms for nominations can be accessed online at tiny.cc/elpc-nominations, by scanning this QR code, or in the church's mailroom. Committee members include Damon Bethea, Michele Bossers, Andrea DeVries, Jessica Gianotta, Bill Johnson, Josh Mattila, Jill Millard, and Drew Simpson.





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,
Tim Engelhardt's uncle Kurt,
Janet Pollard's son, mother, and former husband,
and Ron Stone.

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

Condolences to Cheryl Rhodes on her mother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Tuesday, Nov 14 @ 7:00 pm Deacons (hybrid)
Tuesday, Nov 14 @ 7:30 pm Worship, Music (zoom)
Thursday, Nov 16 @ 6:00 pm M&O (hybrid)

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

Tween Bowling — Nov 18

Youth in grades 4–6 are gathering in ELPC's duckpin bowling alley to bowl and eat pizza on Saturday, Nov 18 from 4-6 pm. Friends are welcome! RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

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.

Forum on the Sudan and South Sudan — Nov 19

The Sudanese Community of Pittsburgh is sponsoring a *Forum on the Sudan and South Sudan* on Sunday, Nov 19 from 1-4 pm in the Music Room. The speakers are Gaurav Bansal, Senior Sudan Desk Officer at the State Department, and Esther Sprague, ACT Founder for Sudan. There will be food and refreshments. This event is hosted by the ELPC Peace Committee.

Volunteers Needed to Decorate Sanctuary — Nov 26

Did you ever want to decorate a Gothic Sanctuary for Advent? Now is the time! ELPC is seeking volunteers to decorate our Sanctuary following 11 am worship on Sunday, Nov 26 for about an hour. Single persons, families, couples are all welcome. Children and youth under 12 years old must be supervised by their parent/guardian. A plan and decorations will be prepared in advance so that volunteers can immediately begin their work. If possible, notify Henk Bossers (412.400.5970) or Carla Depperman (412.820.2506) if you can help.



Giving Tree

Sign up at tiny.cc/elpc-giving-tree
for specific gift requests and to make financial donations
to assist with the purchase of retail gift cards.

*Deacons will be available to assist and answer questions on
Sundays, Nov 19 and 26, Dec 3;
and at Taizé on Wednesday, Nov 29.*

*Gifts should be dropped off at the church
no later than Sunday, Dec 3.*

Blue Christmas Service — Dec 8

ELPC's Board of Deacons will host our annual *Blue Christmas Service* on Friday, Dec 8 at 7 pm in the Chapel. This special service offers comfort and healing in a time of darkness, and is intended to help people hold onto the nativity message of hope. Everyone is welcome to join us for a meditative time of prayer, reflection, and singing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Nov 19 ♦ 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 12–13, and Appendices A, B, and C)" with The Rev. Dr. Bob Chesnut, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of chapter 8 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



No Taizé

on the Eve of Thanksgiving
WEDNESDAY, NOV 22

We resume on Nov 29,
preparing for Advent