



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)

MOTHER’S DAY

MAY 12, 2024 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

God, our mother, we thank you for grounding your character in the tenderness, protection and even sorrow of a mother. To know that no human experience - mother or child - is far from you gives us permission to uncover the particularities of how we were made to love and be loved. On this day, we are reminded that we do not begin with ourselves. Our beauty, our pain, do not exist in a vacuum but we are tethered to those who’ve come before us. We pray for the mothers who have protected us, who are weary, who have stayed, who have left, who are grieving, who are proud - understanding that the story of what it means to be a mother is not singular. And as children, would you remind us that it is ok to lament the ways we have not been loved, while also celebrating the miracle and mystery of those who loved us fiercely. We are made of more than us. Help us to behold it.

— Cole Arthur Riley, taken from “Black Liturgies”

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541”

Johann Sebastian Bach
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Benedetto Marcello
arr. Rich Mays
The Brass Roots
Ryan Croyle, *organ*

“Psalm 19”

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

Polly McQueen and Erich Stein

Leader: As a mother comforts her child, so God comforts us. (*Isa. 66:13*)

People: Mother God, thank you for comforting us.

Leader: Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, God will not forget us. (*Isa. 49:15*)

People: Mother God, thank you for remembering us.

Leader: Jesus longs to gather us like a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. (*Matt. 23:37*)

People: Mother God, thank you for gathering us.

Leader: Let us still and quiet our souls, like a weaned child with its mother. (*Ps. 131:2*)

People: Mother God, come and still and quiet our souls.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #258

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

DEO GRACIAS

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

May 12 • 7th Sunday of Easter

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Polly McQueen and Erich Stein

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Polly McQueen and Erich Stein

God, we confess that too often we do not walk hand in hand with goodness, nor do we stand beside virtue, or sit in the seat of truth. We allow ourselves to be led off your everlasting way and do not trust or delight in your wisdom and guidance, and our lives wither. Replant us in your love and restore us with your living water that we may yield fruit in due season and flourish as your children.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Polly McQueen and Erich Stein

Leader: **We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us.**
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 #492 (*sing 3x*)

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

“You Belong to Christ”

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1

OT page 661
Sherry Anderson

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Woodworth

Elders: Trish Buben, Dee Flaherty, Bob Forloines, Barbara Griffin, Bryan Lawrence, Jason Van Ness
Deacons: Karen Beasley, Amy Bialek, Gretchen Chapman, Molly Davidson-Welling,
Drew Simpson, Susan Wadsworth-Booth, Eleanor Willson

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. 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: Bethany Florence Harris, Charles Timothy Harris, Walter Steven Harris
children of Nicholas and Kelly Harris

Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Woodworth

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:6-19

NT page 150
The Rev. Woodworth

SERMON

“Jesus prays for us!”

The Rev. Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Marsh Anderson and Michele Bossers

OFFERING INVITATION

Marsh Anderson and Michele Bossers

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

“The Glory of Christ”

K. Lee Scott

text from Revelation 1:12-16, alt.

You, living Christ, our eyes behold, amid your Church appearing, all girt about your breast with gold and bright apparel wearing; your countenance is burning light, a sun resplendent in its might: Lord Christ, we see your glory.

Your glorious feet have sought and found your own of every nation; with everlasting voice you sound the call of our salvation; you search us still with eyes of flame, you know and call us all by name: Lord Christ, we see your glory.

O risen Christ, today alive, amid your Church abiding, who now your blood and body give, new life and strength providing, we join in heavenly company to sing your praise triumphantly: Lord Christ, we see your glory.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf and 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: Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God. And so, we dedicate these gifts to God's service and to the glory of God's name.

People: ¡Amén!

Amen!

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Woodworth

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
arr. Donald Rotermund

As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube, 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.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Marsh Anderson
Sherry Anderson
Michele Bossers
Polly McQueen and Erich Stein
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist / Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Ryan Croyle, *Guest Organist*
The Brass Roots:
David Gardner, *Trumpet*
Carlos Richter, *Trumpet*
Joshua Gandy, *Horn*
Taylor Jones, *Trombone*
Taylor Fong, *Bass Trombone*
Abby Langhorst, *Timpani*
Beadle: Tim Engelhardt
Crucifer: Mario Seneca
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us in the Fellowship Room after the service to get a snack and info about *Pittsburgh Pride* this summer.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our weekly worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x211). The cost is \$250 a Sunday. *Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade (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.
May 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.
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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 (*no service on May 15*)

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

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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 (*no yoga on May 15*)

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 Gloria Knopp for more info on future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC



Pride Informational Fellowship Time
Stop by the Fellowship Room after the 11 am service this morning to get a snack and all the info you need to participate in *Pittsburgh Pride* this summer.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Gathering
You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's *Spiritual Gathering* after today's Fellowship Time. Please see Wil Forrest for more info or to attend.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee

Stop by the Highland Ave hallway after the 11 am 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).

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 *Journey* service DOD is Tom Sturgill.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Linda Sanders. She is seated in the East Transept (Highland Ave entrance).



Pentecost Offering — May 19

The *Pentecost Offering*, one of our denomination's four churchwide special offerings, supports ministries with children, youth, and young adults, and will be received next Sunday at both worship services. This year, our 40% will help support the ELPC junior and senior high mission trip/pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.



Join us for a contemplative retreat on:
Saturday, June 1 from 9 am–4 pm
at Jennings Environmental Center
(2951 Prospect Rd, Slippery Rock, PA 16057)

There will be time in groups and in solitude, time for creative expression, prayer, and integrating what we discover within ourselves and our natural environment. Hiking options will be available for all skill levels. We will be led by Megan Shelly, a spiritual director and the founder of bewilderpgh (bewilderpgh.com), where she designs and leads retreats and contemplative backpacking trips. The cost is \$40. Beverages, snacks, and lunch are provided. *RSVP to Norma by May 19 (412.441.3800).*

Confirmation Class Welcomed — May 19

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate this special day in worship by welcoming our Confirmation Class into full membership of our church and give thanks for the many and varied gifts of all within our congregation. We give thanks that the Holy Spirit calls us too, giving us gifts for service and inviting us to new expressions of our faith.

Calling All Grads!

We want to celebrate the graduates in our faith family! If someone in your family is graduating this year and if they have post graduate plans they want to share with our congregation, send the details to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net).

A Brass and Organ Spectacular

Friday, May 24 at 7:30 pm

The 13th season of ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series wraps up with a special concert featuring The Brass Roots, organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore, and conductor Daniel Nesta Curtis.



The concert will feature the premiere of a new piece for brass ensemble and organ by Pittsburgh composer Nancy Galbraith in honor of the 10-year anniversary of Dr. Ed Moore and The Brass Roots at ELPC called *East Liberty Overture*.

The concert is free, but a free will offering will be received. Contact Dr. Moore for more info (EdM@coh.net).





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

Sam Ditka's friend, David Jennings Smith, Pen Lytle, Gloria Ritchey's granddaughter Rhya, and Vivienne Selia's friend Martha.

Condolences to Howard Degenholtz on his mother's passing.

Condolences to Gloria Ritchey on her friend's passing.

A memorial service for Sonya-Marie Morley will be held in the ELPC Sanctuary next Sunday, May 19 at 1:30 pm.

Sonya's Sigma Gamma Rho sorority sisters will perform an Omega Rho ceremony prior to the service at 1:15 pm.

Committee Meetings This Week

Deacons/Session..... Tuesday, May 14 @ 5:00 pm

Deacons..... Tuesday, May 14 @ 7:00 pm

M&O Thursday, May 16 @ 6:00 pm

Youth Sunday – May 26

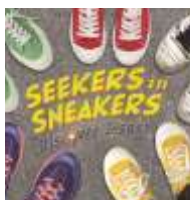
On Sunday, May 26, we will celebrate the gifts of our church's youth and recognize the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. Youth will create and lead our 11 am service, and Pastor Patrice will offer a charge to the students—and to all of us—as we grow in faith, hope, and love.

Youth who would like to help plan or lead worship should reach out to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). Graduating seniors are invited to give a senior message, and all youth are encouraged to participate.

Middle School Service Week at Crestfield – July 22 to 26

Youth in grades 6–8 are invited to Crestfield Camp for Service Adventure Camp, combining adventure with local missions and service opportunities from Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26. During the day, campers will be sent out to local non-profits to learn about and assist those agencies. Back at camp in the late afternoon, campers can chill at the pool or take a much needed FOB (flat on bunk). After dinner, there will be canoeing, ninja walling, archery, Big Friz, and more! Youth from multiple churches around Pittsburgh will be working and playing together this week. The cost is \$400; scholarships available. Please contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



Vacation Church School at ELPC will be held June 24–28 from 9 am–3 pm for children in pre-K (age 4 and potty-trained) through grade 5 (completed). Our theme this summer is *Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus!*

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to serve as volunteers, and adult volunteers of all ages will be needed to help ensure our program is a success!

Campers and volunteers can register at ELPC.church

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Trinity Youth Conference – July 14 to 20

Trinity Youth Conference (TYC) is happening Sunday–Saturday, July 14–20! TYC is a regional Presbyterian leadership conference for youth who have completed grade 9 through college-age students in Shellsburg, PA. Details can be found at TrinityYouthConference.org. Talk to Sara Hackett for more info or scholarship opportunities.

Next week, ELPC is honored to serve as a host for the Festival of Homiletics, which will be using our church building. As a result, please note these event changes:

NO TAIZÉ SERVICE on MAY 15

NO YOGA on MAY 15

Mission Trip & Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. – Aug 4 to 9

Students who have finished grade 7–12 are going to Washington, D.C. to stay at the Friends Place, a Quaker guest house and learning center just blocks from our Nation's Capitol from Sunday, Aug 4 to Friday, Aug 9. Friends Place offers opportunities for experiential education and civic engagement programs with a focus on how people-power creates justice, peace, a healthy planet, and a stronger democracy. We also will be visiting museums and monuments, the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness, and serving alongside agencies working for food justice in D.C. The cost for the week is \$450; scholarships available. Contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

Donations for

Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need of full-sized toiletry items (men's and women's deodorant, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, razors, toilet paper, lotion, etc.) in addition to spring and summer clothing for men, woman and children. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

May 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

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – “Christian Ethics and Social Policy” by Elder Ron Stone, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A discussion of chapters 31 and 32 of the book *Between the Dark and the Daylight* by Joan Chittester, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members