



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)

AUGUST 4, 2024 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIME OF PREPARATION

One who looks up to God never ceases in that desire ... the wanting itself is its own reward.

— Gregory the Great

GATHERING MUSIC *(music printed in bulletin)*

#644

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

#497 *(sing refrain only 3x)*

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

ARGENTINE SANTO

#669

“Let’s Sing unto the Lord”

CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR

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.

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Buchanan

We do not live by bread alone, but by the word who became flesh and dwells among us. Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom. Come, let us worship and give thanks.

* OPENING HYMN #396 *(music printed in bulletin)*

HOLY MANNA

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son. Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall not be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst. Receive and believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #527 *(sing 3x; music printed in bulletin)*

BERTHIER

“Eat This Bread”

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

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 44:1-5

Bill Buchanan

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 preschool room in the nursery suite for a time of learning together. Children will return to worship during the Doxology. The registration form can be found online.

The nursery is open for families of young children, under the age of 3, to play together while the service is live-streamed into the nursery.

* HYMN #509 (music printed in bulletin)

HOLY MANNA

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Woodworth

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

The Rev. Woodworth

SERMON

“Hunger and Thirst”

The Rev. Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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 Narthex.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei” (Gospel Mass)

Robert Ray

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below;

praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.



— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Woodworth

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

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 #501 (*music printed in bulletin*)

FEED US

“Feed Us, Lord”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

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 #499 (*music printed in bulletin*)

RENDEZ À DIEU

“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

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. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Bill Buchanan
Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Music Director / Organist
ELPC Summer Choir
Beadles: Ian Kuchera
Mario Seneca
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

Water is available in the Narthex.

◆ 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 \$75 a Sunday during our summer worship schedule with one arrangement.

Our beautiful arrangements are provided by Bloom Brigade (www.bloombrigade.com).

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am.....Summer Worship. Our weekly service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from piano and choir. Additional seating is available in the first floor Garth Overlook Room for those who prefer to worship indoors.
Aug 11 — The Rev. Dr. 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

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

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 Jennifer King for more info on future classes (412.441.3800 x222; JenniferK@coh.net).

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

#644 — GIVE THANKS, O CHRISTIAN PEOPLE

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.

#497 — BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN (*refrain only; sing 3x*)

Refrain C G Am Am7 F G7 C

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we

F G7 C Am F G7 C Last time

eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

Last time

TEXT: Susan R. Briehl, 2001

MUSIC: Refrain, Argentine melody; stanzas, Marty Haugen, 2001
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ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD
9.9.9.9 with refrain

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1 Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of glad re - joic - ing.
 2 Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of ad - o - ra - tion,



Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh be - gin - ning.
 which shows our love and faith and the hope of all cre - a - tion.



God made the sky a - bove, the stars, the sun, the o - ceans;
 Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for great - ness,

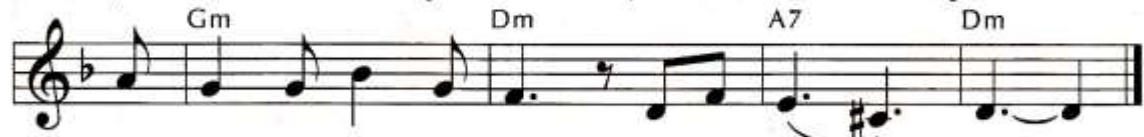


and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beau - ty.
 and so we sing to God, who be - stows such love - ly bless - ings.

Refrain / Estribillo



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!



Let's sing un - to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor. ¡Al - le - lu - ya!

SPANISH

1 *Cantemos al Señor
 un himno de alegría,
 un cántico de amor
 al nacer el nuevo día.
 Él hizo el cielo, el mar,
 el sol y las estrellas,
 y vio en ellos bondad,
 pues sus obras eran bellas. Estribillo*

2 *Cantemos al Señor
 un himno de alabanza
 que exprese nuestro amor,
 nuestra fe y nuestra esperanza.
 En toda la creación
 pregona su grandeza,
 así nuestro cantar
 va anunciando su belleza. Estribillo*

Showing the apparent influence of Genesis 1 and Psalm 19, this cheerful hymn was created as the entrance hymn for a mass setting by the author/composer. The joyful tone of this music needs not to be rushed but savored, more like an accentuated dance than a hasty gallop.

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav-en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

#527 — EAT THIS BREAD (sing 3x)

G C Am D Bm

"Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

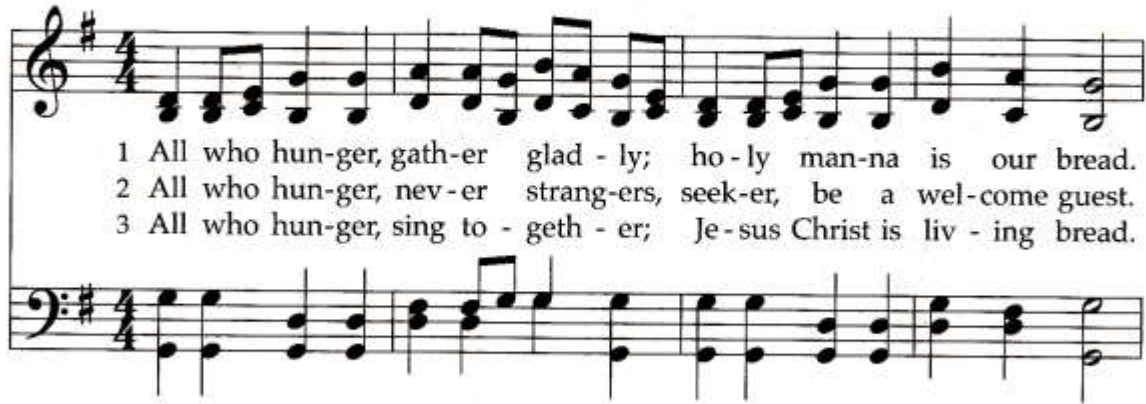
Em Dsus D G D

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."

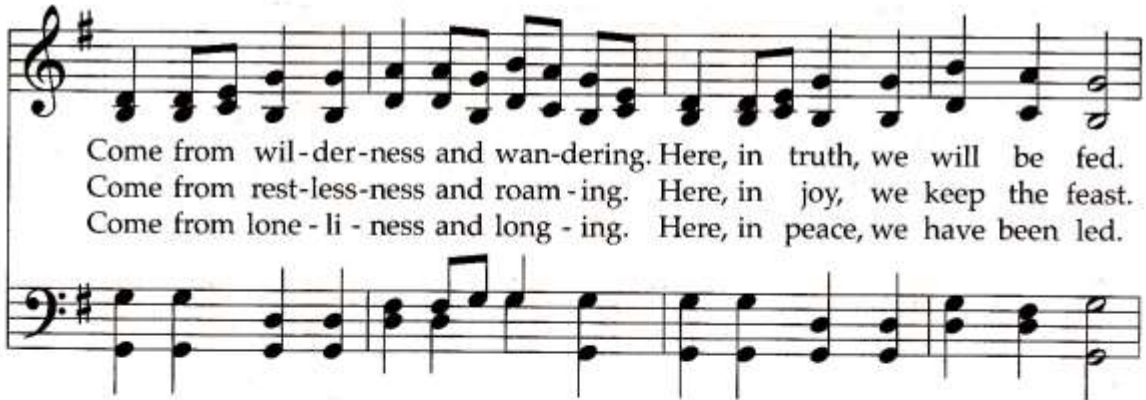
Em Bm C Dsus D G

This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.

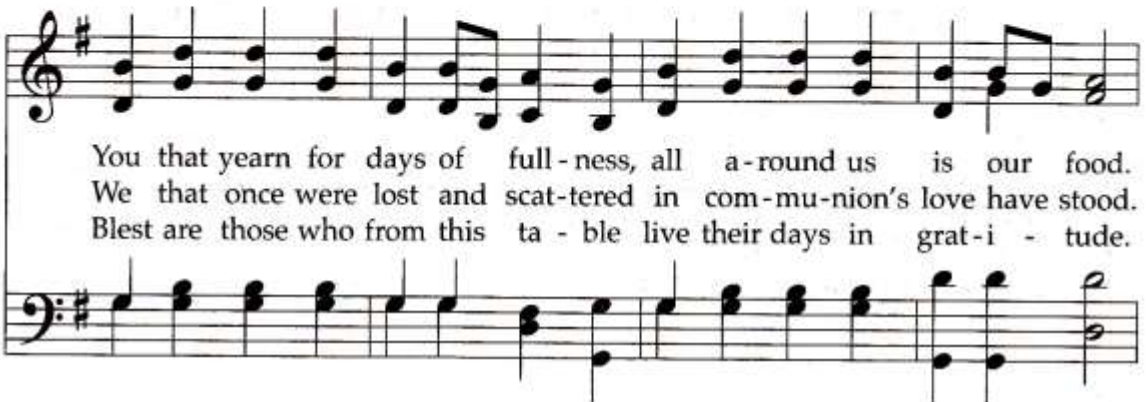
#509 — ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



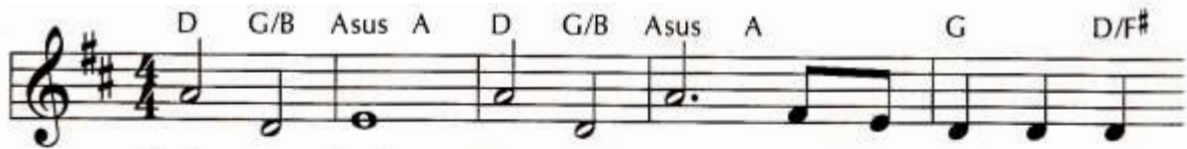
You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

#501 — FEED US, LORD



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13-35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

#499 — BREAD OF THE WORLD IN MERCY BROKEN

Bread of the world in mer-cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul in
mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were spo - ken,
and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sor-row
bro - ken; look on the tears by sin - ners shed; so may your
feast be - come the to - ken that by your grace our souls are fed.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes, providing a majestic and solemn backdrop for the text. The vocal line is a simple, hymn-like melody that follows the text closely.

This prayer-text divides into distinct halves, the first four lines being an extended address to Christ, and the last four being a series of petitions. These carefully crafted words are set to one of the most majestic tunes to emerge from the tradition of Reformed psalmody.

TODAY AT ELPC

Church Tour

Join guides Steve Evrard and Tom Morton for a tour of the tower after today's 10 am worship service. Please gather at the Highland Lobby to participate. All are welcome!

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 Gretchen Chapman.



Registration for Hope Academy's Fall Term

More information on this year's class offerings, private lessons, violin lessons, and scholarships, can be found at sites.google.com/view/hopeacademy2024-2025/home.

Registration for Hope Academy's fall term has begun. Families with children or youth who are interested in taking classes this year should create a family portal account at tiny.cc/ha-family-portal for updates.

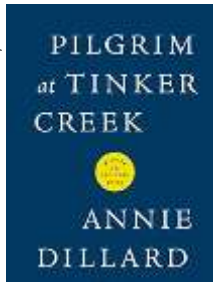
Environmental Book Study — Aug 8

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee is reading *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard. This is a classic book by a revered writer who grew up in Point Breeze. It won the 1975 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction. Consider reading the book and joining our discussion on Thursday, Aug 8 at 7 pm.

For more details, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

See Dr. Ed in Concert — Aug 11

Dr. Ed Moore will be playing a concert on Sunday, Aug 11 at 4 pm at Ingomar United Methodist Church (1501 West Ingomar Rd, 15237), as part of their summer recital series. A freewill offering will be accepted. The concert will also be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel.



ELPC Connections: Reservoir of Jazz — Aug 11

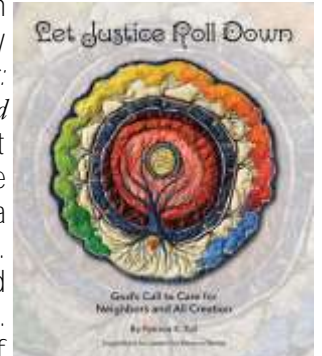
Join ELPC's Connections group for the free *Reservoir of Jazz* series on Sunday, Aug 11 from 5–7 pm at Highland Park (by the fountain). Music will be provided by Hugo Cruz and Caminos. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Aug 18

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's spiritual gathering on Sunday, Aug 18 after worship to share lunch and conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

PW Bible Study — Questions Answered Aug 18 and 25

The title of the Presbyterian Women's 2024-2025 Bible Study is *Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. Learn more about this study from its author, the Rev. Dr. Patricia K Tull, in a video at tiny.cc/pw-2024. Rev. Dr. Tull is an ordained Presbyterian minister and an A. B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.



Bible Study begins on Tuesday, Sept 3 from 10 am–Noon (hybrid), and Monday, Sept 9 from 7–8:30 pm (on Zoom). Presbyterian Women will be available after worship on Sundays, Aug 18 and 25, to answer questions. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.



Disability Pride Pittsburgh Celebration — Aug 24

Join our ELPC faith family at the third annual *Disability Pride Pittsburgh Celebration* on Saturday, Aug 24 from 11 am–4 pm at Schenley Plaza (4100 Forbes Ave, Oakland).

This event is for the whole community with live music, food trucks, arts, sensory friendly spaces, fun activities, and more! Learn more about this event at www.DisabilityPridePA.org.

Contact Wil Forrest for more info (412.441.3800 x218; Wil@coh.net).

*Celebrate in the streets while we
share God's love with all God's people!*



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

David Jennings Smith, and
Mary Anne Kirby.

Condolences to Debbie Hurrell on her sister's passing.

Condolences to the family of
Sean Bara, Minister of Music at
First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh,
on his passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Property Tuesday, Aug 6 @ 7:00 pm
Mission Board..... Thursday, Aug 8 @ 5:30 pm

For more info about how to join a meeting, please contact
Jennifer King (JenniferK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).

In our

COMMUNITY



RIF's Book Babies Storytimes – Aug 1

Reading Is Fundamental's *Book Babies Storytimes* provides parents and caregivers with tools, information and support to nurture literacy development in children from birth through age 3. They offer weekly storytimes (both virtual and in-person) and free in-home resources. For more info, visit www.RIFPittsburgh.org, or call 412.274.1318.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee Next Sunday – Aug 11

Stop by the Highland Ave hallway after next Sunday's 10am 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). Contact Ryan Booher for more info (rabooherc@gmail.com).

Rally Day – Sept 8

Plan on joining our faith family on Rally Day, Sept 8! Our two-service schedule resumes with Journey worship at 8:45am, and Sanctuary worship at 11 am.

We also will celebrate with breakfast between our services from 9:45–10:45 am in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms. We hope you will participate in this time of intergenerational fellowship. And as a reminder, Adult Education Classes will begin on Sunday, Sept 15.

Donations for Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need of: men's and women's deodorant, men's and women's Depends (L and XL) men's underwear (M, L and XL), toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, razors, toilet paper, lotion, etc., in addition to summer clothing for men, woman and children.



Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open (first and third Tuesday of each month from 5–7 pm, or Thursdays from 10 am–12 pm).



Church Tours Resume!

- Sunday, Aug 11: *Exterior*
- Sunday, Aug 25: *Sanctuary and Chapel*
- Sunday, Sept 15: *Tower*

If you're interested in going on any of these tours, please gather at the South Highland Ave entrance after worship.



Whether you embrace the season of fall or are an autumn struggler, join us at Villa Maria from Sept 27-29 to open yourself up to the bittersweet beauty and the invitations autumn has for you, and receive a liberating measure of divine grace at the *Sacrament of Letting Go Retreat*. We will be led by Lynn Holden, a spiritual director, professional counselor, and founder of Cultivating Awareness, where she creates and holds space for individuals and groups as they awaken to a Greater Reality.

RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x211) by Sun, Sept 15. Cost options are:

1. One Night (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) Shared Bath | \$70
2. One Night (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) Private Bath | \$110
3. Two Nights (Friday-Sunday) Shared Bath | \$85
4. Two Nights (Friday-Sunday) Private Bath | \$135