

## Prepare for Stewardship Sunday



“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.”  
—Galatians 5:22

In a letter to the Galatians, Apostle Paul described the gifts promised to those who live by the Holy Spirit. Fall is a time of harvest, when we gather and hold close to us the bounty made possible by sunnier days. It also is a time of change, as we prepare ourselves for the coming season with both reflection of what has been and anticipation for new beginnings to come.

With the selection of our senior pastor-elect at ELPC, we are experiencing transitions that are both exciting and wistful. Through the steady work of our congregation, we continue to offer radical hospitality by being a welcoming place for all of God’s children; actively confronting the sins of poverty, racism, and injustice; supporting youth through arts education and after-school enrichment programming; sharing the beauty of music with the community; working with partners in Pittsburgh and abroad to meet the health, clothing, and housing needs of our neighbors; and providing diverse options for worship and spiritual exploration.

How have the fruits of walking in the Spirit been manifested in your life?

You can live God’s promise by making a gift to support the mission and ministries of ELPC. On **Stewardship Sunday, November 17**, we invite you to pledge your gifts to ELPC in any amount that God calls you to give. If you already pledge, we ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. Our goal is to have at least 200 members make a faithful financial commitment in anticipation of a dynamic year ahead.

Pledge cards are available at the church, online, or by contacting Rachelle Calfee at [RachelleC@coh.net](mailto:RachelleC@coh.net) or **412.441.3800 x234**. ELPC also offers a monthly automatic debit plan that many members have found convenient.



## Blue Christmas Service

The ELPC Board of Deacons invites you to ELPC’s Blue Christmas service on **Friday, December 6**, 7 pm, in the Chapel. The service is designed as a source of strength during what is a difficult season for many.

## Sunday Services

*\*Celebration of the Lord’s Supper*

### Journey Worship | 8:45 am

*Theme: Faithfulness*

Nov. 3\* Rev. BJ Woodworth

Nov. 10 Rev. BJ Woodworth

Nov. 17 Rev. James Tinnemeyer

Nov. 24 Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz

### Sanctuary Worship | 11 am

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## Taizé Prayer Service

### Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation

*Wednesdays | 7 pm*

Rev. BJ Woodworth

## Stewardship Sunday Food Drive

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 at East End Cooperative Ministry’s Food Pantry with healthy, non-perishable foods to distribute to those in our community who are in need. On **Stewardship Sunday, November 17**, bring your food donations (along with your Stewardship pledge cards) to worship. You also can drop off your donations inside the Highland entrance prior to November 17.

Suggested items include: brown rice, whole grain pastas, instant potatoes, boxed mac and cheese, low-sodium soups and broth, low-sugar canned fruits and vegetables, canned tomato paste and sauce, canned tuna, high-fiber breakfast cereals, pancake mix and syrup, brownie mix, peanut butter, jelly, baking soda, bags of dried beans and unsalted nuts and seeds.

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# Pastoral Message

*The Rev. BJ Woodworth*

*Covenant Pastor for Spiritual Life, Taizé, and Transitional Ministries*



This is an exciting time in the life of ELPC. It marks yet a turn in our journey of transition; begins a new chapter and season in the life of our congregation. It is important for us to intentionally prepare for this new chapter and season, especially in how we welcome our pastor elect, the Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz. Here are a few things I invite you to consider both personally and communally in this upcoming season.

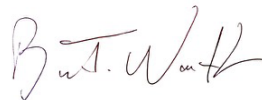
- **Pray for our new pastor.** I know many of us have been praying for the PNC and maybe even the pastor even when we did not know who it was. If you have been praying, keep it up and if you have not, please begin. What if each of us made a commitment to pray daily for our pastor for the first 100 days of his ministry here at ELPC? If you were to pray for Michael, what would you want him to have or receive from God in his first 100 days?
- **Embrace the uniqueness of our pastor.** Michael has a distinct personality, a unique set of gifts, and a diverse set of experiences that make him who he is. When the Spirit leads a church to a call a new pastor, the Spirit seldom leads a church to a person, just like the previous pastor(s) or a beloved pastor from its history. It has been said that comparison is the thief of all joy. Let's work to not compare Michael and grant him the freedom and space to be himself and let his unique image and likeness of God be shared with us.
- **Ask yourself what your part is.** One thing I heard Michael say is that he is a pastor who believes in empowering others and that is what he is called to do. We, ELPC, are the body of Christ and we each have gifts, passions, time, and talents that ELPC needs for us to enter this next chapter and season in the life of our church. So, before we levy a concern, complaint, or criticism, let us be sure to see if we are in fact doing our part to use our gifts in service to the church.
- **Be gracious.** Even the best pastors stumble, trip, and make mistakes. There are a lot of expectations for Michael (spoken and unspoken) as he arrives here. Check in with yourself to see what hopes and expectations you may have of him and notice how big and strong they may be. Then...have patience, grace, kindness, and gentleness, allowing time and space for Michael to find his way in these first months and years.
- **Practice Radical Hospitality.** ELPC prides itself on being a place of radical hospitality. How can you extend that welcome, kindness, and invitation to Michael and his partner as they learn a new city, new church culture, and polity and adjust to new rhythms of life? Notice what is going well and write him a short note of encouragement. Remind him of your name when you greet him. Give him time and space to get settled and oriented.
- **Speak positively about our pastor publicly and privately.** One of the ways we bring out the best in our pastors is to speak well of them publicly and privately. With most pastors, it is easy to find something to complain about. A healthy pastoral tenure is nurtured when we magnify our pastor's strengths and assets and then shape a staff team and community of congregants who compliment his leadership.

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I pray we can receive Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz as a pastoral leader chosen by us and sent to us to encourage our faithfulness, challenge our presuppositions, and bring out God's best in us. If we can welcome him with/in humility, openness and grace, I believe the relationship between him and our congregation will be vibrant and effective. As church members, we are privileged to co-labor with Michael in fulfilling our mission to *"show God's unconditional love by providing refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all."* May God grant us the grace to do so in this next chapter and season in the life of ELPC!

*This was adapted from an article, titled "7 Suggestions for Welcoming a New Pastor," written by Barry Howard, a fellow consultant whom I work with at PneuMatrix and the Center for Healthy Churches, [chchurches.org](http://chchurches.org).*



## Session News

In October, the ELPC Session:

- Received an update on the Hope Academy leadership transition plan
- Discussed the 2025 budgeting process
- Received an update on Nell and Poll (two enslaved women owned by charter members of ELPC) from the Facing Systemic Racism Committee

## November Update From Your PNC

Pastor Patrice often reminds us that we serve the Lord by sharing our time, talent, and treasure. In the face of God's incredible generosity to us, it has been an honor for us, as your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), to serve God in this way. Thank you for entrusting us with this spiritual labor of love. October 6, 2024, was the culmination of the prayer and work of so many.

We thank the ELPC staff who did so much, including booking the rooms, setting up the owl and screen for hybrid meetings, setting up water for interviewees, placing our communications in emails and *Reaching Out*, moving furniture, making sure the church was clean inside and out so we could put our best foot forward, greeting the in-person interviewees at the door, printing the bulletin announcements we needed when we needed them, providing professional help on the Terms of Call, and of course, that perfectly timed, 550-letter mailing right before our meeting on October 6! We enjoyed spending time with our staff at a lunch celebration at a local restaurant to thank them for their work.

We thank Pastor BJ who in the early days of this work guided us and encouraged us to take our time and pray for discernment. His support was even more important after our Presbytery Liaison had to step away. Rev. Brian from Presbytery also helped fill the gap. We thank Rev. Dr. Karen Rohrer, now at Princeton Seminary, who stepped in and moderated our long process, enabling us to arrive at our recommendation.

We thank Pastor Patrice who not only supported us, but now is serving ELPC by taking over all the duties of both Co-Pastors since the departure of Pastor Heather in September. She carefully guided our preparation for the Congregational Meeting, created the agenda and did a masterful job of leading and moderating the meeting. We saw a lot of smiles as we looked out at you! Along the way, we heard our Pastors providing the balm we needed to heal and to prepare for our future.

And, of course, we thank all who prayed for us, sent cards, thanked us, and were patient as we worked our way through the process. Thank you for confidentiality in respect for Pastor Michael and his church.



*Pastor-elect Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz and the PNC on October 6, 2024.*

We now have a pastor-elect! The remaining steps are Presbytery Approval and Rev. Dr. Diaz's transfer to PC(USA) from United Church of Christ. We anticipate that he will be able to be in Pittsburgh in November. His installation would be after the start of the new year, but no dates are set.

As we step away, we are grateful to be finished, but we will miss the work with each other. Thank you for allowing us to have this amazing experience!

—Pastor Nominating Committee of ELPC

*"May the Lord bless you and keep you..."—Numbers 6:24*

# Christian Education

**Note:** Adult classes meet on Sundays, 9:45am.

## Nursery for Kids up to Age 3

Our Nursery is now staffed on Sundays, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Children sing songs, hear stories, and engage in play to learn about God's love.

## Children Age 4–Grade 3

Children are invited to *Sunday School: Sacred Stories for Kids* after the Moments with our Children in the Sanctuary (11:15 am). Using the Godly Play curriculum, kids hear, see, touch, and retell the sacred stories of our faith while asking "I wonder ..." questions and responding with art. Children also pray, sing, and share a simple snack.

Parents pick up their kids after worship in Room 206.

## Tweens in Grades 4–6

Youth are invited to *Sunday School: Sacred Stories for Tweens* after the Moments with our Children in the Sanctuary (11:15 am). Tweens dig into Bible stories through games, conversations, crafts, drama, and teamwork to discover what these stories mean to them in today's world.

Parents pick up their kids after worship in Room 207.



## Teens in Grades 7–12

On **November 3**, 9:45–10:45 am, high school youth are invited to join us for breakfast and Sunday School in the Second Floor Parlor.

Then on **November 17**, 12:30–2 pm, we will meet for lunch, shenanigans, and afternoon Sunday School.

## Journey with Scripture | Highland Room & Zoom

*Facilitators: Rev. Henk Bossers and other class members*

Join us as we relate both the Psalms and the liturgical calendar's Gospel of Mark with the "Heavenly Hosts." Our scriptures will expand and deepen our understanding of our "Reformed, Ever Reforming" legacy. Contact Sara Hackett at [SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net) for details.

## Seekers | Garth Overlook Room & Zoom

*Facilitator: Gwen Puza | [gpuza9@gmail.com](mailto:gpuza9@gmail.com)*

### Nov. 3: Christian Nationalism | Part 3 of 3

This third session with Daniel Aleshire (in-person) will focus on providing guidance for Christians in a militantly partisan political climate and responding to initiatives like the Heritage Foundation's *Mandate for Leadership: Project 2025*.

Daniel Aleshire served 12 years as a seminary professor, was staff of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the U.S. and Canada in 1990, and served as ATS executive director from 1998–2017 (ATS membership includes more than 280 Mainline, Evangelical, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic seminaries and theological schools.) He now serves on Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Board of Directors.

### Nov. 10: The Historical Jesus and the Origin of the Hope for the Second Coming

How did the hope for the second coming of Christ emerge in early Christianity? Dr. Tucker Ferda, associate professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminar, joins Seekers to discuss the book that he has recently written on the topic. Dr. Ferda will focus, in particular, on how Christian scholars have tended to mischaracterize Judaism in order to make the historical Jesus stand out as different than and superior to Judaism. Come and join to learn more about what scholars are continuing to learn about ancient Judaism, the task of reconstructing Jesus as a historical figure, and the history of Christian anti-Judaism.

### Nov. 17: Gerald McClendon on His Work as Mission Coordinator of ELPC

Gerald McClendon, Mission Coordinator of ELPC, will share his journey from living in the ELPC homeless shelter to entering EECM Bridge housing. After working in the homeless shelter, he came to work in the ELPC facilities department, while attending CCAC in the Social Work Foundation program. Upon graduating, Pastor Patrice hired him as an assistant for the ELPC Assistance Program. He is now head of the program, ministering to people needing help with rent or mortgage, utilities, or medication costs. We also will hear about ELPC's work with other organizations, like East End Cooperative Ministry.

### Nov. 24: Understanding Jesus & Paul by Understanding Jewish Practice & Belief

In this video, Amy-Jill Levine places Jesus and Paul within their Jewish context and reflects on how the Jewishness of early Christians is often overlooked. Amy-Jill is an author and the Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion & Peace.

## Soul Food | Good Samaritan Room & Zoom

*Facilitators: Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members*

We will be discussing chapters 13–20 (two chapters a week) of *Always a Guest* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

New participants are always welcome! For more information, contact the Rev. Joe Hajdu at [hajdu625@comcast.net](mailto:hajdu625@comcast.net).

# Children, Youth, & Young Adult Ministries

## Club 116 on Wednesdays

Kids in grades 1–6 are invited to **club 116**, our midweek youth group ministry, on Wednesdays, 4:30–6:30 pm. We have Bible study, crafts, games in the gym, and dinner together! We will not gather on **Wednesday, November 27**.

For more information, email Sara Hackett at [SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net).



*Youth Group recently served dinner at Hot Metal Faith Community.*

## Youth Group on Thursdays

Our new Youth Group gathers on Thursdays, 4:30–7 pm. Dinner is served at 5 pm. Join us to hang out, play games, and explore faith and prayer together!

We will not meet on **Thursday, November 28**.



## Tween Bowling Night

Tweens in grades 4–6 are invited to an evening of pizza and bowling in ELPC's duckpin bowling lanes on **Friday, November 22**, 5:30–7:30 pm! Friends are always welcome.

Please RSVP to Sara Hackett at [SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)



## Young Adult Ministry

**Sunday, November 17: Jam with the YAMs!**

Are you 18–40? Do you love bagels? Then join us for Jam with the YAMs (Young Adult Ministry). We gather on the third Sunday of each month in the Harambe Room for bagels, coffee, and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Contact Sara Hackett at [SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net) with any questions.

## Save the Date for Our Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be held on **Sunday, December 15**, 10 am. This event is a wonderful way for kids to be part of the Good News of Jesus' birth. Children and youth up through grade 8 are encouraged to participate.

We will have a dress rehearsal on **Saturday, December 14**, 9:30–11am, in the Sanctuary.

## Children & Families

**Sunday, November 3: Open Gym with Coffee & Donuts**

Parents and kids are welcome to hang out, drink coffee or juice, eat a donut, and play in the ELPC Gym on the first Sunday of every month, 9:45–10:45 am.

If you miss the informal conversations that happened at Parenting Circle, want to meet other parents, just love basketball or scooters, then this is for you! This also is perfect for parents of older teens (grades 7–12) who have Sunday School at the same time.

**Sunday, November 10: Family Art**

Families with children and teens are invited to stay after Sanctuary worship for fun family art event.

More details to come, but RSVP to Sara Hackett at [SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net).

*The Children and Families Ministry team is hosting monthly family events to foster a caring community of families at ELPC, where kids and adults feel loved and empowered to explore their faith.*

## PW Bible Study

### Let Justice Roll Down: Food Justice

The Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament portray the Earth as yielding food in abundance. Today's agricultural scientists say that the world can provide enough food for all people. Yet unjust food production and distribution practices lead to widespread starvation and insufficient access to food sources that could provide basic sustenance. Greed, serfdom, and industrial farming practices all contribute to worldwide food injustice.

What does Scripture teach us about our dependence on and responsibility toward the land, the ground upon which we live? Individuals, communities and nations can all play a role in leading us toward more just and sustainable food production and distribution practices.

Join us for our lesson, *Food Justice*, on **Monday, November 4**, 7–8:30 pm (Zoom), or **Tuesday, November 5**, 10 am–12 pm (Hybrid). Our Tuesday session will be followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Room.

For more information and the Zoom link, email [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

## PW Thank Offering

During this Thanksgiving season, you are invited to make a gift to the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering as an expression of gratitude for your blessings. The Thank Offering provides seed money for projects that address health, education, and economic development needs in the U.S and internationally.

This year's Thank Offering will be received on **Sunday, November 24**. Please make your checks payable to "Presbyterian Women" and write "Thank Offering" in the memo line. For more information contact [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

## ELPC Nominating Committee Seeks Your Input

The Nominating Committee is seeking your input in its discernment process for upcoming leadership opportunities. The congregation is invited to nominate ELPC members for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and next year's Nominating Committee. The Committee will prayerfully consider all recommendations as they prepare a slate for three-year terms starting in 2025. Guidelines for nominations and the nomination form are available online and at the church. Officers will be elected at the Congregational Meeting in February.

Thank you!

—Nominating Committee: Michele Bossers, Gretchen Chapman (Deacon Rep), Jessica Giannotta, Barb Griffin (Co-Chair), Bill Johnson, Josh Mattila, Steve Simpson-Hunt (Co-Chair), Sara Torretti

## Trusting His Path, Led by His Light

by Hannah Moon, ELPC Deacon

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy." (Psalm 34:4–5 NLT)

This scripture has always resonated with me, but it took on a new depth in my life as I wrestled with a growing spiritual thirst. Despite my active involvement in ELPC, by 2022, I began to feel something missing. I longed for a deeper connection with God and a stronger sense of purpose in my service to the church. Although I faithfully attended Sunday School, joined parent meetings, participated in connection gatherings, volunteered on justice committees, sang at summer choir, and even went on several trips with the Happy Wanderers, none of it filled the longing in my heart.

I asked myself, "How can I do more for the church I love?"

One day, everything changed. A dear friend and former deacon called with unexpected news: I had been nominated as a candidate for the role of deacon in 2022. At that moment, I felt an unmistakable call from God. While I was graciously given a few days to consider, my heart already knew the answer. God was opening a door for me to serve in a deeper way.

I was fully aware of the responsibilities that came with the role, and I had my concerns about how I would balance this new commitment with an already full schedule. But I knew God would lead me, with godly wisdom and strength.

Since becoming a Deacon in spring 2023, I have learned what it truly means to serve our Lord and our beloved congregation. Initially, the weight of new duties—preparing the Communion table, caring for homebound members, and being deacon on duty seemed daunting. With the guidance of my fellow deacons, I discovered how to integrate these responsibilities into my life. The sense of teamwork and mutual support among the deacons is remarkable. We lean on each other, sharing friendship, wisdom, and encouragement that has enriched my life and deepened my faith in profound ways. I've learned that I am never alone—God is always guiding me, leading me by His light. I want to encourage each of you to consider joining our community of deacons. Serving has been an immense blessing, and it has drawn me closer to God and our church family in ways I never expected. Together, we can grow in faith, serve our loving community, and continue walking the path God has laid before us.

## A Reflection From Our Spiritual Life Retreat

Three times a year, the ELPC Spiritual Life Committee offers contemplative retreats with different themes, but they all include open time and space for rest, prayer, stillness, and reflection in community with others. **Save the dates for our next retreat, January 31–February 2.** And read the following reflection from one of our retreatants on our last retreat in October.



### Come.

That's the "sacred word" I thought of when the spiritual retreat leader advised us to choose a one- or two-syllable word to use during centering prayer to call our minds back when they started to wander. She suggested "God" or

"Spirit," but that seemed too obvious to me, and not actually in keeping with what I would need. When my mind strayed from seeking to be quiet, focused, open and available to God, I would need a command, a request, a plea: **Come.**

**Come,** God. **Come,** Spirit.

**Come** back into the forefront of my consciousness, *come* be my focus, *come* fill me up.

Ten minutes of silent centering prayer. I closed my eyes, breathed deeply, went into the darkness. I could feel myself emptying out, being open and available—but what about the schedule tomorrow? When will I make time to swim? **Come.**

I can feel the quiet surround me again, a minute(?) goes by. Quiet, peaceful—but what was the starting word I thought of earlier to use for Wordle tomorrow? **Come.**

It goes on like this. I know in prayer and meditation you are not supposed to blame yourself for a wandering mind, but simply to notice it. And then gently call your mind back from the distraction.

Were we two-thirds of the way through, perhaps, when my mind's eye just saw and felt water, a waterfall, right in front of me, pouring down? It felt like the Spirit. My mind's gaze drifted to one side; I'd lost the waterfall.

But **come.**

And as I repeat, "**Come, come, come,**" in my head, I'm seeing the night sky, the stars, almost being out amidst the cosmos, pulled up above my body. It's just for a second or two, but my mind's gaze starts to lose this. And so again, "**Come.**"

Yet this time I'm struck by what seems to me, at least, to be a revelation: when in this posture of centering prayer, my "**come**" was not always me calling to God—it had also become God calling to me.

Helping me to see my most peaceful places of rest and awe—a high waterfall, the abundantly deep and starry night sky, and now, near the end of our allotted time, an undeniable sense of a river. God calls, "**Come,**" for me to walk beside it.

And **come** to the waterfall.

And **come** up among the very stars in the firmament.

The singing bowl chimes, thrice.

Deep breath, and I open my eyes, here among this community of seekers.

**Come. Come** to all of this, life more abundantly.

## The ELPC Giving Tree

ELPC's annual Giving Tree will soon be available. Gifts can be chosen online at [tiny.cc/elpc-giving-tree](http://tiny.cc/elpc-giving-tree).

Deacons will be available to help with selecting gifts on **Sundays, November 17, November 24, December 1, and December 8.**

## LGBTQIA+ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering on **Sunday, November 17, 12:30 pm.** Join us to share lunch and conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome!

Questions? Please contact Wil Forrest at [wil@coh.net](mailto:wil@coh.net) or **412.441.3800 x218.** A Zoom option will be offered if expressed need is shared with Wil prior to the Friday before the gathering.



**God Created You.  
God Loves You.  
Be Yourself.**

## ELPC People

If you have news to share, contact Jen King at [JenniferK@coh.net](mailto:JenniferK@coh.net) or **412.441.3800 x222.**

### Good News

Congratulations to **Andrew Wilkinson & Amber Jo Stenman** who married on October 11 at ELPC.

*“...inviting all to join our diverse, inclusive family of faith, transcending boundaries of race, class, ability, culture, age, gender and sexual identity to become one in Christ.”*

## Building Closure

ELPC will be closed for Thanksgiving on **Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29.**

## Exercise Your Right to Vote

Every member of the ELPC, including family and friends, is strongly encouraged to vote in the upcoming presidential election. Although the polling date is **Tuesday, November 5**, vote early if possible. For more information on your registration status, polling locations, early voting locations, or other information, visit [ffcoalition.com](http://ffcoalition.com).

## Fall Pie Festival



The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to the third annual ELPC Fall Pie Festival following Sanctuary worship on **Sunday, November 24**, in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms.

Bring your favorite fall pie (or cake or cookies) to share! Whipped cream and drinks will be provided. Join us for a time of celebrating the fall harvest and anticipation of the holiday season.

Let us know what you'd like to bring. Look for sign-up sheets at the church or call Norma Meyer at **412.441.3800 x211.**

## Christmas in East Liberty

*Cathedral Concerts* return with Christmas in East Liberty, on **Friday, December 13**, 7:30 pm. This highly anticipated concert is an East Liberty tradition and will feature holiday favorites. Join us live in the Sanctuary or online on YouTube or Facebook. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted.



*Photo by Kevin King*

Contact Dr. Ed Moore at [EdM@coh.net](mailto:EdM@coh.net) for more details.

## St. Olaf Choir to Perform at ELPC

The St. Olaf Choir will perform in the ELPC Sanctuary on **Sunday, February 9**, 7:30 pm. The choir is hailed as one of the nation's premier a cappella ensembles and is renowned for its artistry and beauty of sound.



This is a ticketed event and will not be livestreamed. Discounted tickets are available for ELPC members and friends. Contact Dr. Ed Moore at [EdM@coh.net](mailto:EdM@coh.net).