



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 SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

For me to be a saint means to be myself. Therefore, the problem of sanctity and salvation is in fact the problem of finding out who I am and of discovering my true self.

— Thomas Merton

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Tocatta in D Minor, BWV 565”
“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring, BWV 147”

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

SPECIAL DEDICATION

Michele Bossers and Carol Chonoska
Doctoral Robe for The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Russell Walker

Leader: Fling wide the temple gates!
People: Open up the ancient doors!
Leader: The mighty and glorious One is coming.
People: Who is this mighty and glorious One?
Leader: This is the Lord for whom we have waited.
People: Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says: See I am making all things new. And now it is finished! Hear and receive the good news:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Amén!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #227 (sing 3x) “Jesus, Remember Me”

REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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

Nov 3 • 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS

The names of members and our congregation's loved ones who have passed away since November 2023 will be read aloud.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Pie Jesu (Requiem)”

Maurice Duruflé

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest.

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 24

Russell Walker

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

Children of any age are welcome to come forward for Moments with our Children. Afterwards:

- *Children in PreK-6th grade will go to Sunday School: Sacred Stories. Parents will pick up their kids after worship (PreK-3rd grade in Room 206; grades 4-6 in Room 207).*
- *Youth in grades 7-12 will meet at 9:45 am for breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. Teens also will meet after church one Sunday a month for lunch and programming.*
- *The nursery is open and staffed from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.*

* HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Woodworth

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-22

The Rev. Woodworth

SERMON

“ALL the Saints”

The Rev. Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bryan Lawrence

OFFERING INVITATION

Bryan Lawrence

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.

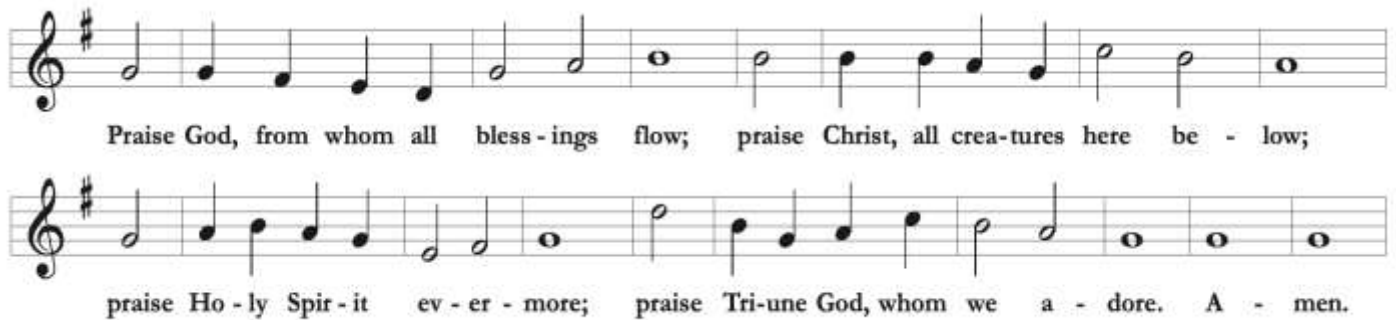
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem, love me, comfort me, bring me to God:

Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures here be - low;
 praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

— 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 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 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 #503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Fowler-Searcy

According to the riches of your glory, grant that we through this meal, may be strengthened in our inner beings with power through the Spirit and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love. That we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ so that all the world may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Woodworth

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. BJ Woodworth
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Michele Bossers
Carol Chonoska
Sara Hackett
Bryan Lawrence
Russell Walker
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore (he/him),
Organist / Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Tessa Morris, *Soloist*
Beadles: Laura Ristau
Mario Seneca
Crucifer: Tim Engelhardt
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Miss H. Cornelia McCombs and Mrs. Anna L. Dickey.

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our weekly worship service in honor or memory of a loved one (\$250), please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x211).

◆ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Balaka Room.

◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Nov 10 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
Nov 10 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth 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 on Mondays

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom of 30 minutes of communal silence and guided meditation on scripture.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

Meeting ID: 959 8065 3992 • Passcode: bestill

Tuesday Morning Zoom Prayer Group

Join Steve Evrard on Zoom for a time of scripture readings, responsive prayer, and interactive dialogue.

Tuesdays, 8 to 8:30 am

Meeting ID: 896 9680 6662 • Passcode: 116

or you may call in by dialing 929.205.6099

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

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 see one of the pastors to attend, or contact Jen King for info on future classes (JenK@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Book Donation by ELPC Member Michael Hellman
A Journey of Acceptance is now available to borrow from the ELPC Library (in the Garth Overlook Room). It is a living memoir written by local ELPC member Michael Hellman.

We all have a story to tell. *A Journey of Acceptance* lays the foundation for telling his story honestly and sharing challenging times in life when *some days are best forgotten*. Sharing his journey is a compelling way to make a difference. It begins with a serious diagnosis portrayed as, “... put your life in order, and you’ll be dead in 18 to 24 months.” *Where does one go from there?*



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).

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 Gretchen Chapman.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Todd Hoffman. He is seated in the East Transept (Highland Ave entrance).



PW Bible Study — Nov 4 and 5

Presbyterian Women’s 2024-2025 Bible Study *Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: Food Justice* will meet on Monday, Nov 4 from 7–8:30 pm (on Zoom), and on Tuesday, Nov 5 from 10 am–Noon (hybrid). There will be a potluck lunch after Tuesday’s Bible Study. Please bring a dish to share; beverages will be provided. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Volunteer for Fall Clean-Up at ELPC — Nov 9

If you would like to help clean up the church grounds for the fall season, please join Don Breitbarth on Saturday, Nov 9 from 9 am—Noon. Work will include removing the annual flowers, planting spring tulip bulbs, and some cleanup in the rain garden. *Gloves, garden tools, and donuts provided!* Contact Don (don.breitbarth@gmail.com).

Social Hour — Nov 10

The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a *Social Hour* next Sunday, Nov 10 after the 11 am worship service. Please join them in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms for refreshments and fellowship! All are welcome!

Church Tour — Nov 10

A tour of the *Sanctuary and Chapel* will be offered next Sunday, Nov 10 by guide Jo Ellen Aleshire. To participate, please gather in the Highland Lobby after the 11 am worship service.

Family Art Event — Nov 10

Families with children and teens are invited to stay after Sanctuary worship next Sunday, Nov 10 for a fun family art event. RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Stewardship Sunday Food Drive — Nov 17

The Neighbors Committee invites you to participate in a special food drive to help stock the shelves of East End Cooperative Ministries’ food pantry with healthy, non-perishable foods to distribute to those in our community who are in need. On *Stewardship Sunday*, Nov 17, please bring your food donations (along with your stewardship pledge cards) to worship. You can also drop off your donations in the Highland Lobby prior to Nov 17.

Here is a list of suggested items: *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.*

Young Adult Ministry — Nov 17

Are you 18–40? Do you love bagels? Then join us for *Jam with the YAMs* (Young Adult Ministry) on Sunday, Nov 17 after the 11 am service. We gather on the third Sunday of each month in the Harambe Room for bagels, coffee, and fellowship. Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Giving Tree — Select Gifts from Nov 17 to Dec 8

The annual *Giving Tree* will be available soon. Gifts can be chosen online at tiny.cc/elpc-giving-tree. Deacons will be available to help after worship on Sundays, Nov 17 and 24, Dec 1 and 8.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry’s Spiritual Gathering — Nov 17

You are invited to attend the LGBTQIA+ Ministry’s spiritual gathering on Sunday, Nov 17 after the 11 am worship service. Join us to share lunch and conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net). A Zoom option will be offered if you let Wil know prior to the Friday before the gathering.

Tween Bowling Night — Nov 22

Tweens in grades 4–6 are invited to an evening of pizza and bowling at ELPC on Friday, Nov 22 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Friends are welcome. RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).



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

Gloria Barber, John Belechak,
Doris Dick's sister-in-law,
Mary Alice Lightle, Amiyah McCorvey,
Gloria Ritchey and her granddaughter.

Condolences to Ebony Moorefield on her husband's passing.

*Condolences to Herma Stewart and family
on her sister's passing.*

Committee Meeting This Week

Property..... Tuesday, Nov 5 @ 7:00 pm

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

Fall Pie Festival — Nov 24

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to the third annual *Fall Pie Festival* following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Nov 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. Let us **know what you'd like to bring.** Look for sign-up sheets at the church soon or call Norma (412.441.3800 x211).

Volunteers Needed to Decorate Sanctuary — Nov 24

ELPC is seeking volunteers to decorate our Sanctuary following 11 am worship on Sunday, Nov 24 from Noon-2:30 pm. Single persons, families, couples are all welcome. Children and youth under 12 years old must be supervised by their parent/guardian. Grab some pie after worship, then come to the Sanctuary to help decorate!

Thank Offering Received — Nov 24

During this Thanksgiving season, you are invited to make a special gift to the PW *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. The *Thank Offering* will be received on Sunday, Nov 24. Please make your checks payable to "Presbyterian Women" and write *Thank Offering* in the memo line. For more info, contact PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Donations for Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need of winter clothing (**especially men's**) and full-sized toiletries items (soap, body wash, toothpaste, toilet paper, toothbrushes, lotion etc.) Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open (on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 5–7 pm, or Thursdays from 10 am–12 pm).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Roll to the Polls — Nov 5

The *Black Political Empowerment Project* is offering rides to the election polls on Tuesday, Nov 5 for the following areas: Bloomfield, Braddock, East Hills, East Liberty, Garfield, Hill District, Homewood, Manchester, McKeesport, Northside, Southside and Wilkinsburg. If you need a ride to go to your designated election poll to vote, please call 412.212.8775, or email b-pepinfo@b-pep.net.

Online Election Night Prayer Vigil — Nov 5

After casting your ballot on Tuesday, Nov 5, join the PC (USA) for an online prayer vigil at 6 pm to help relieve anxiety, create a sense of community, and be unified in Christ. Register online at tiny.cc/election-night-vigil.

Special Affordable Homeownership Opportunity

Open Hand Ministries announces the upcoming availability of the cottage at 428 Ardary Str in Garfield. This small craftsman style home has been remodeled from its new roof to its hardwood floors. Actually, this was a total gut renovation which means that everything in the house is new, including the electrical, heating and air conditioning, and plumbing systems. This three bedroom home may be perfect for your family. If you want more info about the home and also about your eligibility for affordable homeownership, contact Wayne Younger, Executive Director of Open Hand Ministries (office@openhandpittsburgh.org; 412.924.1409).

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Nov 10 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm+Zoom) — Relate the Psalms and the liturgical calendar's Gospel of Mark with the *Heavenly Hosts*, facilitated by Rev. Henk Bossers and other class members

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm+Zoom) — "The Historical Jesus and the Origin of the Hope for the Second Coming" by Dr. Tucker Ferda, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm+Zoom) — A discussion of chapters 15 and 16 of *Always a Guest* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members