



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 17, 2024 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are you doing for others?”

— *The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Cantabile”

“IV. Vivace (Viola Sonata #1, Op. 120, No. 1)”

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Johannes Brahms
Brady Conley, *viola*
Dr. Moore, *organ*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. James Tinnemeyer

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Tinnemeyer
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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!

Dr. Charma Dudley

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #270

“O Lord, You Are My God and King”

JERUSALEM

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Charma Dudley

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Charma Dudley

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

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

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Dr. Charma Dudley

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!

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

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

- Children age 4-6th grade will go to Sunday School: Sacred Stories. Because today is Stewardship Sunday, the children will return to worship for the Stewardship presentation.
- Children age 3 and younger can play, sing songs and hear stories in the nursery from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“A New Commandment”

William Mundy
text based on John 13:34

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord:

That ye love together as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 107:1-9

OT page 746
Dr. Charma Dudley

* HYMN #700

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I'M GONNA LIVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Tinnemeyer

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:37-47

NT page 161
The Rev. Tinnemeyer

SERMON

“What Would You Give For That?”

The Rev. Tinnemeyer

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Tinnemeyer

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.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tiffany Sudar

OFFERING INVITATION

Tiffany Sudar

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 #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.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Tinnemeyer
Carla Depperman

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.

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 #708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

SCHUMANN

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Tinnemeyer

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens
Dr. Moore, *organ*



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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. James Tinnemeyer
Liturgists: Carla Depperman
Dr. Charma Dudley
Sara Hackett
Tiffany Sudar
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore (he/him),
Organist / Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Brady Conley, *Viola*
Beadle: Polly McQueen
Crucifer: Mario Seneca
Sound: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to order a poinsettia plant for our *Christmas in East Liberty* holiday concert and Christmas Eve worship services, please complete the order form in today's bulletin, and put it (with payment) in Norma's folder in the church's mail room near the Hospitality Desk.

◆ 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 24 — The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz, ELPC's new pastor, 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

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

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

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.

Young Adult Ministry

Are you 18–40? Do you love bagels? Then join us for *Jam with the YAMs* (Young Adult Ministry) today from Noon–1pm. 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

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

LGBTQIA+ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering

You are invited to attend the LGBTQIA+ Ministry's spiritual gathering after today's 11 am worship service. Join us to share lunch and conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Teen Sunday School

Teens in grades 7-12 will meet today from 12:30-2 pm for lunch, shenanigans and afternoon Sunday School. Please gather in the McKelvy Room.

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 Dana Carl.

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



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).

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!

Welcome Dr. Diaz to ELPC — Nov 24

Please join us next Sunday, Nov 24 to welcome ELPC's newly elected pastor, The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz! He will be preaching at both Sunday services.

Thank Offering Received — Nov 24

During this Thanksgiving season, you are invited to make a special gift to the PW *Thank Offering*. 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.

No Club 116 or Youth Group — Nov 27 and 28

Please note Club 116 will not gather the day before Thanksgiving, Nov 27; and Youth Group will not meet on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 28.





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

Gloria Barber, John Belechak,
Martha DeMarzi's friend Jim,
Doris Dick's sister-in-law, Kathy Kiewra,
Mary Alice Lightle, Amiyah McCorvey,
Gloria Ritchey and her granddaughter,
and Paul Seif and his family.

Condolences to Doris Dick on her cousin's husband's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Justice.....Wednesday, Nov 20 @ 5:30 pm
Membership & Outreach . Thursday, Nov 21 @ 6:00 pm

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

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 17 and 24, Dec 1 and 8*

*Gifts should be dropped off at the church
no later than Sunday, Dec 15.*

ELPC Officer Nominations for 2025 — Due Dec 1

The congregation is invited to nominate members of ELPC for the office of Elder, Deacon, and next year's Nominating Committee (ONC). The ONC will prayerfully consider all recommendations submitted by the congregation as they prepare a slate for terms starting in 2025. Guidelines and nomination forms are available in the church mailroom and on the church website. Complete the form online by scanning this QR code.



Blue

CHRISTMAS
worship service

Friday
Dec 6
7 pm

This service will include candlelight, chants, thoughtful readings and meditative silence; and a time for comfort and hope.

In our

COMMUNITY



RCC Holiday Concert — Dec 7

The Renaissance City Choir will present *A Very Ruby Holiday* in concert on Saturday, Dec 7 at 7 pm at ELPC! From your favorite holiday standards to asking Santa to *Bring Me a Man*, this concert will bring the holiday fun. RCC will be joined by the WVU Chamber Singers. Following the concert there will be a cookie social. For ticket info, visit www.rccpittsburgh.com.

Strengthen Your Finances with Open Hand Ministries

Are you considering homeownership but are worried about affordability? Are you struggling to maintain financial discipline in light of the increased cost of living? If you answered yes, you are not alone. To find how the Open Hand Ministries community can help you reach your financial goals, contact Wayne Younger (office@openhandpittsburgh.org; 412.924.1409).



Friday, Dec 13 • 7:30 pm

This highly anticipated free concert and East Liberty tradition will feature holiday favorites performed by The Brass Roots, ELPC Chancel Choir, and organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore.

Join us in the Sanctuary or virtually on YouTube or Facebook.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Nov 24 ♦ 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) — "Understanding Jesus & Paul by Understanding Jewish Practice & Belief" video by Amy-Jill Levine, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm+Zoom) — A discussion of chapters 19 and 20 of *Always a Guest* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members