



# 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)*

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 19, 2025 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

### TIME OF PREPARATION

Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right side or your left side, not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right or your best side, not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition, but I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth and in commitment to others, so we can make of this old world a new world. Amen.  
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

“In Christ There Is No East or West”  
“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Charles Callahan  
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Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

Everyone in worship today is encouraged to please sign your name in the red Friendship Books that are in each pew. Doing so will help ELPC maintain a pastoral connection with all who worship with us. Thank you!

Rev. BJ Woodworth

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

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

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

Rev. Woodworth

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, as we gather for worship this day, let us rejoice together knowing we live sustained by God’s presence and love.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God’s children,

People: God weeps with us.

Leader: As we give thanks for siblings who have lived in faith,

People: God gives thanks with us.

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

People: God struggles with us.

Leader: As we strive for peace,

People: God strives with us.

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

People: God works with us.

Leader: As we offer our unique gifts to all,

People: God blesses us.

Leader: Friends, let us rejoice together.

People: **Sustained by God’s presence and love, we worship God this day.**

Alexander Payton

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #733

“We All Are One in Mission”

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

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**Jan 19 • 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

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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. Parents will pick up their kids after worship (age 4-3rd grade in Room 206; grades 4-6 in Room 207).*
- *Children age 3 and younger can play, sing songs and hear stories in the nursery from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Alexander Payton

Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name. As we honestly open unto you, O God, would you awaken in us, all your goodness, love, wisdom and courage.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison; "Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me" by Howard Thurman*)

Alexander Payton

**Open unto me, light for my darkness... Open unto me, courage for my fear...**  
**Open unto me, hope for my despair... Open unto me, peace for my turmoil...**  
**Open unto me, joy for my sorrow... Open unto me, strength for my weakness...**  
**Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion... Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins...**  
**Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness... Open unto me, love for my hates...**  
**Open unto me, thy self for myself... Lord, Lord, open unto me!**

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Alexander Payton

Leader: Beloved community of God, when we humbly and honestly open ourselves to God, God is kind, gentle and gracious and sees us in our authenticity. God promises to never leave us nor forsake. Friends, hear, receive and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"If I Can Help Somebody"

A. Bazel Androzzo

*If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,  
If I can show somebody they are traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain.  
If I can do my duty as a Christian ought, if I can bring back beauty to a world up-wrought,  
If I can spread love's message that the Master taught, then my living will not be in vain.*

FIRST READING

"The Sound of the Genuine" by Howard Thurman

Barbara Griffin

There is something in every one of you that waits, listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself and if you cannot hear it, you will never find whatever it is for which you are searching and if you hear it and then do not follow it, it was better that you had never been born...

You are the only you that has ever lived; your idiom is the only idiom of its kind in all of existence and if you cannot hear the sound of the genuine in you, you will all of your life spend your days on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls...

There is in you something that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself and sometimes there is so much traffic going on in your minds, so many different kinds of signals, so many vast impulses floating through your organism that go back thousands of generations, long before you were even a thought in the mind of creation, and you are buffeted by these, and in the midst of all of this you have got to find out what your name is. Who are you? How does the sound of the genuine come through to you... *May God bless the hearing of these words. Amen.*

\* HYMN #317

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz

SERMON

"Gift-Giver"

Rev. Woodworth

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

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Diaz

*When prompted by the words, “Lord, in your mercy,” the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”*

*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.*

OFFERING INVITATION

Rev. Dr. Diaz

*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.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“This L’il Light of Mine”

arr. Anthony T. Leach

*In loving memory of  
DR. ANTHONY T. LEACH  
(8 April 1951 – 8 January 2025)*

*This l’il light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.  
In the neighborhood, I’m gonna let it shine.*

\* 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

Rev. Dr. Diaz  
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.
Leader:	We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In the name of the Good Gift Giver, we pray. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #379

“We Shall Overcome”

WE SHALL OVERCOME

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Woodworth

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome”*

Carl Haywood

Notes regarding the music sung in today's service is available on our website —

<http://tiny.cc/elpcworshipnotes>

You can also scan this QR code to be directed to that info on our website.



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](http://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.

Assisted listening devices are available for our Sanctuary worship. Please print your contact info and device number on the sign-out sheet if you need to use one.

Please silence all electronic devices before the service begins.

#### ◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: Rev. BJ Woodworth (he/him)  
Liturgy: Rev. Dr. Michael A. Diaz (he/him)  
Barbara Griffin  
Sara Hackett (she/her)  
Alexander Payton  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore (he/him),  
*Organist / Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Soloists: Adrianna Cleveland  
David Jennings-Smith  
Denise Sheffey-Powell  
Beadle: Heather Eng  
Crucifer: Jan Herzer  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

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

#### ◆ 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.  
*Jan 26 — Rev. Dr. Diaz preaching.*  
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
*Jan 26 — Rev. Dr. Diaz 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

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* on Sunday, Feb 9 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### LGBTQIA+ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering

You are invited to attend the LGBTQIA+ Ministry's spiritual gathering after the 11 am worship service. Join us to share lunch and conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).



### Where Do You Find Hope?

You are invited to *Where Do You Find Hope?* in a community of faith today from 3-4 pm on Zoom. This Sunday is the eve not only of the Inauguration of Donald Trump as President but also Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day. The Zoom gathering will be hosted by Presbyterian Women. You do not need to be Presbyterian or a woman to participate! Email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

### Teen Snowtubing at Boyce Park

Youth in grades 7-12 are going snowtubing at Boyce Park from 12-3:15 pm. The cost is \$10. Lunch will be served at ELPC before heading to Boyce Park. See Sara Hackett immediately after the service to participate.

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



### Tween Mini Golf — Jan 26

On Sunday, Jan 26 from 12:30-2 pm, all tweens are invited to help create a mini golf course around the church and then play a round. Bonus points if you get a hole in one in the bell tower! Friends are welcome and lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

### Cathedral Concert

## St. Olaf Choir

Sunday, Feb 9 • 7:30 pm



The highly acclaimed St. Olaf Choir will perform in the ELPC Sanctuary on Sunday, Feb 9 at 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 (EdM@coh.net).



### Social Hour — Jan 26

ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee is hosting a *Social Hour* after the 11 am service on Sunday, Jan 26 in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome to join them for fellowship and refreshments!

### PW Bible Study — Feb 3 and 4

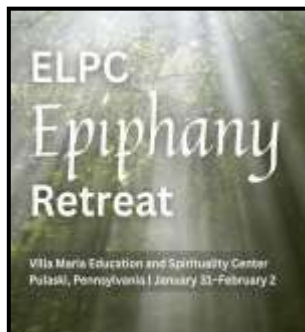
Presbyterian Women's 2024-2025 Bible Study *Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: Climate Change* will meet on Monday, Feb 3 from 7-8:30 pm (on Zoom), and on Tuesday, Feb 4 from 10 am-Noon (hybrid). There will be a potluck lunch after Tuesday's Bible Study. Please bring a dish to share; beverages will be provided. Email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.



### INQUIRERS CLASS

Sunday, February 9

Attend an Inquirers' Class on Sunday, Feb 9 after the 11 am worship service to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Jen King (JenK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222) to register or for info.



ELPC  
**Epiphany  
Retreat**  
Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania | January 31-February 2

*Epiphany is a season where we celebrate and remind ourselves that God still speaks, communicates, and reveals God's Self. God desires to be known and to know us. On this retreat, we will reflect together on four ways in which God still communicates. Join us for a time of solitude, silence, community, rest, prayer and discovery. Contact Pastor BJ about scholarships (BJW@coh.net). RSVP to Norma by today (412.441.3800 x211).*

**COST:**  
Friday, Jan 31  
to  
Sunday, Feb 2

1. One Night: (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) *Shared Bath*..... \$85
2. One Night: (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) *Private Bath*..... \$100
3. Two Nights (Friday-Sunday) *Shared Bath*..... \$120
4. Two Nights (Friday-Sunday) *Private Bath*..... \$155
5. Saturday ONLY (*just meals for the day*)..... \$25



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

Pepo and Francine Mazingi's son Emmanuel, Dwayne Parker, Rhonda Perroz, and Tiffany Sudar's cousin's son Maks.

Condolences to the family of

Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut,

**ELPC's Pastor Emeritus**, on his passing.

A memorial service was held on Sat, Jan 18 at Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

Jan Chesnut's address is:

4801 Winterhawk Dr, Glen Allen, VA 23059.



Condolences to Wil Forrest on his uncle's passing.

Condolences to Zo Zielinski and family on his father's passing.

The service will be held Sunday, Jan 26 in the Chapel at 2:30 pm.

### Committee Meetings This Week

Faith Formation..... Monday, Jan 20 @ 6:00 pm  
 Session ..... Tuesday, Jan 21 @ 7:00 pm  
 Justice..... Wednesday, Jan 22 @ 5:30 pm  
 Neighbors..... Wednesday, Jan 22 @ 6:00 pm  
 Peace ..... Thursday, Jan 23 @ 5:30 pm

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

### Open Hand Ministries Volunteer Opportunity – Feb 1

The next *Open Hand Ministries Workday* will be on Saturday, Feb 1. The current house rehabilitation is nearing completion but volunteers are still needed to finish things up. Both skilled construction labor and willing hands are welcome to participate. Feel free to participate for just a few hours or all day. If interested, please contact Frank Bauerle ([fbauerle52@gmail.com](mailto:fbauerle52@gmail.com)) for more info.

### Children and Families Event – Feb 9

Our next family event is *Dog Treat Baking* on Sunday, Feb 9 after the 11 am sanctuary service. If you would like to participate, please contact Sara Hackett ([SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)).

### Environmental Team Book Study – Feb 20

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration* by Jake Bittle, and then join a book discussion on Thursday, Feb 20 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Even as climate change dominates the headlines, many of us still think about it in the future tense. Jake Bittle, a journalist who covers climate change and energy, gives us a human-based narrative of national scope. Contact Nancy Heastings for info and link ([n.heastings@comcast.net](mailto:n.heastings@comcast.net)).

### Register for Hope Academy Classes

There is still time to register your children for the classes offered at Hope Academy. Please visit [ELPC.church](http://ELPC.church) for more info and to register.

In our

## COMMUNITY



### MLK Interfaith Lecture:

Rebuilding a Nation with Revolutionary Love – Jan 23

Valarie Kaur is a civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, best-selling author, Sikh American, and mother. She is building a movement to reclaim love as a force for justice, healing, and transformation in America. Today, she leads *The Revolutionary Love Project*, where she leads a movement to reclaim love as a force for justice.

She will present *Rebuilding a Nation with Revolutionary Love* on Thursday, Jan 23 from 5-6:30 pm at CMU (Simmons Auditorium, Tepper Building), followed by a Q&A session and a book signing with light desserts. Register online at: <https://www.cmu.edu/student-diversity/programs/MLK>.

### MLK Interfaith Breakfast – Jan 24

Members of the Carnegie Mellon community are invited to the annual *Martin Luther King Interfaith Breakfast* with campus and community interfaith leaders, followed by fellowship and conversation about the life and legacy of Dr. King through the lens of faith, activism, and social justice. Doors will open for breakfast at 9:30 am and the program will begin at 10 am on Friday, Jan 24 in the Rangos Ballroom. Register online at: <https://www.cmu.edu/student-diversity/programs/MLK>.

### Stone Catcher Retreat – Feb 7 to 9

When people were ready to throw stones at the woman caught in adultery, and Jesus said the one without sin should cast the first stone – they all left. The *Stone Catcher Retreat* (sponsored by *Matthew 25 On the Move of Pittsburgh Presbytery*) focuses on training people to stand in the gap and be stone catchers for the marginalized in our society. It will be held Feb 7 at 5 pm to Feb 9 at 1 pm at the Spiritual Retreat Center in Bethel Park. The cost is \$50 per person (scholarships available). Register by tomorrow to Rev. Judi Slater (412.370.4601; [judislater@gmail.com](mailto:judislater@gmail.com)).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

### Jan 26 ♦ 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) – “Religion and the History of Violence” video by Karen Armstrong, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm+Zoom) – Discussion of chapters 30 and 31 of *Always a Guest* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members