



# 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)*

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## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### APRIL 20, 2025 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

#### TIME OF PREPARATION

You who have an eye for miracles regard the bud now appearing on the bare branch of the fragile young tree. It’s a mere dot, a nothing. But already it’s a flower, already a fruit, already its own death and resurrection.  
— Poet Diego Valeri

#### PRELUDE

“Fantasia in G, BWV 572”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“Grand Choeur”

Théodore Dubois

arr. David J. Brockman

Ryan Croyle, *organ*

Brass Roots

#### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz and Rev. BJ Woodworth

*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!*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Coleman and Linda Lane

Leader: This is the day our God has made,

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: The night has passed and with dawn comes new possibilities.

**People: The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty.**

Leader: Nothing can defeat God’s love for all creation.

**People: Christ is risen to bring new life!**

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Coleman and Linda Lane

Leader: Before the dawn broke, Mary went to the tomb carrying grief and spices. She came expecting death and found the unexpected. Like Mary, we often show up in our despair, prepared for the worst. Let us turn to God in humility as we confess...

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Coleman and Linda Lane

**God of Resurrection, we confess our struggle to believe that new life is possible. We cling to what has been, instead of trusting what could be. Forgive us when we assume that the stones in front of us cannot be moved. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge you when you are near. Forgive us when we do not see you in the faces of those who are hurting. Teach us to live and love as your people.**

#### TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Coleman and Linda Lane

Leader: Friends, rejoice in the good news.

People: **Christ is risen among us. We are forgiven! Amen.**

\* **HYMN OF RESPONSE #248**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

**GOSPEL READING**

John 20:1-10

Coleman and Linda Lane

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Sara Hackett

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

- *Children age 4-3rd grade are invited to Sunday School in the McKelvy room this morning. **A green name tag, found at sanctuary doors, is required for Sunday School.** Children will return to the sanctuary during the offering. If they wish, parents may join kids in the McKelvy Room (follow the butterflies) to hear the Easter Story. Children are always welcome to stay in the Sanctuary during worship too!*
- *Children age 3 and younger can play, sing songs, and hear stories in the nursery.*

\* **HYMN #233**

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

**GOSPEL READING**

John 20:11-18

Rev. Woodworth

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Have you seen the Lord?"

Rev. Dr. Diaz

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE**

Rev. Woodworth

*When prompted with the words, "Living God, hear our prayer," please respond with the phrase, "Make this world your new creation."*

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

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.**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Rev. Woodworth

*Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge for 2025. Your timely giving to fulfill your pledge helps us fulfill our mission to show God's unconditional love to all.*

*Please remember to write your name on your offering envelope. You can also scan this QR code to give online or visit [www.ELPC.church/donate](http://www.ELPC.church/donate).*



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"To the Lamb on the Throne"

Dan Forrest

Text: Charles Wesley

*Worthy the Lamb.*

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

*Worthy the Lamb.*

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

*Worthy the Lamb.*

God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, Christ's presence we have; the great congregation Christ's triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

*Worthy the Lamb.*

Then let us adore, for Christ is our light. Give glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing with angels above and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

*Worthy the Lamb!*

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\* 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. (Interlude) A - men.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.  
 People: **Y también contigo.**  
 Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.  
 People: **Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.**  
 Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.  
 People: **Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.**

Rev. Dr. Diaz and Rev. Woodworth  
 The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Woodworth

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Dr. Diaz

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 East Transept (the section near the Highland Entrance) will be directed by an usher to the walkway between the front and back section and will file in behind those in the first row of the back section. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats. Please raise your hand and/or make eye contact with the roaming Communion server.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

#239	“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”	GELOBT SEI GOTT
#240	“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”	ALLELUIA NO. 1
#254	“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”	PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

Rev. Woodworth

**God of resurrection, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. You met us at this table, just as you met Mary in the garden—with love that speaks our names and hope that rolls away every stone. With thanksgiving in our hearts, empower us to be followers of Jesus and to share good news. Amen.**

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

\* CHARGE & BENECTION

Rev. Dr. Diaz

POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony V”

Charles-Marie Widor  
 Dr. Moore, *organ*  
 Abby Langhorst, *timpani*

April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate Easter with us at ELPC. We invite you to register your name in our red Friendship Books, and to stop by either the Highland, Penn or S. Whitfield Ave entrance to be greeted by an ELPC welcomer. They will be happy to answer any questions and to offer you more info about our programs, church activities, and volunteer services - and to offer you a small welcoming gift.



## TODAY AT ELPC

### Café Justo Sales

Purchase a 1 pound bag of Café Justo coffee today in the Highland Ave hallway after the 11 am service. A fresh batch was just received after a shipment delay. Cafe Justo is brought to us by a family of cooperative farmers in Mexico who have created an economic model that provides training and resources necessary for farmers to sustain this small scale coffee company shifting proceeds from large international companies and having a noticeable impact on migration. We accept cash, check and many forms of e-payment.

### Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DODs)

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**.



### Tween Kickball – April 25

Youth in grades 4–6 will be gathering for pizza and kickball on Friday, April 25 from 5–7 pm. Friends are always welcome. RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

### Earth Day Services – April 27

Join us as we celebrate caring for creation at our 8:45 am Journey and 11 am Sanctuary worship services on April 27.

## INQUIRERS CLASS ON APRIL 27

Attend an Inquirers' Class after the 11 am service on Sunday, April 27 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided.

Register online using this QR code, or visit [tiny.cc/Inquirers](http://tiny.cc/Inquirers).

Please contact Jen King for more info:

(JenK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222)



### Tool Drive for GCF – April 27

As part of ELPC's celebration of Earth Day, the Neighbors Committee is sponsoring a *Tool Drive* for Garfield Community Farm (GCF) on Sunday, April 27. You can view GCF's wish list and sign up to donate new or gently used items at [tiny.cc/gcf-tool-drive](http://tiny.cc/gcf-tool-drive). A representative from GCF will be here after the 11 am service on April 27 to provide more info and sign up volunteers.

### Church Tour – April 27

Jo Ellen Aleshire will lead a *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour on Sunday, April 27. Please gather in the Highland Lobby after the 11 am service to join.

### Embodying the Spirit Retreat – May 2 to 4

Join us for a weekend of quiet, rest, prayer, community and embodiment from Friday, May 2 at 6 pm to Sunday, May 4 at 11 am at Villa Maria Retreat Center. Our retreat leader is Joanne Spence, D.Min. RSVP to Norma by **the end of today** (412.441.3800 x221).

*Costs Options: (Contact Pastor BJ to discuss scholarships)*

1. One Night: (*Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun*)  
Private Room/Common Bath | \$100
2. One Night: (*Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun*)  
Private Room/Private Bath | \$125
3. Two Nights (*Friday-Sunday*)  
Private Room/Common Bath | \$150
4. Two Nights (*Friday-Sunday*)  
Private Room/Private Bath | \$175
5. Saturday Day | \$50

### No Worship Services on Marathon Sunday – May 4

Due to the route of the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC will not have any worship services on Sunday, May 4. The church building will be closed.

### PW Bible Study – May 5 and 6

Presbyterian Women's 2024-2025 Bible Study *Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: Sustaining Creation's Health for All* will meet on Monday, May 5 from 7–8:30 pm (on Zoom), and on Tuesday, May 6 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 and Zoom link, please email [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

### Hope Academy's Recital Schedule – May 8, 11 and 15

Hope Academy students invite you to their recitals:

- Thursday, May 8 at 6 pm — *Sing + Dance Recital* with Shana Simmons Dance in the Social Hall
- Sunday, May 11 at 1:30 pm — *Music Recital* in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, May 15 at 6 pm — *PBT Dance Recital* in the Social Hall



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

Adelaide and Liam, Amanda, Jean, Miriam, Doris Dick and her son Dylan Geibel, Edward Copeland, Nicholas Genger-Boeldt, Suzan Krauland, Barbara Lockie-Brown, Brenda Nalubega, Lisa Petrilli, and Judy Winstead Foster.

Condolences to **Brandy Berner** on her grandmother's passing.

Condolences to **Janet Pollard** on a family member's passing.

Condolences to **Jason Van Ness** on his grandfather's passing.

### Committee Meetings This Week

**Joint Session/Deacons**..... Tuesday, April 22 @ 6:00 pm  
**Neighbors**..... Wednesday, April 23 @ 6:00 pm

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

### Garden Crew Work Day – May 10

If you enjoy outside yard work, and want to help clean up the church grounds, please join Don Breitbarth and the Garden Crew on Saturday, May 10. Work begins at 9 am, and typically goes until Noon. Please bring garden gloves. Please contact Don Breitbarth for more info (412.225.7649; [don.breitbarth@gmail.com](mailto:don.breitbarth@gmail.com)).



### Children and Family Event – May 11

The next family event is volunteering at Garfield Community Farm on Sunday, May 11. 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.

## Donations for Chapel Market



The Chapel Market needs:

- spring and summer clothes
- diapers (sizes 3-7)
- 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

### Pittsburgh Pride 2025 March and Festival – June 1

Save the date for the Pittsburgh Pride 2025 March and Festival on Sunday, June 1 at Noon. Demonstrate God's love and justice for all people with your church family!

### Alternative Transportation Challenge – May 18

Transportation is one of the largest contributors to carbon emissions and plays a crucial role in ensuring equitable access to services and opportunities for all communities. The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee would like to challenge the ELPC congregation to consider lowering its transportation carbon footprint. We can make an impact by working together to care for God's creation.

Join the challenge on Sunday, May 18 if you are able, to get to ELPC by biking, walking, running, carpooling, using public transportation, or driving a hybrid or electric vehicle. Secure indoor bicycle parking will be available in the Harambe Room. Information will be available after worship services on Sundays, April 27 and May 11 to assist you in making a plan!

On Sunday, May 18 we will gather data as people arrive, and report on the total carbon emissions saved compared to single occupancy gas vehicles. Members with electric vehicles will be present after both services to demonstrate and provide information. Contact Nancy Heastings for more info ([n.heastings@comcast.net](mailto:n.heastings@comcast.net)).

### Pastor Michael's Installation Service – May 18

All are invited to the installation service of Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz on Sunday, May 18 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary, when the Pittsburgh Presbytery will officially install Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz as pastor of ELPC. A reception will be held in the Social Hall following the service.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

April 27 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm+Zoom)** – Lectionary scriptural passages, facilitated by Rev. Henk Bossers

**Seekers (Fellowship Rm+Zoom)** – “More Discussion with J Street about the Middle East Happenings” with Ronnie Cook Zuhlke and Mark Fichman, facilitated by Gwen Puza

**Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm+Zoom)** – Teri McDowell Ott will join us on Zoom to discuss her book with us, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members



EASTER 2025

# FLOWER DONORS

Easter flowers have been sponsored, and/or a donation to the EECM Food Pantry has been made in honor or memory of the following people:

*Donors*

- ANONYMOUS..... *honor of Dr. Ed and our church musicians  
honor of church leadership team-clergy and laity*
- DENISE BARRICELLA & JULIE MILLHOUSE ..... *memory of Nancy Barricella  
honor of Helen Millhouse*
- MATT BATTIFARANO & MEGHAN BOGEMA ..... *honor of Charlotte Joy Battifarano*
- HENK & MICHELE BOSSERS ..... *honor of ELPC staff*
- BROWN FAMILY
- LYNN & BILL BUCHANAN..... *memory of loved ones  
memory of Rev. Dr. John M. Buchanan*
- GRETCHEN CHAPMAN ..... *memory of Ardis Vetesk Chapman  
memory of G. Clarke Chapman, Jr.*
- WILLIAM U. CLARK & GEORGE A. CLARK..... *memory of William A. & Elizabeth U. Clark  
memory of Dr. & Mrs. Walden A. Clark  
memory of Dr. & Mrs. George A. Urling, Jr.*
- PATRICIA CRUMRINE ..... *memory of Milton Burkart*
- MOLLY DAVIDSON-WELLING & JON, JOSIE & JACK..... *honor of Evalynn Welling  
honor of James Davidson*
- MARTHA DEMARZI..... *memory of Cercena & DeMarzi Family  
memory of Nancy Bollenbacher  
memory of Noah Daniel Suity*
- ANDREA DEVRIES..... *memory of Henry DeVries  
honor of Elaine DeVries*
- ARLEIGH DICKERSON ..... *memory of Andrew Girdwood  
memory of Jack Presseau  
memory of Jeff Presseau  
memory of Doris Ryan*
- JEAN ERICKSON
- WIL FORREST ..... *memory of Robert Angus*
- VIRGINIA & FRANK GIANNOTTA..... *memory of Linda*
- MOLLY GUNSON..... *honor of Jennifer Gunson*

BEVERLY HARRIS-SCHENZ.....*memory of Beverly and Michael's parents*

MIKE HELLMAN .....*memory of Robert & Lillian Hellman*

CAROL HOEHN .....*memory of Dorothy Autore*  
*memory of Martin Autore*

LIZ HOPKINS .....*memory of Wendy Carol*

DEBBIE HURRELL.....*memory of Elizabeth Hurrell*  
*memory of Joan Hurrell*  
*memory of Wade Hurrell*

JEFF JACOB .....*memory of Jackie Jacob*

JENNIFER LIU KOPANIC.....*memory of John Liu*  
*memory of Robert Kopanic, Sr.*

FRED KUEHN .....*memory of Joyce & Fred Kuehn*

BRYAN & HEATHER LAWRENCE .....*honor of Sara Hackett*  
*honor of Jim Tinnemeyer*  
*honor of Dr. Ed Moore & Chancel Choir*  
*honor of Pastors Michael and BJ*

STEPHEN LEADMAN .....*memory of Chuck & Peggy Leadman*

GAIL MALLORY.....*memory of Avis & Richard Mallory*

MARILYN & ALAN MCIVOR.....*memory of Barbara & Siah Armajani*

ALLISON & MILES MCLAREN.....*memory of Elmer "Bubba" Gladish*

JOEL & BETH MINNIGH.....*honor of grandchildren*

EDWARD ALAN MOORE.....*memory of William Moore*  
*honor of Jane Moore*  
*honor of ELPC music ministry*  
*honor of ELPC congregation & staff*

MARTI MOORE.....*memory of Robert Elwood*

HENRY & LISA PETRILLI.....*memory of Lawrence Petrilli*  
*memory of Mary Rossi*

LINDA SANDERS .....*memory of Hal Sanders*  
*honor of Dr. Ed Moore*

KAY SHISSLER.....*memory of Walter Shissler*  
*memory of Ruth & Gilbert Parry*  
*memory of Linda Parry*

TORO FAMILY.....*memory of Ruben Toro, Jr.*

JOE TYSON .....*memory of Clara Tyson*

DAVID & TREVOR VAN GORDON.....*memory of Cheryl Cash*  
*memory of Kerry Gordon*

COLLEEN VERMILLION .....*honor of ELPC Chancel Choir*

CATHARINE WEISS.....*honor of Karen & Travis Webster*

FRAN WILSON .....*memory of James Wilson*



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

<http://tiny.cc/elpcworshipnotes>

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



Our full worship service is 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 in the Ushers' Room. 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. Dr. Michael A. Diaz (he/him/él)  
Liturgists: Rev. BJ Woodworth (he/him)  
Sara Hackett (she/her)

*Director of Christian Education  
and Youth Ministries*

Coleman and Linda Lane

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore (he/him),  
*Director of Music and Arts*

Ryan Croyle, *Guest Organist*

ELPC Chancel Choir

ELPC Ringers

Brass Roots: Samuel Eisenhandler, *trumpet*  
David Gardner, *trumpet*  
Miranda Johnson, *horn*  
Abby Lannan, *trombone*  
John Caughman, *tuba*  
Abby Langhorst, *timpani*

Beadles: Jo Ellen Aleshire  
Sonia Degenholtz

Crucifer: Mario Seneca

Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of those who have sponsored the Easter plants.

#### ◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....**Journey Worship.** An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.

#### ◆ 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

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