



All Saints / All Souls

*Remembrance of those
in our church family
who have passed away*

**Sunday
Nov 2, 2025
11 am Worship**



**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 2, 2025 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

TIME OF PREPARATION

To do the work our souls must have, we must remember those who cleared the path before us, whose faith, sweat, and songs are the clay of our becoming. — *Katie Cannon*

PRELUDE

“Prière à Notre-Dame”
“For All the Saints”

Léon Boëllmann
arr. Wilbur Held
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz, Rev. Sarah Robbins

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

George, Cat, Ruth and Owen Toro

Leader: Draw near, for a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.
People: **Their songs still echo in our praise, their faith still stirs the air we breathe.**
Leader: The stories of the saints open space for the Spirit to move among us once more.
People: **We open our hearts to grace, trusting God to guide us as before.**
Leader: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.
People: **May our worship rise and may tender and tearful joy rise within us. Alleluia!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

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 go to Sunday School: Sacred Stories. Parents pick up their kids after worship (age 4- 3rd grade in Room 206; grades 4-6 in Room 207). If this is your child's first time attending, please accompany your child upstairs and check in with the teachers.*
- *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 (adapted from Presbyterian Outlook)

George, Cat, Ruth and Owen Toro

Leader: Across generations, God’s mercy endures. With honest hearts and hopeful spirits, let us come to the One who remembers us, unbinds us, and makes us free.



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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

George, Cat, Ruth and Owen Toro

God of life and love, we confess that we forget the stories that give us strength. We hurry past the wisdom of our ancestors and silence the voices that still speak truth. We seal the tombs within our hearts and pretend not to notice the grief inside. Forgive us when we fear what you can resurrect. Unbind us from shame and call us again by name that we might rise to live as your holy people.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

George, Cat, Ruth and Owen Toro

Leader: Friends, in Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. We are alive in Christ. Amen.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE #227 (*sing 3x*) "Jesus, Remember Me"

REMEMBER ME

READING

A Reading from *Unbinding* by Sarah Are Speed

Cat Toro

We are called to the work of unbinding... to unwrap the words that keep others small, to release the lies that hold us back, to roll away stones we pretend are permanent. Christ calls us out of tombs we didn't know we'd built and the work is ours: to unbind and let go, to love and set free.

Leader: May God bless the truth in these words.

People: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:32-36, 38-44 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Rev. Robbins

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN #809**

"Why Has God Forsaken Me?"

SHIMPI

SERMON

"Grounded in Christ, Grounded in Remembrance"

Rev. Dr. Diaz

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Rev. Robbins

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. Robbins

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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Goin' Home"

Antonin Dvorák
adapted and arranged by Robert Lehman

Goin' home, goin' home, Lord I'm goin' home.

No more tears, no more cares, no more grief to bear,

Jesus, Jesus is waiting over there.

All the saints in heaven above, all the saints we knew,

Gone home to Jesus, I am goin' too.

Goin' home, goin' home, Lord, I'm goin' home.

* 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.

— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Robbins

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Diaz, Rev. Robbins

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 up 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.

CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS

The names of members and our congregation’s loved ones who have passed away since November 2024 will be read aloud.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in the language or version closest to your heart)*

Rev. Dr. Diaz, Rev. Robbins

The Lord’s Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español), or on pg. 45 (Ἕλληνικῶς) in the hymnal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Dr. Diaz, Rev. Robbins

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Rev. Dr. Diaz, Rev. Robbins

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. 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

#509

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

#521

“In Remembrance of Me”

RED

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

Rev. Robbins

God of remembrance, you have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us with the cup of blessing. We give thanks for this holy meal that joins us with the saints who have gone before us and with all who hunger for your love. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Diaz, Rev. Robbins

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà (Suite Gothique)”

Léon Boëllmann

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. By being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video.

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 Diaz (he/him/él)

Liturgists: Rev. Sarah Robbins

Sara Hackett (she/her)

George, Cat, Ruth and Owen Toro

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore (he/him)

Director of Music and Arts

ELPC Chancel Choir

Kym Laret, *Soloist*

Beadles: Jo Ellen Aleshire

Jason Van Ness

Sound: Tim Benedict

Wayne Gaines

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Robert Dickey.

◆ 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

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm (*before Taizé*)

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month

3rd Friday of month, 7 to 8:30 pm

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to **sign your name in our red Friendship Books** in each pew.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on **Saturday, Nov 8** from 10 am-Noon in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please see one of the pastors to attend, or contact Jen King for more info on future classes (JenK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).

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

Sunday, 2 November 2025 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints' Sunday

“All Saints’ Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God’s eternal realm.”

For more reading:

<https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theology-worship/worship/christian-year/all-saints-day>

Prelude/Postlude

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897) was an organist and composer born in Alsace, France. Of the 160 pieces he composed during his short life, the *Suite Gothique*, op. 25 for organ is his most famous work. The third movement of the suite is played as this morning’s prelude and the fourth movement as the postlude.

Prelude/Processional Hymn

Organist and composer Wilbur Held (1914-2015) served on the faculty of The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH for thirty years.

The text of *For All the Saints* was written by the Anglican Bishop William Walsham How and published in 1864. Comprised of 11 verses, this text was originally sung to the hymn tune SARUM by Joseph Barnby. Since the publication of the *English Hymnal* in 1906, the text has been associated with the tune SINE NOMINE (meaning “without name”) by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Offertory Anthem

The melody of Goin’ Home is taken from the second movement of Antonín Dvořák’s (1841-1904) Symphony No. 9 (From the New World). The symphony was premiered in New York City on 16 December 1893. One of Dvořák’s students, William Arms Fisher (1861-1948), arranged the melody and added the words in 1922. Fisher wrote of the arrangement in the published sheet music:

“The Largo, with its haunting English horn solo, is the outpouring of Dvorak’s own home-longing, with something of the loneliness of far-off prairie horizons, the faint memory of the red-man’s bygone days, and a sense of the tragedy of the black-man as it sings in his “spirituals.” Deeper still it is a moving expression of that nostalgia of the soul all human beings feel. That the lyric opening theme of the Largo should spontaneously suggest the words “Goin’ home, goin’ home” is natural enough, and that the lines that follow the melody should take the form of a negro spiritual accords with the genesis of the symphony.”

For more reading:

<https://www.wrti.org/arts-desk/2020-11-16/the-story-behind-the-nostalgic-melody-by-dvorak-that-became-the-song-goin-home>

TODAY AT ELPC

Welcome Visitors!

If you are joining us for the first time, we're glad you are here! Please do not forget to write your name and contact info in the RED friendship book in your pew. Pastor Michael will reach out to you for any prayer requests and to answer any questions you might have.

Welcome to Rev. Sarah Robbins!

The Session and Temporary Associate Pastor Nominating Committee of ELPC are pleased to announce that our new Covenant Pastor for Connection and Care is Rev. Sarah Robbins! We welcome her to ELPC!

After today's 11 am service, please join us for a reception in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms to welcome Rev. Robbins!

Remembrance of Those Who Have Passed Away

As part of our All Saints' Day service today, we will remember those in our congregation and larger church family who have passed away since Nov 2024. Please see today's bulletin for the listing of those who will always be in our hearts.

Rides to Help You Vote

The Voting Team of the Justice Committee is organizing rides. After the 11 am worship service and reception for Rev. Robbins, we will load up at the South Highland Ave entrance and go to the Drop Box site at Homewood CCAC to turn in our ballots.

If you need transportation to vote in person on Nov 4, please contact Nancy Heatings (n.heatings@comcast).



Officer Nominating Forms Available

The Officer Nominating Committee invites members to share their gifts—and to lift up the gifts of others—as they seek nominees for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and next year's Nominating Committee. Guidelines and nomination forms are in the church mail room, and on our website.

Chapel Market Needs Winter Coats

The Chapel Market is stocking up on winter clothes for our neighbors in need. From now until Thanksgiving, please consider donating clean, new or gently-used winter coats for toddlers to adults. Coats can be dropped off in the Highland lobby.

No Taizé or Yoga – Nov 26

On Wednesday, Nov 26 (*the day before Thanksgiving*), there will be no Taizé service, nor Cathedral Yoga at ELPC.



INQUIRERS CLASS

Saturday, Nov 8

10 am to Noon in Fellowship Rm

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on a new day of the week! It will be held on Saturday, Nov 8 in the Fellowship Room. Learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership.

Register online using this QR code, visit elpc.church/visit-us/becoming-a-member, or contact Jen King (Jenk@coh.net).



PW Bible Study – Nov 3 and 4

Presbyterian Women's bible study will meet on Monday, Nov 3 from 7-8:30 pm (online only), and on Tuesday, Nov 4 from 10 am-Noon (hybrid) in the Fellowship Room. Tuesday's study will be followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share; beverages will be provided. Email PW.ELPC@gmail.com for more info and the Zoom link.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Nov 9

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of the LGBTQIA+ Ministry on Sunday, Nov 9 at 12:30 pm when we will share conversation and lunch.



Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest, LGBTQIA+ Ministry Coordinator, for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

Food Drive – Nov 16

The Neighbors Committee invites you to participate in a *Food Drive* for East End Cooperative Ministry's Food Pantry to distribute to those in our community who are in need. Because of the federal government shutdown, SNAP benefits will be cut off for nearly 2 million PA residents in November.

Next Sunday, we will be distributing bags and food lists for your donations. Then, on Nov 16, bring your food donations to worship.

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.



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

Amber, David, Ida and her family, Gwen's manager, Ned's aunts Lynda and Judy, Sam, Vivienne's friend Ashley, Tim Engelhardt's mother Cecilia, Chuck Lukehart, Jack Phillips, and Gary Rabideau's friend Matt.

Condolences to **Ryan Booher** on his grandmother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Facing Systemic Racism.....Tuesday, Nov 4 @ 6:00 pm
Property.....Tuesday, Nov 4 @ 7:00 pm

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

Health Ministry Seeking New Members – Nov 16

The ELPC Board of Deacons is looking to restart its Health Ministry after taking a year off. Anyone who might be interested (Deacon or non Deacon) is invited to a meeting on Sunday, Nov 16 at 12:30 pm in the Highland Room. RSVP to Tom Sturgill (sturgillpgh@yahoo.com).

Support the Holiday Giving Tree – Nov 16, 23, 30

The Deacons' annual *Giving Tree* ministry is an opportunity to assist families this Christmas season and provide children with gifts! 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. Gift requests will be available by Nov 14. Deacons will be available to assist on Sundays, Nov 16, 23, and 30. Gifts should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, Dec 7.

Hope Academy Teaching Artists to Perform – Nov 16

The *Cathedral Concerts* series at ELPC continues on Sunday, Nov 16 at 3 pm with a performance by Hope Academy Teaching Artists, under the direction of Anqwenique Kinsel. The concert is free and open to all. Invite your family and friends! A freewill offering will be received. For more details, visit tiny.cc/cathedral-concerts.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sewing Donations for Casa San Jose

The Casa San Jose Sewing Circle plans to start up again after Christmas. They are seeking donations of fabric of all kinds, sewing supplies, portable sewing machines and especially a cutting board. Please contact Paris Samboy (paris@casasanjose.org; 412.287.7817).

Amen to Action – Nov 15

On Saturday, Nov 15 from 8 am–12 pm, participate in *Amen to Action* at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. With other volunteers from local congregations and nonprofits, we will pack 100,000 meals to be delivered to our neighbors in need by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Register at tiny.cc/amen-to-action.

Young Adult Happy Hour – Nov 17

Our next *Young Adult Happy Hour* takes place on Monday, Nov 17 from 6–7:30 pm at Barbara Griffen's home in Squirrel Hill. Stop by for appetizers and drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are available). Details and RSVPs via evite. Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

ELPC Annual Fall Pie Festival – Nov 23

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you our annual *Fall Pie Festival* on Sunday, Nov 23 after the 11 am worship service in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms. You are invited to bring your favorite pie (sweet or savory) to share with the congregation.



Sign-up to bring a pie at tiny.cc/pie-festival, or look for sign-up sheets at the Sunday worship services in November.

After the pie festival on Nov 23, join us in the Sanctuary for our annual *hanging of the greens* to get ready for the Advent season!

Stewardship Sunday – Nov 23

You're invited to participate in our *Grounded & Growing Stewardship Campaign*. What amount is God calling you to pledge? How might your generosity become part of the story God is writing through ELPC? Each pledge is more than a number. Each pledge is a statement of faith in what God can do through us. Thank you for being grounded in Christ's love. May we keep growing together into the church God is calling us to be.

Youth Retreat – Dec 5 to 7

Calling all youth in grades 7–12! Save the dates of Dec 5 to 7 for our Youth Retreat at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock. More details will be available soon!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES **November 9**
— Adults —
Adult classes are held from 9:45-10:45 am in the rooms indicated:
Journey with Scripture – Highland Room + Zoom
Facilitated by Rev. Henk Bossers
Seekers – Garth Overlook Room + Zoom
“EECM Services” by Diona Jones, President and CEO of EECM . Facilitated by Gwen Puza
Soul Food – Good Samaritan Room + Zoom
A discussion of *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. Facilitated by Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members



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ERNEST STANLEY ADAMS (2/22/2025)

ROBERT ANGUS (1/4/2025)

HENRY WILLIAM AREHEART (4/4/2025)

DR. NORMA BAKER GABHART (6/28/2025)

JOE BARRON (10/27/2024)

NANCY BOLLENBACHER (11/27/2024)

NOLA BOOHER (10/20/2025)

BRANDY'S GRANDMOTHER BERNER (4/3/2025)

PAUL BRAY (7/29/2025)

REV. DR. JOHN M. BUCHANAN (2/3/2025)

SHIR' DON MIDAN CALLENDER (6/10/2025)

REV. DR. ROBERT A. CHESNUT (12/25/2024)

DR. FREDERICK CLOTHEY (5/18/2025)

LLYOD EDWARDS (1/23/2025)

DAVID EVANS (3/8/2025)

MARIAN FOTTA (1/11/2025)

MELANIE GAYE HILL-HALL (7/2025)

DR. RUTH KUNSCHMIERZ (6/17/2025)

LEROY PEEPLES (2/18/2025)

REV. CATHY RIELEY-GODDARD (8/8/2025)

SAM ROBINSON (6/14/2025)

REV. CAROL NOEL SEAMAN (9/28/2025)

ANTHONY JEROME SENECA (8/15/2025)

ANNE STOCKHAUSEN SMITH (12/12/2024)

NOAH SUITY (3/6/2025)

PATRICIA VALOON (7/7/2025)

CRAIG VON BARGEN (9/26/2025)

KAREN VORMACK (4/20/2025)

BILL WARREN (1/26/2025)

BRAELYNN WOOLHEATER (9/21/2025)

MICHAEL ZIELINSKI (1/11/2025)
