
Our Partnerships

Open Door Church

www.pghopendoor.org

Gathering around Five Practices and an emphasis on mission, Open Door is our “older sibling” and sending church partner.

Oakmont Presbyterian Church

www.oakmontpresbyterianchurch.org

OPC is a flourishing, worshipful community north east of the city of Pittsburgh. It is an established anchor for Sanctuary.

Pittsburgh Presbytery

www.pghpresbytery.org

The Pittsburgh Presbytery is at the forefront of the New Worshipping Community movement. We are grateful for their ongoing support and guidance.

1001 New Worshipping Communities

www.presbyterianmission.org/1001

The national PC(USA) denomination created an initiative to launch 1001 new worshipping communities (Christian gatherings that create new disciples of Jesus). Sanctuary a part of this movement.

Our Leadership

Rev. Laura Bentley

Organizing Pastor

Jane Larson

Organizing Pastor

Task Force Members

Jessa Darwin

Ed Nusser

Scott Hagley

BJ Woodworth

For More Information + Gathering Times/Locations

Website

www.sanctuarypgh.org

Facebook

www.facebook.com/pghsanctuary

Instagram

@sanctuary_pgh

Mailing Address

306 Roosevelt Way

Sharpsburg, PA 15215



A Note on Welcome and Inclusion

We are a *welcoming* and *inclusive* community. All people—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities—are created in the image of God and are welcome at all levels of participation and leadership. See our website for our full statement of inclusion and welcome.

Sanctuary Missional Fellowship

A New Worshipping Community of
Pittsburgh Presbytery



Our Mission

*Creating sacred space
through conversation*



Traditional

We seek to discover and reclaim ancient Christian practices, like praying, eating, reading Scripture, contemplation, serving, and more, for our time. Our home is in the deep and wide Christian tradition.

Experimental

As we embrace our tradition, we have the freedom to experiment, question, and doubt. It is through experimentation and reflection that we discern who God is calling us to be.



Embracing Faith & Doubt

Many people are understandably skeptical of organized religion, yet we all need space to wrestle with questions of meaning, spirituality, and practice. We seek to create this space. We do this by experimenting and reclaiming practices of the Christian faith, while embracing questions and doubt. We believe that joining spiritual practice and skepticism creates opportunities for genuine connection between one another and God.

Nomadic

We are a church community without a "home." We rely on the hospitality of our neighbors and one another, meeting in pubs and houses throughout the month.

Gathered

We are gathered through shared practices. Our practices, drawn from the life of Jesus—eating, listening, learning, encouraging, and giving—bind our community.



Being Nomadic & Rooted

We are rooted by our Five Practices, which we share with our partner church, Open Door: *eating, listening, learning, encouraging, and giving.*

We practice these together and apart for our own spiritual formation and for the benefit of the Lawrenceville neighborhood to which we have been called. By relying on the hospitality of our neighborhood and those within our community, we are able to *missional*, meaning outward-facing, joining God's mission in the world outside the walls of the Church.