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Bishop Gene Robinson at East Liberty Presbyterian Church

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Reception and Conversation with Bishop Gene Robinson

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm – Social Hall

Sunday, November 10, 2013

Speaker at the Adult Education Class

9:45 am – 10:45 am – Chapel

Guest Preacher in Worship

11:00 am - Sanctuary

East Liberty Presbyterian Church welcomes V. Gene Robinson to Pittsburgh in November. Robinson was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire in 2003 and retired from that post in January 2013.

Bishop Robinson has been active particularly in the area of full civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. Working at the state, national, and international levels, he has spoken and lobbied for equal protection under the law and full civil marriage rights. His story is featured in the 2007 feature-length documentary, "For the Bible Tells Me So," and his book "In the Eye of the Storm: Swept to the Center by God" (Seabury Books, New York) was released in 2008. Bishop Robinson was invited by Barack Obama to give the invocation at the opening inaugural ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial on January 18, 2009. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress.

The public is invited to attend all three events with Bishop Robinson. (see listing at top of this press release.) Bishop Robinson's most recent book, "God Believes in Love - Straight Talk About Gay Marriage" will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

East Liberty Presbyterian Church has a rich history dating to 1819 when the first church building was constructed at Penn and Highland Avenues. The current structure, designed by architect Ralph Adams Cram, was completed in 1935 and given by Richard Beatty Mellon and Jennie King Mellon as a memorial to their parents. ELPC seeks to promote peace, justice and human dignity; to reflect a spirit of openness, sharing, and learning; to live as a diverse faith community that witnesses to our oneness in Jesus Christ across all boundaries of race, social class, ability, culture, age, gender and sexual identity. Please visit www.cathedralofhope.org for more information on the church's mission and ministry.

For more information about this event and the ministries of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, please contact:

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