



# 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)*

## JANUARY 10, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) was one of the most revered organists of his day. A young Johann Sebastian Bach so admired Buxtehude that he walked 250 miles from Arnstadt to Lübeck to learn from the great master.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**  
Loving God, we rejoice that you have claimed us as your children. In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing to you. In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness we are giving to your love. May our lives be an example to all whom we encounter, as we follow in the path of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“We do the works, but God works in us the doing of the works.” — *St. Augustine*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

“Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137” Dieterich Buxtehude

“Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier, BWV 731” Johann Sebastian Bach  
*(Blessed Jesus, We Are Here)*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: Y también contigo. And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 29)*

Emily Rosenthal

Leader: We gather to worship God, in the hopes that we will hear God’s call – and that God will hear our need. By the power of God’s Spirit, God calls to us, and in faith we respond. As we prepare for our *Call to Worship*, let us remember that God is ever present and always calling. As we listen to the call and response of the drum circle, let us prepare our hearts to hear God’s call.

### *Drum call and response*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory due God’s holy name;

People: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders with a powerful voice;

People: The voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor shaking the wilderness and the forests of Lebanon.

Leader: The Lord shall give strength to the chosen people; the Lord shall give the people a blessing of peace.

People: **Let all in the house of the Lord cry “Glory!” and worship God together.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #475

NETTLETON

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great, the ruler alive at the time of Jesus' birth. Antipas rejected John the Baptist's message and threw him in jail, just as he would reject Jesus' message and concur with Pilate's decision to have this later prophet (and Son of God) crucified.

"Power does not corrupt men; fools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power."  
(George Bernard Shaw)

John Ferguson (b. 1941) is a retired Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. *Shall We Gather at the River* is set to the tune HANSON PLACE, named for the Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn, where composer and author Robert Lowry (1826-1899) served as Minister.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

John Buckley

### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

*Our Extended Session program is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 3 in the first floor Nursery and pre-school age through grade 1 in Room 151.*

### \* HYMN #403

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

UNSER HERRSCHER

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-22

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### SERMON

"Word and Water"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The creeds of the church reflect a particular stance within the living history of God's people. They are not to be barriers that separate us, but words that strengthen the life and witness of the whole community of believers.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in **Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*Ecumen. Apostles' Creed*)

### OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*As we bring forward our tithes and offerings, we also dedicate to God the various mission projects we made during Winter Rally Day:*

- ◆ We bring forward a sign of welcome, and pray that all may know the inclusive love of Christ.
- ◆ We bring forward paper doves, and pray for children whose loved ones are incarcerated, that these doves will be a source of hope.
- ◆ We bring forward an offering of letters, praying for those who are refugees – particularly those seeking asylum in the Pittsburgh area – that they will receive the hospitality of our gracious God.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. John Ferguson

*The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #375.*

### \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by Jonathan, Christa, Phoebe, and Nora Brown.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all people here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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### — SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The English text can be found on page 35 in the purple Glory to God hymnal.*

*The Spanish text can be found on page 40 in the purple Glory to God hymnal.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

#490	“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”	BEACH SPRING
handout	“Winter Rally Day Hymn”	

PRAYER STATIONS & ANOINTING

*As you come forward for communion, you are also invited to participate in a silent prayer station, where you will pray for your needs and the needs of others, receiving a reminder that God is always with you. Prayer Stations are located at the front of the sanctuary on either side, near the anointing stations. Instructions for this meditation are located at the prayer station itself.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION The Rev. Dr. Bush

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son and through him you opened to us a way to become your children of grace. Through the gifts of the Spirit and this communion meal, we too have been **called “beloved.” Bless us now as we go forth in your name and for your glory,** through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #485 ENGELBERG  
“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

\* CHARGE & BEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE Dr. Moore, *organist*  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
“In Dir ist Freude, BWV 615”  
*(In You is Gladness)*

*Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.*

On this day in history, Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was born (1738); inventor George Washington Carver is born (1864); the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London (1946); Massachusetts Republican Edward Brooke was the first African American elected by popular vote to the U.S. Senate (1967).

This jubilant setting of *In You is Gladness* is found in the “New Year” section in Bach’s *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of 46 chorale preludes. Bach’s original plan was to include 164 chorale preludes in this collection spanning the liturgical year. The chorales in this collection were composed between 1708-1714, when Bach was living and working in Weimar, Germany.

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
John Buckley  
Emily Rosenthal  
Paul Seif  
Winter Rally Day participants  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/  
Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Annabel and Sonia Degenholtz  
Beadles: Michele Bossers and Rev. Joe Hajdu  
Crucifer: Tyrese Williams  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time following the service. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are given with gratitude for the life of Paul Capon, brother of Frances Irvin, who died January 11, 2013.

◆ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*Jan 17* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.  
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
*Jan 17* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.  
3 pm .....Ordination Service. Everyone is invited to a special service to ordain the Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy as our new associate pastor for mission ministries.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

*In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session "Ticket" and that your child bring it with him/her to Extended Session every week.*

\* *Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.*

\* *Pre-school age children (through grade 1) — Room 151.*

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 7 am to 1 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Open everyday

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

*To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to:*

**Stay after today's service for our Fellowship Time** in the McKelvy Room. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

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 January 24 and 31** for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).