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

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
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION
The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
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

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

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
Our Extended Session program is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 3 in the first floor Nursery and preschool 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
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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.
— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Schoenewolf

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.
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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.

* RECESSINAL HYMN #485

“We Know That Christ Is Raised” ENGELBERG

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, organist

“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.
* Preschool 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.