



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)

MAY 22, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TRINITY SUNDAY

Wir Glauben All an Einen Gott is one of the Lutheran catechism chorales found in Bach’s monumental *Clavierübung III*, published in 1739. It is based on a hymn setting of the creed by Martin Luther. A driving ostinato line in the feet undergirds the three-voice fugal texture in the hands.

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

TIME OF PREPARATION

On the Trinity: “How can plurality consist with unity, or unity with plurality? To examine the fact closely is rashness, to believe it is piety, to know it is life, and life eternal.” — *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
“Wir Glauben All an Einen Gott, BWV 680” J. S. Bach
(We All Believe in One True God)
“Nicaea – Holy, Holy, Holy” Robert Buckley Farlee

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

Barbara DeWitt

Leader: In the beginning when God drew God’s designs upon the face of the deep,
People: Wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting in us and all of creation.
Leader: In the beginning was the Word, with God, and the Word was God.
People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.
Leader: In every time and place, God’s love revealed in Christ through the Holy Spirit has been given to us.
People: We come to worship you, God our Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2

ITALIAN HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Triune God, within your very being there is mutuality, equality, and unity in diversity. Though we are made in your image, we confess that we distort the triune life. Instead of seeking the common good, we seek our own gain. Instead of living justly and respectfully, we devise systems that are racist and oppressive. We allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness. Holy God, forgive us. By your Spirit, restore in us, and in our life together, the divine image in which we were made – the loving image Christ has fully redeemed. Hear now our prayers of confession.

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God the Creator:
Source and Sovereign,
Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain,
Shelter, Light

God the Christ:
Word and Wisdom,
Root and Vine, Shepherd,
Savior, Servant, Lamb

God the Spirit:
Storm and Stillness,
Breath and Dove,
Thunder, Tempest,
Whirlwind, Fire

(see Hymn #11 by
Thomas Troeger)

Today is the birthday of
composer Richard
Wagner (1813), writer Sir
Arthur Conan Doyle
(1859), and actor Sir
Laurence Olivier (1907).
It also is the anniversary
of the last *Tonight Show*
hosted by Johnny Carson
(1992) and the date when
Civil War hero
Sgt. William Carney
became the first African
American to receive the
Medal of Honor (1900).

The text of *I Bind Unto
Myself Today* is set to two
different tunes, ST.
PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE
and DEIRDRE. The first is
named for an Irish saint,
Patrick, a fifth century
missionary and bishop in
Ireland. The second is
named for a heroine in
Irish legend, Deirdre. The
tune DEIRDRE is only
heard in the fifth verse of
the hymn, sung
a cappella by the choir.

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #284 (*sing twice*) TUI AMORIS IGNEM

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS The Rev. Schoenewolf

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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 8:1-11 Mark DeWitt

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN The Rev. 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.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Children: Robert Gilroy (*son of Crystal and Sean Gilroy*)
Campbell Jones and Walter Jones
(*children of Abigail and Christopher Jones*)
Joshua Odom (*son of Dominic Odom*)

Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #7 “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” NORWICH

GOSPEL LESSON John 16:4b-15 The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON “Closing Arguments” The Rev. Dr. Bush

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #283 WA EMIMIMO

“Come, O Holy Spirit, Come”

Come, O Holy Spirit, come.
Come, almighty Spirit, come.
Come, come, come.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

OFFERING INVITATION The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
*We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make
known through the ministries of this congregation.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “I Bind Unto Myself Today” Stanford/Vaughan Williams
Text: 5th Century attributed to St. Patrick
See *Glory to God #6* for text

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:
 Creator God, as the light
 of the sun rises on all
 that you have made,
 I pray that my spirit may
 rise also. Help me be
 ready to greet you
 however and in
 whomever you make
 yourself known to me
 today. I entrust myself
 and those I love to you
 this day, knowing that
 you promise to be with
 us always. In your holy,
 triune name I pray.
 Amen.

The *Allegro, Chorale and Fugue*, one of Mendelssohn's most eloquent statements for the organ, was never published during his lifetime. Dating from 1844, it remained unknown and unplayed in Mendelssohn's manuscripts, collected in what is referred to as the *Green Volumes*. This work was discovered, along with many other heretofore-unknown Mendelssohn works, by Dr. Wm. A. Little of the University of Virginia in 1986.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
 here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
 praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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.
Leader:	We thank you, O God, for the many gifts we have received this day – of family, friends, meaningful labor, church worship, and lasting hope. We especially thank you for the indwelling of your Spirit in our hearts and lives. May these gifts now shared ever fulfill your will on earth. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #548

DICKINSON COLLEGE

“May God Support You All Your Days”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D Minor/D Major”

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.



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

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◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Mark and Barbara DeWitt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Matt Stufft
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time. 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

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x11). The cost is \$100 a Sunday.

◆ 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.
May 29 — Mark Blank preaching.

11 am Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
May 29 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

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 a *New Members and Friends Class* on June 26 after the 10 am worship for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more info (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Hope Academy Showcase Performances

The 2015-2016 Hope Academy showcase, *Wild Women Don't Get the Blues*, will be performed today at 1 pm and 7:30 pm in the Small Dining Room (ground floor of ELPC). Tickets are \$5 each and seating is limited. For tickets, email HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com.

Hope Academy Music Recitals

Hope Academy's end-of-year recitals for instrumentalists and vocalists will take place throughout ELPC today from 2 to 6 pm. This is a good opportunity for families interested in private music instruction to see Hope Academy's program in action and meet the teaching artists. Everyone is invited and the recitals are free! A detailed schedule is posted at the Hope Academy sign in table.

Readings/Conversation on Mental Illness Stigma

Please join us at 12:30 pm in Room 234 to hear readings by those with mental illness to counteract the dangerous and shameful stigma surrounding mental illness. The goal is to help make a statement that there is no shame in their experiences, and that people who suffer from mental illness can also survive and prosper, emotionally and professionally. Light refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the ELPC Health Ministries.

Vacation Church School Needs

- ✦ Adult and youth *volunteers* for preschool, crafts, games, afternoon activities and more. Volunteer forms can be found online or on the 2nd floor CE table.
- ✦ Needed *supplies* can be found on the bulletin board behind the front desk. Please return supplies to the front office by Sunday, June 12.

Thanks for your help with this dynamic children's ministry of ELPC!

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Journey* service DOD is **Judy Roberts**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Karen Beasley**.



The LGBTQ Ministry

The LGBTQ Ministry has much going on! We are planning for *Circle of Faith* (June 5) and *PrideFest* (June 12) as well as a summer of having fun, making connections and sharing God's love. You are invited to be a part of this thriving ministry! To learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

Toy Makers Group – May 25

All handy crafters are invited to join the Toy Makers in the Sewing Room on Wednesday, May 25 from 9 am to Noon to make toys for children locally and globally.

Buzzword Perform and Play Events – May 25 and June 22

The Opera Theater of Pittsburgh will present performances for young children, from birth to age 5, and their families from 6-7 pm on Wednesdays, May 25 and June 22. Interactive and child-friendly, these shows are short enough to hold the interest of toddlers and engaging enough for their older brothers and sisters. Food will be served, but space will be limited. Please RSVP by calling Norma (412.441.3800 x11).

Young Adult Ministry: First Friday Event – June 3

The First Friday @ Garfield Community Farm event will be held on Friday, June 3. We will spend an evening serving on a reclaimed urban garden lot. Meet in the ELPC lobby to travel together at 6:45 pm or meet at the farm at 7 pm. Dress to work in the dirt. Learn more at www.garfieldfarm.com, or please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net). This is a TRAIL young adult event.

Youth Sunday – June 5

Join us at 11 am worship on Sunday, June 5 for a special service led by our youth! Members of our senior high Church School class will prepare the liturgy, and our graduating seniors will share their reflections. Please be a part of this special service, as we give thanks for the gifts of our youth and praise God, together!

ELPC to Receive Humanitarian Award – June 12

The Islamic Center of Pittsburgh (ICP) has selected ELPC as one of six organizations to be honored on Humanity Day, Sunday, June 12 at 7 pm. ICP invites friends and neighbors of all faiths to join in the celebration while sharing the Ramadan tradition with our Muslim sisters and brothers. The event is free, but to assure there are seats and refreshments for all, reservations are necessary and can be made at eventbrite.com.

Young at Heart Luncheon – June 12

The ELPC Deacons invite you to our annual *Young at Heart Luncheon* on Sunday, June 12 following the 10 am Sanctuary worship in the Social Hall. This is a special opportunity to celebrate and honor our senior congregants for their contributions and participation over the years. Lunch will be followed by entertainment. The event is free for members who are 65 and over; \$10 for all others. We will be collecting oral histories about your experiences in the church. To ask questions, make reservations, or share memories, please contact Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x16).



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

- Carol Bonner,
- Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,
- Christa Brown's nephew Darrin,
- Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina,
- Cathie Hajdu, Jan Herzer's friend Bob, Gail Mallory,
- Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
- Nicole Molinaro-Karaczun's friend Chris,
- Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,
- Heather Schoenewolf's friend's nephew Jacob,
- father John, and cousin Louise,
- and Pat Valoon's friend Kristen.

Our condolences to the family of Marilen Bowser on her passing.

Our condolences to Joel and Beth Minnigh on his sister's passing.

A Few Notes of Thanks...

Presbyterian Women want to thank Kelli Booher and her committee for the wonderful *Spring Social* held on May 14. We also want to salute all of the women who attended, shared their favorite foods, and had a wonderful time building friendships.

Sue Bailey wants to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and gifts during her recent surgery and recovery.

Committee Meetings This Week

- Heritage Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Heritage Rm)
- Peace Thursday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)

Special Music – May 29

The 11 am Sanctuary worship service next week, May 29, will feature special vocal music by composer Jason Robert Brown and possibly a special piano postlude.

Summer Worship Schedule – Begins June 12

We will switch over to our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 12 with one Sunday service at 10 am. In July, August, and on the first Sunday of September, this service will be held in the Courtyard (weather permitting). Indoor seating will be available in the 3rd floor Music Room. Journey and Sanctuary worship, as well as Church School classes, will return on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 11.

Church School Classes

May 29 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

- Contemporaries** – “The Beatitudes” led by Carolyn Russ
- Journey with Scripture** – 1 Kings 18:20–21, 22–29, 30–39; Psalm 96; Gal 1:1–12; Luke 7:1–10 led by Mark Blank
- Seekers** – “Christianity in North Korea” online talks
- Soul Food** – A discussion of a meditation by Richard Rohr, led by Rev. Joe Hajdu, Barb Fotta and Vivienne Selia

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Pastor Randy in the Community – May 27 and 29

Pastor Randy Bush will be preaching at Temple Sinai (5505 Forbes Ave) on Friday, May 27 at their 8 pm Shabbat service. Also, Session members and Pastor Randy will be bringing brief greetings at St. Paul Baptist Church (6701 Penn Ave) at 10 am on Sunday, May 29. Congregation members are welcome to join us at either event.

Fran and Isaiah Wilson Honored by Torchbearers – June 4

The Pittsburgh Chapter of National Black Presbyterians will celebrate the contribution of torchbearers at its third annual *Torchbearers Appreciation Luncheon* from 11 am-2 pm on Saturday, June 4 at Bidwell Presbyterian Church (1025 Liverpool Ave, 15233). Our own Teaching Elders Fran and Isaiah Wilson will be honored as ELPC Torchbearers. Tickets are \$25 and will benefit the Robert Coleman/LeRoy Patrick Scholarship Fund. Please see Lenore Williams for tickets.

Gateway to Wellness Symposium – June 4

The annual Gateway to Wellness Health Symposium will be held at the Herberman Conference Center (5150 Centre Ave) on Saturday, June 4. The Symposium will focus on providing the community with resources to help people get healthy. Call 412.281.4086 for more info.

The Search for Truth about Islam Book Study – June 18

Join Michele Bossers as she leads a book study on Ben Daniel's *The Search for Truth about Islam*, sponsored by the Justice Committee, on Saturday, June 18 from 9-11 am. The book is available for \$10 online, and two copies can be found in the ELPC Library. In his book, Presbyterian pastor Ben Daniel tackles common stereotypes and misconceptions that tend to define Islam in the popular imagination.

Summer Celebration of Service – Aug 18

Join us for the sixth annual *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, Aug 18 from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- ♦ **PrideFest Booth Volunteer** (June 12 afternoon) ♦

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14). Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities.