OCTOBER 2, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

TIME OF PREPARATION
“Faith is to believe what you do not yet see. The reward for this faith is to see what you believe.” — St. Augustine

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
“Let Us Break Bread Together”
“I Come with Joy”

DALE WOOD
DAVID M. CHERWIEN

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE
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
Julianne McAdoo

Leader: In all times and places, we wait for God:
People: For the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never end.
Leader: In times of war and division, devastation and loss,
People: We wait for God.
Leader: In times of change and uncertainty, growth and new beginnings,
People: We wait for God.
Leader: On this World Communion Sunday, we join with people of all times and places, gathering at the Lord’s Table with expectant hearts,
People: For the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never end.

* PROCESIONAL HYMN #511
“Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven”

CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION
Merciful God, we confess that the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We misuse the natural resources of the earth through carelessness and greed. By our habits and wrong choices, others are subjected to deprivation or lost to despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste the landscape of creation. Forgive us for causing others to grieve and to wander without rest. We wait for you and hope in you, for you alone can restore all things, even us. Hear our prayers of intercession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
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!

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE
“Joyful, Joyful”
The Rev. Dr. Bush
The lyrics to this song are projected on the Sanctuary screens, and also printed below. The congregation will sing after the soloist.
Joyful, joyful, Lord, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, hail Thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Come and join the chorus! The mighty, mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began. The God of love is reigning over us,
God watches over everything, so we sing:
Joyful, joyful, Lord, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, hail Thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
Light of day!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Lamentations 1:1-6
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

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.

COMMUNITY SONG
Dr. Ysaïe Maria Barnwell

GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 17:5-10
The Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts
President, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary

SERMON
“The Loose”
The Rev. Dr. Roberts

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Rev. Schoenewolf
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. Schoenewolf

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
“The Gospel: Wings to Fly”
Ysaïe M. Barnwell
ELPC Chancel Choir
HAT Co (Hope Academy Theater Company)

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

“Our current politics tell you that should you fall victim to [a police assault] and lose your body, it somehow must be your fault. Trayvon Martin’s hoodie got him killed. Jordan Davis’ loud music did the same. Kajieme Powell should have known not to be crazy. Should assaulting an officer of the state be a capital offense, rendered without trial, with the officer as judge and executioner?” (Ta-Nehisi Coates, Between the World and Me)
DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

The communion bread is being presented by members of the Young Adult Ministry.


— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.

The Rev. Dr. Bush

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the 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 will be served in their seats.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, the laying on of hands.

COMMUNION HYMN #515 “I Come With Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Roberts

God of radiance and glory, you give life to all things and call us to life everlasting. We thank you for the gift of this communion meal, and the reminder of the fellowship of believers spanning the globe. Be with all your children, using us as your ambassadors of peace, justice and reconciliation. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Postlude “Toccata”

David Hegarty

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organist

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.
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. Paul Roberts
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Julianne McAdoo

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Adrianna Cleveland, soloist
Dr. Ysaye Maria Barnwell

HAT Co: (Hope Academy Theater Company)
Anna Elder, Vocal Ensemble Director
Esai Aliquo-Varela, Maya Burley
Raffaela Carattino
Maya Ginter-Frankovitch
Emily Khuu, Laela Lumsden
Kira Mukogosi, Taylor Reese
Kyra Simmons, Jewel Strothers
Clara Swanson, Amber Taylor
Desmond Rucker, percussion

Acolytes: Phoebe and Nora Brown
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Matt Stufft
Crucifer: Margaret Edgecombe
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvey Room for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers today are in honor of the wedding of Todd Goss and Richard Frederick on Saturday, October 1.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am........Journey. An energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel.
0t 9 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir.
0t 9 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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 McKelvey 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 TODAY (in Room 244) to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info on future classes (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
A Warm Welcome to the Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts
This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts, president of the Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, Atlanta, as our guest for our World Communion Sunday worship service. Included in your worship bulletin is a special offering envelope for contributions to this historic, majority African American Presbyterian seminary. All gifts will be matched by our ELPC Mission Committee.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering
The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received today at all services. Thank you for your generosity!

Justice Committee Meeting
The Justice Committee will meet after today’s 11 am service to continue planning ELPC’s response to those incarcerated and their families. If interested, please meet in Room 224. For more info, contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com; 724.272.9722).

Modern Mystic and Symbol of a Century
The biographical facts of Merton’s life are an apt metaphor for the 20th century, but his inner life was shaped by a series of remarkable prayer experiences. Join us in the Music Room from 12:30–3 pm today as Bonnie Thurston examines both aspects with a view to what our own lives and prayer might be “saying.” A light lunch will be served.

New Members and Friends Class
If you registered to participate in today’s New Members and Friends class, please go to Room 244 following the service. If you are interested in becoming an ELPC member or friend, please contact Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x22).

Today’s DODs
Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. Today’s Journey service DOD is Julia Lewand. The Sanctuary service DOD is Sonya-Marie Morley.

Online Book Study: The Essential Merton
Throughout October, we will be conducting an online Merton Book Study on Thomas Merton: Essential Writings (available on Amazon). Check the SLC bulletin board and www.ELPC.church for information on how to participate.

Live Stream Our Weekly Taizé Service
Our mid-week Taizé service is now available for live streaming. Using your computer or mobile device, visit our church website (www.ELPC.church) at 7 pm on Wednesdays and click on the Taizé Live Stream link. You will hear the service and see images of the worship icons.

PW Bible Study: Who is Jesus? — Oct 3 and 4
Join Presbyterian Women in the 2nd floor Parlor on Monday, Oct 3 at 7 pm or Tuesday, Oct 4 at 10 am as we explore the question, Who is Jesus? according to Matthew. There is a potluck lunch following the Tuesday morning study, please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Tai Chi — Begins Oct 4
Tai Chi classes begin on Tuesday, Oct 4 from 10–11 am and 6–7 pm. The cost is $25 for 10 weeks or $3/session. Pre-register with Kate (412.441.3800 x16).

Qigong — Begins Oct 6
Qigong means cultivating energy. It is a system practiced for health maintenance, healing, and increasing vitality, integrating physical postures, breathing techniques, and focused intention. Linda Harrington will lead a six-week class on the basic Qigong form, beginning on Thursday, Oct 6 at 6 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. The class will continue on Thursdays through Nov 17 (except Nov 10).

First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House — Oct 7
Young adults will gather at the Arsenal Cider House (300 39th St, 15201) for the First Friday event on Oct 7. Bring money to try a house beverage and an engaging question for the group to discuss. This is a TRAIL young adult event.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Oct 8
The next LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering is on Saturday, Oct 8 at 4 pm. To attend or learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

Indigenous People’s Sunday — Oct 9
In recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day, the Mission Board will present Indigenous Pittsburgh: Christian Doctrine, Small Pox Blankets, and Native Populations on Sunday, Oct 9 at 12:15 pm in the Social Hall. This presentation will provide a foundational framework for understanding U.S. policy and how they impacted our local history and treatment of natives. A light lunch will be served.

Complimentary Tickets for David Higgs Recital — Oct 16
If you would like a complimentary ticket to the David Higgs organ recital at ELPC at 3 pm on Sunday, Oct 16, please see Dr. Ed Moore after worship, or contact him (EdM@coh.net).
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Carol Bonner’s friend Betty,
Dwayne Elliott,
Mike Dillon’s sister Carole and her husband Ken,
Karen Fraser, Mary Beth Gladis, Joe Heckel,
Jan Herzer’s friends Francine, Bob and Mick,
Buz Hutchison, Bill Johnson, Morris Jordan,
Sandy Kalsey, Pam Kimmel’s niece Jen,
Deborah Marx’s friends Monica and Chris,
Polly McQueen’s brother Clay,
Sonya-Marie Morley’s friend Eileen,
Jon Nelson’s friend Clair, Gail Noden,
Jan Pressman’s daughter Caryl,
Heather Schoenewolf’s cousin Louise, Loretta Shade,
Kay Shissler and Marilyn Castle’s sister Linda,
Matt Stuffer’s mother, Jamee Todd,
Anthony Williams’ wife’s grandmother, and
Pat Valoon’s friends Barbara and Robert.

There are Prayer Boxes, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians: A Learning & Discussion Series — Begins Oct 30
All who want to learn how to better support LGBTQ Christians are invited to this three-part learning and discussion series, beginning on Sunday, Oct 30. These stand-alone sessions are designed to be an educational and development series (not debates). A simple lunch will be served. Childcare can be provided with an RSVP at least one week prior to the session you plan to attend. Please RSVP to Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).

Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Betty Hill, executive director of Persad; co-sponsored by the Mission Board

♦ Understanding Language and LGBTQ Basics—Oct 30
Sample Question: “What does the Q mean?”
Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Betty Hill, executive director of Persad; co-sponsored by the Mission Board

♦ The Bible and LGBTQ Inclusion—Nov 6
Sample Question: “How do I reply to a family member who asks what the Bible says about homosexuality?”
Led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf and the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Scarcy, co-sponsored by Christian Education Committee

♦ History, Polity, Theology, Oh My!—Nov 13
Sample Question: “How can ELPC be fully inclusive of LGBTQ people and some other Presbyterian churches are not?”
Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, and Elder Carol Chonoska, co-sponsored by Spiritual Life Committee

The Chapel Market
The Chapel Market is open for donations, as well as shopping, on Mondays from 10 am to Noon and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm.

In Our Community

“Freedom Rising” Rally — TODAY
The recent General Assembly powerfully endorsed an overture to uplift the plight of African American males and for our denomination to pursue concerted efforts on this matter in five cities, including Pittsburgh. A kick-off rally for this initiative will be held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary’s Hicks Chapel today at 6 pm. The event’s title of Freedom Rising is to honor the ministry legacy of Eugene “Freedom” Blackwell, who was a pastor in Homewood and the overture advocate for this issue at General Assembly. All are welcome!

Mendelssohn Choir: The Music of Downton Abbey — Oct 8
The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh will perform The Music of Downton Abbey on Saturday, Oct 8 at 7:30 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. To purchase tickets (ranging from $28-$40), please visit www.themendelssohn.org, or call 412.926.2488.

Donations to EECM
East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is in need of donations of toothpaste, foot powder, deodorant. Their October food-of-the-month is stuffing mix. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.

Committee Meetings This Week
Justice........................................ Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 224)
Property........................................... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)

Looking for a way to put your love in action?
Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x14).

♦ Food 4 Thought Mentors Still Needed ASAP ♦

Church School Classes
Oct 9 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries — “Paul Tillich: The Pittsburgh Dialogues — Philosophy and Theology” led by Dr. Ron Stone

Journey with Scripture — Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7; Psalm 66:1–12; 2 Timothy 2:8–15; Luke 17:11–19, facilitated by Jan Irvin, Lora Bethia and other members

Seekers — Combined with Contemporaries Class in Room 234

Soul Food — A discussion of the first part of chapter two of The Gift of Being Yourself led by Michele Bossers, Sel Whitaker and Shirley Fair

YAM — “The Gospel of Mark: Jesus as a Wonder Worker” facilitated by Wil Forrest