NOVEMBER 20, 2016 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

TIME OF PREPARATION
“I have wanted you to see out of my eyes so many times.”
— Elizabeth Berg, The Pull of The Moon

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
The Brass Roots

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Giving Tree Kathy Kiewra

* 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
Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han
Leader: The Lord is a great God who says: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!
Leader: Day and night around the throne of grace they never stop singing:
People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come.
Leader: Let us worship the living God – a God who reigns in power, in justice, in peace and in love, now and forevermore!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” St. Denio

CALL TO CONFESSION
Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han
Righteous God, we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been bold to demand generosity, mercy and forgiveness, yet slow to do the same. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

* Response of Praise: “Here I Am to Worship”
The lyrics to this song are printed below.

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New Testament Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

Marilyn Fitzgerald and Jon Han

Moments with Our Children

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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: Christopher Hughes-Ihonde, son of Adevo Ihonde and Deborah Hughes

Profession of Faith

Act of Baptizing

* Hymn #625: “How Great Thou Art”

How Great Thou Art


The Rev. Schoenewolf

Sermon: “The View”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Time of Silent Reflection

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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.
OFFERING INVITATION

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  “God Is Our Refuge”

Allen Pote

text from Psalm 46

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

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.

* 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: Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity and love. You have granted favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #14  “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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* CHARGE & Benediction

POSTLUDE  “Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor”

Sergei Rachmaninoff

First Movement: Moderato

The Rev. Dr. Bush, piano

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han
Kathy Kiewra
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/ Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
Matt McCormack, trumpet
Justin Kohan, trumpet
Rana Jurjus, horn
Morgan Wynn, trombone
Will Hammer, tuba
Acolytes: David and Josh Bellin
Beadle: Mike Dillon
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for our annual Thanksgiving Feast luncheon. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in honor of Bryan Lawrence’s 60th birthday, presented by his family—Heather, Josh, Ben and Susannah, and Michael and Anna.

♦ 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. Nov 27 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am...........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. Children of Abraham service.
Nov 27 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush with guests Rabbi James Gibson and Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid 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 annual Thanksgiving Feast in the Social Hall. 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 Nov 27 and Dec 4 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (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

Thanksgiving Luncheon Feast
Join us in the Social Hall (basement level) after the 11 am service for ELPC’s annual Thanksgiving luncheon celebration. All are welcome! Members of the Renovations Committee will be available to share updates on when construction will begin in 2017.

Reiki Training — Today + Dec 4
If you would like to be attuned and learn to use Reiki, a spiritual healing art and form of complementary medicine, register for our two-part (Reiki 1 and 2) training today and next Sunday, Dec 4 from 1-5 pm, led by Douglas James. See the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan immediately after the service if you are interested in participating.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings
Free blood pressure screenings are available after today’s 11 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

Today’s DODs
Today’s Journey service DOD is Judy Roberts. The Sanctuary service DOD is Doug Cooper.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM):
An Awesome Abrahamic Event — Nov 27
One patriarch and three religions come together at ELPC for an awesome Abrahamic event as we welcome our siblings in faith from local Muslim and Jewish congregations on Sunday, Nov 27 from 9:45 am-2 pm. YAMs start at the church school class (9:45-10:45 am in the Pastor’s Conference Room), then experience a combined worship service (11 am-12:15 pm), before the young adults spend some time over lunch and conversation in the 2nd floor Parlor (12:30–2 pm).

Local Mission and Service Opportunity — Nov 27
Looking for a way to connect with mission and fellowship at ELPC? Serve with the Neighbors Committee as part of the Holy Spirit Breakfast Team on Sunday, Nov 27 to cook and serve breakfast to residents at EECM Community House. For details, email Jim Eng (james.eng@sru.edu).

Hanging of the Greens — Nov 27
You’re invited to help with our annual holiday decorating on Sunday, Nov 27 following the 11 am service. We’ll have a variety of activities, from sorting ornaments to hanging wreaths. No experience is necessary! All are welcome to come help the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee ready our worship space for the season.

Children of Abraham Service — Nov 27
The three major world religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—all share a common foundation in the life of the patriarch Abraham. God’s covenant with Abraham and his wife Sarah included the promise that their children will prosper and become the 12 tribes of ancient Israel, and the tribes descended from Ishmael.

At our 11 am Sanctuary service on Sunday, Nov 27, Pastor Randy will be joined by Rabbi Jamie Gibson (Temple Sinai) and Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid (Islamic Center of Pittsburgh) to explore our common faith heritage grounded in Abraham’s story. Please join us for this interfaith celebration of God’s covenants that span centuries and continue to inspire people of faith the world over.

Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid will also lead the Seekers Sunday School class at 9:45 am next week.

The Christmas Giving Tree — Nov 27 + Dec 4
Every year, the Deacons organize the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit children and families from East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), as well as our ELPC ministries.

The Giving Tree will be set up near the Information Desk before and after our Journey and Sanctuary services on Sundays, Nov 27 and Dec 4, and our Taizé services on Wednesdays, Nov 30 and Dec 7. Stop by and pick up a tag!

Wrapped gifts with tags are due in the church office by noon on Sunday, Dec 11. To make a monetary donation, make your check payable to ELPC Giving Tree and deliver it to the church office.

Justice Committee Meeting — Nov 27
The Justice Committee will meet next Sunday, Nov 27 after the 11 am service in Room 224. If you are interested in participating in the work of this committee, please contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

Presbyterian Women Thank Offering — Dec 4
Presbyterian Women will honor the women of ELPC by receiving the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering on Sunday, Dec 4. The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, and lift up the lives of women and children throughout the world. Last year, your generosity helped fund 14 projects in the United States and 8 abroad!
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Sharron Boddy’s sister,
Carol Bonner’s cousin Mary Kay,
Jim Cover, Kate Carlson’s cousin Jack,
Mary Evrard’s godmother Ginny,
Leigh Halverson’s stepfather Brian,
Jan Herzer and her friends Francine, Bob and Mick,
Pam Kimmel’s niece Jen, Lee Lewand,
Paul Martin’s cousin Jeff,
Deborah Marx’s friends Monica and Chris,
Polly McQueen’s brother Clay,
Sonya-Marie and Nate Morley’s brother-in-law Matty,
Sonya-Marie Morley’s friend and
Deborah Marx’s cousin Eileen and her family,
Jon Nelson’s friend Clair, Rhonda Perroz,
Jan Pressman’s daughter Caryn,
Mary Randolph’s mother Cecilia,
Betty Rieley, Emily Rosenthal,
Bob Ross’ mother Anne,
Heather Schoenewolf’s cousin Louise,
and Andrew Wilkinson’s mother Leslie.

Congratulations to Elmer Harkema on the birth of his grandson.

Our condolences to Diane Jackson on her mother’s passing.

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

No Committee Meetings This Week
Your ELPC family wishes you a blessed Thanksgiving!

Please note the church building will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of the holiday.

In our Community

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service — Nov 22
An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, Nov 22 at 7:30 pm at Church of the Redeemer (Forbes Ave, Squirrel Hill). The speaker is County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. Our host is the Rev. Michael Foley, Rector of Church of the Redeemer.

EECM Food of the Month
Instant mashed potatoes is the EECM Food-of-the-Month.

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).

♦ THANKS to all who are volunteering today to make the Thanksgiving Feast happen! ♦

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering — Dec 10
The next LGBTQ Ministry gathering is on Saturday, Dec 10 at 7:30 pm for the Renaissance City Choir concert, and going out after it is over. To attend or learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

Christmas Day Celebration — Dec 25
All are invited to celebrate Christmas together as a church family after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec 25, in the McKelvey Room. Our time together will include brunch, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554) by Sunday, Dec 18.

Church School Classes
Nov 27 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
Contemporaries — “Hospitality and the Stranger: Immigration” led by Mark Roth and Old Testament Scholar the Rev. Steven Tuell
Seekers — “The Life of Abraham, from an Islamic Perspective” led by Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh
Journey with Scripture — Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12 facilitated by Jan Irvin and Lora Bethea
Soul Food — A concluding discussion of chapter five of The Gift of Being Yourself led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michele Bossers and Pam Napier-Barnes
YAM — “An Awesome Abrahamic Event” facilitated by Wil Forrest

The Chapel Market Accepts Winter Outerwear Only
During November and December, The Chapel Market can accept only donations of winter outerwear (coats, jackets, gloves, scarves, hats, boots). Due to very limited storage space, no other clothing items please until after the Christmas holidays.

Thank you for your generosity and your interest.