January 15, 2015 • 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Time of Preparation
“The burden is always equal to the horse’s strength.” — The Talmud
“For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” — Matthew 11:30

Ministry of Music
“Grave and Adagio” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
(Sonata II)

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
Leader: I waited patiently upon you, O Lord; you stooped to me and heard my cry.
People: You set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
Leader: You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
People: Many shall see and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
Leader: Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
People: There is none who can be compared with you. Alleluia!

* Processional Hymn #687
“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” St. Anne

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, you have inclined your ear and heard my cry, and lifted me when I was low. Strengthen me for service this day, as I carry your light in the world. Lord Jesus, fill me with your peace, that I may run my race with perseverance and ever find my rest in you. Amen.

Prayer of Confession
Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity. In too many ways, we have labored in vain. Deliver us from our sins and forgive our self-centeredness, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream and bearers of your light. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Time of Silent Confession

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON
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!

GOSPEL READING
John 1:35-42

John Buckley

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN
The Rev. Dr. 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: Don Manuel (Manny) Robert Figueroa, son of Jason and Dana Figueroa
Reaffirmation of Faith
Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #488 “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” WATERLIFE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 49:1-6
The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON
“Potentials and Possibilities” The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & 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.
The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION Sharron Boddy

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 “I Waited for the Lord” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLY HUNDREDTH

O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

“Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life … When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.”
Confession of 1967

Composed in 1840, Felix Mendelssohn’s (1809-1847) Lobegesang (Hymn of Praise), Op. 52 is a “Symphony-Cantata on Words of the Holy Bible, for Soloists, Chorus and Orchestra.”

Mendelssohn’s harmonization of Now Thank We All God, found in most modern hymnals, first appeared in Lobegesant. I Waited for the Lord is written for two soloists and chorus, with the text based on verses from Psalm 40.
* 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: God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer so that in time eyes may see your kingdom, ears may hear the call of Jesus, and hearts may know the joy of your eternal love. Through Christ, our Lord.  Amen.

* RECESSONAL HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* POSTLUDE

“Allegro maestoso e vivace”  Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (Sonata II)  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. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: Sharron Boddy
                   John Buckley
                   Emily Rosenthal
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
            Organist/Music Director
            Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Carly Noel Black, soloist
Gail Mosites, soloist

Acolytes: Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz
Beadle: Mike Dillon
Crucifer: Youth
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

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. Jan 22 — 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. Jan 22 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 on February 5 and 12 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch is 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

Nametags
We ask that folks wear a nametag so we can greet one another by name. Pre-made nametags are on the hooks in the Narthex or on the staff picture board in the Highland Lobby. Don’t have a nametag yet? Please sign up on the list on the Narthex table. Print your name clearly and expect your nametag to be hung on the holders in about two weeks. Visitors are encouraged to get a stick-on nametag found in the basket on the Narthex table (where you can also find rainbow stickers for your nametag).

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering — Today
The next LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering will be today after the 11 am service. To learn more or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Youth Lunch and Movie — Today
Youth in grades 6-12 are invited for lunch and the movie Hidden Figures, rated PG, after the 11 am service. Please bring $10 to cover costs. RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

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 and Sanctuary service DOD is Liz Gonda.

Experience a Choral Fantasy
Sunday, Jan 29 ♦ 3 pm
Join us on Sunday, Jan 29 at 3pm as the Duquesne University Choirs, directed by Dr. Caron Daley, perform with The Arsenal Duo (Nathan Carterette on the piano and Dr. Edward Alan Moore on the organ) for the next Cathedral Concert in the Sanctuary.

The performance is free, but a freewill offering will be received.

Silent Retreat — Jan 20 to 22
In the midst of winter, it is easier to see the beautiful and intricate pattern of the trees and, in the silence of retreat, it is easier to see the beautiful and intricate pattern of God’s presence in our lives. Share the silence with others and begin to trace that pattern for yourself at a Silent Retreat from Friday–Sunday, Jan 20–22 at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center (Northside). We will gather for dinner on Friday evening, and depart after brunch on Sunday. Registration is required and includes an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. The cost is $120 (scholarships available). Registration forms are on the Spiritual Life bulletin board.

Feeling Crafty? — Jan 25
Join Toymakers from 9am-12pm. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021; dnjcks@verizon.net).

Tween Bowling — Jan 27
Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to a night of bowling, pizza, trophies, and fun on Friday, Jan 27 from 6-8 pm. Please bring a beverage or snack to share, and your friends! Contact Sara Hackett to participate (SaraH@coh.net).

New Christmas in East Liberty Concert CD Available
The Brass Roots and Dr. Ed Moore have recorded a new Christmas CD, Christmas in East Liberty. Copies are available for purchase for $12. The CD is also available as a digital download for $10. Please see Dr. Moore for the website address, or if you wish to purchase a CD.

Church Events and Announcements
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East Liberty Presbyterian Church
www.ELPC.church
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Ray Anthony,
John Bavaro,
Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny,
Patricia Fountain and her daughter Summer,
Sharon Geibel, Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Joe Hajdu, Jan Herzer's friends Francine, Bob and Mick,
Eric Kalsey, Nancy Latshaw,
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
Lee Lewand, Pen Lytle's friend Kelly, Gail Mallory,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Sonya-Marie Morley's friend and Deborah Marx's cousin Eileen and her family,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,
Heather Schoenwolf's cousin Louise, and Pat Valoon and her friends Robert, Steven and David.

Our condolences to Libby and Tucker Ferda on Libby's mother's passing.

Our condolences to Kelli and Ryan Booher on Kelli's uncle's passing.

Our condolences to Charma Dudley and Yvette Dudley-Morrissette on the passing of their mother ELPC member Louise B. Dudley.

Our condolences to Pam Napier-Barnes on her mother's passing.

Our condolences to Martha DeMarzi on her friend Janie Rocco's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week
Please note the church building will be closed all day on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

YAYA............................................... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Room 244)
Session...........................................Tuesday, 7 pm (Room 234)

In our Community

“Martin Luther King Celebration” — Jan 15
EECM’s 33rd Annual Martin Luther King Celebration will be held Sunday, January 15, 2017. The speaker is Dr. William Glaze of Bethany Baptist Church in Homewood. Music begins at 3:30 pm and the service starts at 4:00 pm. Presented at the PTS Chapel, 616 N Highland Ave 15206. Following the service refreshments will be served. Donations of nonperishable goods for the EECM food pantry is encouraged.

Solarize Allegheny — Feb 2
Help us build a bridge to the new energy future. Be a part of the climate solution-Go Solar! Join us for a solar seminar at ELPC in Room 234 on Thursday, Feb 2 from 6:30-8:30 pm. This event is sponsored by Solarize Allegheny (advocates for solar) and by 350 Pittsburgh (climate action group). For more info or to register, please visit www.solarizeallegheny.org, or call Sharon Pillar (412.215.5995). Registration is required to attend this free event.

EECM Food of the Month
Rice-A-Roni is the EECM Food-of-the-Month item.

Young Adult Peace Retreat — Feb 3-5
All TRAIL young adults are invited to join us from 6 pm on Friday until 2 pm on Sunday at Camp Crestfield. Our time will be spent in our cozy cottage with wonderful people, meditations, nature galore, games, plenty-o-snacks, worship and much more. The focus will be finding peace in a turbulent world. There will be a $50 fee that includes everything. Limited scholarships available. Final RSVP by January 22 to Wil at wil@coh.net or 412-441-3800 x14.

Adult Sunday School Classes
Jan 22 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
Journey with Scripture — Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10–18; Matthew 4:12–23 led by Jan Irvin
Seekers — “The Prophet Amos” led by the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Scarry
Soul Food — A discussion of Biblical texts focused on the theme Feminine Strength—Human and Divine, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Bard and Steve Evrard

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.