**January 22, 2017 • 11 AM Sanctuary Worship**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**Time of Preparation**

“In me there is darkness,
But with you there is light;
I am lonely, but you do not leave me;
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;
I am restless, but with you there is peace.
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;
I do not understand your ways,
But you know the way for me.
Lord Jesus Christ, ...
It is your will that I should know you
And turn to you.
Lord, I hear your call and follow;
Help me.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters and Papers from Prison*

**Ministry of Music**

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organist

Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)  
Gerre Hancock

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
arr. Wayne L. Wold

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music. Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.

**Welcome & Church News**

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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* 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** (Isaiah 9:2)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

People: Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call, that we might, with boldness, follow Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

* Processional Hymn #377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  

Houston

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light in our darkened hearts that we might embrace the unity we have found in you. Like Christ’s first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, repent of our old ways, and proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world.

SUNG RESPONSE (please remain seated and see music insert)

“The Lord Is My Light”

The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

(Refrain): Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life. Whom shall I fear?

In the time of trouble he shall hide me, in the time of trouble he shall hide me.

(Refrain)

In the time of trouble he shall hide me. Whom shall I fear? (refrain)

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, wait on the Lord and be of good courage.

(Refrain)

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage. Whom shall I fear? (refrain)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: God calls us to repent of our sins, offering us the promise of forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Let us trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression and covers us in mercy. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! ¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Praise God!

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23 Alan and Marilyn McIvor

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON “When the Answers are Tough” The Rev. Schoenewolf

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER The Rev. 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 The Rev. Dr. Bush

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**

**“Light of the World”**

Donald D. Kettring

text by John S. Monsell, alt.

Light of the world, we hail thee, flooding the eastern skies; never shall darkness veil thee, again from human eyes; too long, alas, withheld, now spread from shore to shore; thy light, so glad and golden, shall set on earth no more.

Light of the world we follow; lighten thou our way;

Through the darkness gleams the dawn of thy new day.

Light of the world, thy beauty steals unto every heart, and glorifies with duty life's poorest, humblest part: thou robiest in thy splendor the simple ways of all, helpest them to render light back to thee again.

Light of the world we follow...

Light of the world, illumine this darkened land of thine, till everything that's human shall glow with Love Divine; till every tongue and nation from gloom and darkness free, rise in the new creation which springs from love and thee.

Light of the world we follow...

Vision of Christ victorious! Pillar of fire before us! Christians, arise and proclaim him! Hasten ye the coming day! Amen.

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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
Alan and Marilyn McIvor
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/ Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Zaida Collins
Charlotte Brake-Hoffman
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Ian Bush
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!

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 now $150 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 29 — 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 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 Sundays, Feb 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

Today’s DODs
Today’s Journey service DOD is Mary Evrard.
The Sanctuary service DOD is Kathy Kiewra.

Feeling Crafty? — Jan 25
Join the Toymakers on Wednesday, Jan 25 from 9 am-Noon. Please contact Diane Jackson (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).

Neighbors Committee Mission Coffee Hour — Jan 29
Please join the Neighbors Committee next Sunday, Jan 29, as we recognize and honor Fran Wilson for her vision, opening and running The ELPC Chapel Market since its inception. Fran has worked tirelessly to outfit, organize and manage The Chapel Market, as well as its volunteers. She is stepping back to pursue other interests, but we are thankful for her faithful service. We also invite you to browse the mission tables to learn about the work of this Committee and how you can be involved in providing meals, housing rehab and community development in our community. An opportunity to write Congress about the need to provide adequate funding for childhood nutrition programs in 2017 will be also be available.

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.

Church Events and Announcements

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Young Adult Peace Retreat — Feb 3 to 5
All TRAIL young adults are invited to join us from 6 pm on Friday, Feb 3 until 2 pm on Sunday, Feb 5 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 are available). Please RSVP TODAY to Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

Youth Ministry Workday with OHM and GCF — Feb 4
Students in middle and high school are welcome to spend time working on projects with Open Hand Ministries and Garfield Community Farm from 9 am-3 pm (or for part of the day) on Saturday, Feb 4. Please contact Sara Hackett for details or to participate (SaraH@coh.net).

Nervous System’s Role in Spiritual Growth — Begins Feb 6
From conception, our brains develop from the bottom up: brain stem, limbic system, and then cortex. The nervous system is the first to develop, with the primary responsibility of protecting us from danger. It operates through approach or avoid—going toward what nurtures us and away from what threatens us. From a young age, we perceived our caregivers as doing both. Our personality becomes hardwired into our nervous system as a survival strategy, setting patterns of thinking, feeling, and behavior. While they served us well in childhood, these patterns limit us in adulthood.

Learn about your individual patterns using the Enneagram as a map, and how to work with the nervous system to expand your capacity for spiritual growth. This class will be taught in two five-week terms:

Term 1: Mondays, Feb 6–Mar 6, from 7–9 pm
Will focus on understanding the nervous system and the Enneagram (suggested donation is $35).

Term 2: Mondays, Mar 13–Apr 10, from 6:30–9 pm
Will continue the learning, but will add an experiential element to the academic teaching. You must have completed Term 1 to take Term 2 (suggested donation is $50).

The required book is The Enneagram: Understanding Yourself and the Others In Your Life by Helen Palmer (available on Amazon). The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan has a limited number of used copies for $10 or by scholarship if requested.

Visit www.ELPC.church or stop by the Spiritual Life Committee’s bulletin board for a registration form and information on the instructor, Kerry O’Donnell.
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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,
Kate Carlson’s brother-in-law Ray,
Patricia Fountain and her daughter Summer,
Sharon Gelbel, Barbara Goodwin’s husband John,
Joe Hajdu, Jan Herzer’s friends Francine, Bob and Mick,
Justin Johnson, 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 Schoenewolf’s cousin Louise, and Pat Valoon and her friends Robert, Steven and David.

Our condolences to Kelli Booher on her uncle’s passing.
Our condolences to Martha DeMarzi on her friend’s passing.
Our condolences to Libby Ferda on her mother’s passing.
Our condolences to Pam Napier-Barnes 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.

Committee Meetings This Week

Chapel Market Planning ............... Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 244)
Mission Trip Planning ............... Today, 12:30 pm (2nd fl Parlor)
Membership & Outreach .............. Thursday, 7 pm (Rm 244)

PW Bible Study: Who is Jesus? — Feb 6 and 7
Join Presbyterian Women as they explore the lesson Who is Jesus on Monday, Feb 6 at 7 pm, or on Tuesday, Feb 7 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor. A potluck lunch follows the study on Tuesday (bring a side dish to share); and childcare is available by request for Tuesday only.

LGBTQ Ministry’s Spiritual Gathering — Feb 11
The next LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering will be on Saturday, Feb 11 starting at noon with a progressive meal and discussion. To learn more or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

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.

NBPC Annual Celebration of Joy Event — Feb 11
The Pittsburgh Chapter of NBPC (National Black Presbyterian Caucus) will hold the annual Celebration of Joy event on Saturday, Feb 11 in Knox Hall at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206). The program begins at 2 pm, and will highlight a history of African Americans in the Presbyterian Church. Performers include former Coleman/Patrick Scholarship recipients. A small donation in support of the Coleman/Patrick Scholarship Fund is requested.

A Celebration of Black Song — Feb 12
Join us on Sunday, Feb 12 at 3 pm for an uplifting afternoon of song in honor of Black History Month, featuring musicians from the ELPC Music Ministry. This performance is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received.

Hope Academy Students Compete: Shakespeare — Feb 13
Hope Academy students will present their Shakespeare monologues and scenes on Monday, Feb 13 at 3 pm at the Pittsburgh Public Theater (O’Reilly Theater) for the 2017 Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest. The Showcase of Finalists will be on Monday, Feb 20 at 7 pm at the Pittsburgh Public Theater.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Jan 29 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
led by Tucker Ferda

Journey with Scripture — Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12 led by Jan Irvin

Seekers — “The Prophet Amos” led by the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Soul Food — An introductory discussion of our new text, Open the Door, led by Joe Hajdu, Judy Roberts, and Linda Harrington

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).

♦ Club 116 Dinner Provider ♦
Still needed for April 19 and May 3