March 5, 2017 • 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
First Sunday in Lent

Time of Preparation
“The task that has fallen to us as Americans is to move the conscience of the world, to keep alive the hope and dream of freedom. For if we fail or falter, there will be no place for the world’s oppressed to flee to. This is not a role we sought. We preach no manifest destiny. But like the Americans who brought a new nation into the world 200 years ago, history has asked much of us in our time. Much we’ve already given; much more we must be prepared to give.”
— Ronald Reagan

Ministry of Music
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organist

“Audi, benigne conditor”
Gerald Near

O Kind Creator, bow thine ear to mark the cry, to know the tear,
Before thy throne of mercy spent in this, thy holy fast of Lent.

“Jesus, Still Lead On”
arr. Paul Manz

Welcome & Church News
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* 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
David Carl

Leader: People of God, as we begin this Lenten journey, what will you eat?
People: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.
Leader: People of God, in this season of repentance and temptation, how will you live?

People: Our hope is in the faithfulness of God.
Leader: People of God, in the land where you live and in this time of testing, whom will you serve?

People: We worship and serve the Lord our God alone.
Leader: Let us begin our Lenten journey with prayer, songs and praise to God.

* Processional Hymn #327
“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Lasst uns Erfreuen
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Call to Confession
The Rev. Dr. Bush

Prayer of Confession & Intercession

Time of Silent Reflection

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! ¡Alaben a Dios!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11:8-16
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 25:4-10, 13-15
Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain as directed.

Lord, you are my strength; has ten to help me.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN
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.

*HYMN #340 “This Is My Song” Finlandia

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 12:1-4
The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON “Unfaithful Phrases: My Country, Right or Wrong” The Rev. Dr. Bush

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
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
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 “This Is the Truth Sent from Above” James Kirkby

James Kirkby (b. 1949) received his musical training at the University of Edinburgh and now resides in Aberdeen, Scotland.

“If the working people can be encouraged to look forward to obtaining a share in the land, the consequence will be that the gulf between vast wealth and sheer poverty will be bridged over and respective classes will be brought nearer to one another.”
(Pope Leo XIII, 1891)
The communion bread is being presented by Peta Harrigan Cole and Mary Alice Lightle.

**DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607**

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

The Lord be with you.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: Y también contigo. The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**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. Fowler-Searcy and The Rev. Schoenewolf

**SHARING BREAD & CUP**

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, and/or the laying on of hands.

**COMMUNION HYMN #509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Through this meal we have received nourishment for body and spirit. We have received good news by which to live and the assurance that you are with us in this land, just as you are with people over all the world. May we go forth to announce your rule by all we do from this day forth. In Christ’s name we pray.

Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #346**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

St. Thomas (Wade)

**CHARGE & BENEEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**POSTLUDE**

“Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554”

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

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: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
David Carl
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/ Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Zaida Collins and Julian Valencheck
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME
Please join us in the McKelvy Room after worship 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 x118).

♦ 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 x111). The cost is $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. March 12 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. March 12 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching I Got Here First (part of the Lenten sermon series Unfaithful Words).

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 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more information, or to register for a future class (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
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Today’s Journey service DOD is Beth Minnigh. The Sanctuary service DOD is Susan Spangler.

Exploring ELPC’s Architecture
Marvel at the beauty of ELPC’s stunning Gothic architecture as Elder Stephen Evrard takes us on a tour of our Sanctuary and Chapel today after our 11 am service. Gather at the front of the Sanctuary. Allow 45 minutes for the tour and wear comfortable shoes.

Lenten Devotionals are Now Available
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PW Bible Study: Who is Jesus? — March 6 and 7
Join PW to continue the study Who is Jesus according to the Non-canonical Gospels on Monday, March 6 at 7 pm, or Tuesday, March 7 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor. A potluck lunch follows the Tuesday study, with soup and beverages provided. Please bring your own table setting and soup bowl, as well as a side to share. Childcare is available by request for the Tuesday study.

Young Adult Ministry: Road Trip with a Purpose — March 11
YAMs are invited to a day trip to the Bruderhof Christian Community in Farmington, PA on Saturday, March 11 to make new friends and to learn about intentional Christian living. We will leave ELPC at 1 pm and returning during the evening. Please visit www.bruderhof.com for details on this community. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net).

LGBTQ Ministry’s Spiritual Gathering — March 12
LGBTQ Ministry’s next spiritual gathering will be on Sunday, March 12 after the 11 am worship service. During this monthly meeting we will share food, fellowship and our stories. To learn more or to get involved please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114). All people are welcome!

The Disease of Addiction — March 12
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Church Family Baby Shower for Pastor Heather — March 19
Presbyterian Women invites everyone to a baby shower for Pastor Heather Schoenewolf in the Social Hall on Sunday, March 19 from 1–4 pm. The main course and cake will be provided for the potluck lunch. Please sign up to bring food on the bulletin board in the S Highland Ave hallway. Diapers will be collected and donated to the Presbytery Diaper Drive in honor of Heather and David's baby (raffle tickets will be awarded for each diaper package donated). If you would like to contribute to the church’s gift to the baby (but this isn’t necessary, nor are bringing diapers necessary!), email cameronteacoach@gmail.com or hairdorn@gmail.com.

Get Your ELPC T-Shirt — Order by March 12
It’s time again to order ELPC tie-dyed shirts! Pre-orders will be taken through March 12 by contacting Amy Bialek (412.758.1600; amybialek@gmail.com). All shirts are just $10. East Liberty Presbyterian Church is printed on the front and God Created You. God Loves You. Be Yourself. is printed on the back.

Grief Support Group – Begins March 6
ELPC will host a Grief Support Group on Monday evenings from 6:30–8 pm, March 6 through April 10. The group will be facilitated by Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada, licensed psychotherapists, and is open to anyone in the community who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants should plan to attend all six sessions. This group is offered free of charge. If you have questions or want more information, contact Ted (240.446.4937) or Susan (240.285.6507).

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

Elizabeth Alcorn, Ray Anthony, Kathy Callahan’s mother Ginny and friend Dean, David Carl’s co-worker Linda and her grandson Kain, Kate Carlson’s brother-in-law Ray, Rick Frederick, Sharon Geibel, Barbara Goodwin’s husband John, Jan Herzer’s friends Merrel, Frankie, Francine, Bob and Mick, Buzz Hutchison’s sister-in-law Elaine, Nancy Latshaw, Heather Lawrence’s sister Christine, Lee Lewand, Kathleen Mahin’s friend Jesse, 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, Mary Randolph’s mother Cecilia, David Schoenewolf’s co-worker Maureen, Tim Sergi’s mother Jean, and Pat Valoon and her friend Robert.

Our condolences to Carol Chonoska on her father’s passing.

Our condolences to Jan Irvin on his 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

Baby Shower Planning....................... Tuesday, 4:30 pm (Rm 244)
Property........................................... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)
Mission Board................................. Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)

In our Community

Interfaith Service for Peace & Non-Violence — March 7
The Rev. Glenn Grayson will deliver the message at the Interfaith Service for Peace and Non-Violence at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church (2001 Wylie Ave, 15219) on Tuesday, March 7 at 6 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm). Mayor Bill Peduto, Councilman Daniel Lavelle and Police Chief Scott Schubert will also have special remarks. For more info, please call 412.212.8775, email cav.pgh@gmail.com, or visit www.b-pep.net.

RCC Cabaret: The Power of Pop — March 11 and 12
Renaissance City Choir will present their Cabaret The Power of Pop in the ELPC Social Hall at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 11, and on Sunday, March 12 at 3 pm. They will present music to uplift and encourage the LGBTQA community in a continuing struggle for equality, freedom, and respect, drawn from the artistry of Lady Gaga, Melissa Etheridge, Paul Simon, the Beatles, Kelly Clarkson, Queen, Matt Alber, Joe Stevens, and more. The performance will be directed by Alexandra Vansuch, choreographed by Kaitlin Mausser, with RCC Music Director Jeffry Blake Johnson. For tickets, please call 1.800.838.3006, or visit www.rccpittsburgh.com.

Wills and Estate Planning — March 11
A free two-hour seminar on wills and estate planning will be held at 10 am on Saturday, March 11 at Beulah Presbyterian Church (2500 McCrady Rd, Churchill). Presenting the program will be Michael D. DeMarco, attorney with DeMarco Negle & Lane, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, United States District Court and the US Tax Court. For more info, call 412.242.4570.

“Walk On By” Exhibit — Begins March 24
View homelessness as seen through the eyes of local artists at the exhibit Walk On By beginning on Friday, March 24 from 6-9 pm at Future Tenant Gallery (819 Penn Ave, Cultural District, downtown) at the opening reception. On Thursday, March 23 from 6-8 pm, a panel discussion about the intersection between homelessness and the lack of affordable housing will take place at the gallery. Admission is free for these two events, and there will be free admission weekends from March 24-April 2. For more info, visit www.ncmin.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

March 12 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Good Shepherd” led by Caitlin Cleaver

Journey with Scripture – Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5,13–17; John 3:1–17, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers – “The Problem of Suffering and Evil in the Christian Tradition” led by Dr. Heather Vacek

Soul Food – A concluding discussion of Week 3 of Open the Door by Joyce Rupp, led by Bobby Egelston, Michele Bosser and Yamuna Morgenstern

YAMs – “YAM-led discussion and Prayer Series throughout Lent” facilitated by Wil Forrest

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).

Be a New Member Host (please contact Wil Forrest) ♦