TIME OF PREPARATION
“Jesus, as an infant you fled to Egypt with your mother Mary and Joseph. You were a vulnerable family in a foreign land, looking for shelter and sustenance. Help us to welcome those like you who cross our borders today. Give us hearts of compassion, humane response, and laws that respect the dignity of all immigrants. Amen.” — Adapted from Education for Justice

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organist
“Andante with Variations in D” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Presbyterian Women
Sherry Anderson

* 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
Isaac, Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz
Leader: Dear Jesus, our journey through life is long and hard.
People: We cannot make this trip alone; we must walk together on the journey.
Leader: You promised to send us a helper, your Spirit.
People: Help us to see your Spirit in those you send to journey with us.
Leader: In the refugee family, seeking safety from violence,
People: Let us see your Spirit.
Leader: In the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables,
People: Let us see your Spirit.
Leader: In the asylum seeker, seeking justice for himself and his family,
People: Let us see your Spirit.
Leader: In the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world,
People: Let us see your Spirit.
Leader: Teach us to recognize that as we walk with each other, you are present.
People: Teach us to welcome not only the strangers in our midst but the gifts they bring as well: the invitation to conversion, communion, and solidarity.
Leader: This is the help you have sent: we are not alone.
People: We are together on the journey, and for this we give you thanks.
Leader: Together, let us worship the Living God!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
CALL TO CONFESION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  

Gracious God, hear our prayer. You have created us as a human family, but too often we neglect this call. We live into perceived limits rather than our hope in what is possible through you. We too often approach those who are different from us from a place of fear rather than with a spirit of acceptance. We desire to welcome all in your name, but too often grow weary or complacent, excluding others by what we have left undone. Open our hearts so that we might honor the dignity of all your people. Open our ears to hear your call. Grant us the courage to work toward justice and reconciliation in our lives and in our world, so that all may know your goodness and love.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Psalm 121  
Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain as directed.

HELP comes only from the Lord,  
the maker of heav’n and earth.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON  
Genesis 47:1-6  
Isaiah Wilson

SPECIAL MUSIC  
“America” (from West Side Story)  
Lyrics: Stephen Sondheim  
Setting by Hal H. Hopson

I like to be in A merica! O.K. by me in A merica! Ev’rything free in A merica, for a small fee in A merica! I like the city of San Juan. I know a boat you can get on. Hundreds of flowers in full bloom. Hundreds of people in each room! A automobile in A merica, chromium steel in A merica, wire spoke wheel in America, very big deal in America! I’ll drive a Buick through San Juan. If there’s a road you can drive on. I’ll give my cousins a free ride. How you fit all of them inside? Immigrant goes to America, many hellos in America; nobody knows in America, Puerto Rico’s in America! When I will go back to San Juan. When you will shut up and get gone? I’ll give them new washing machine. What have they got there to keep clean? I like the shores of A merica! Comfort is yours in A merica! Knobs on the doors in A merica, wall-to-wall floors in America! I’ll bring a TV to San Juan. If there’s a current to turn on! Everyone there will give big cheer! Everyone there will have moved here!

West Side Story premiered on Broadway in 1957 and was inspired by Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. The story, a rivalry between two teenage gangs of different ethnic backgrounds, is set in the Upper West Side of New York City in the mid 1950s.
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 #322 (sing 2x) “We Are One in Christ Jesus” SOMOS UNO

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2:11-22 The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON “Unfaithful Phrases: I Got Here First” The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

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. Callahan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Calvin Hampton


* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

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: We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. In him you have made us one, conquered divisions among us, and called us to love. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* RECESSATIONAL HYMN #317 McKee

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE “Little Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555” attr. J. S. Bach
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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Sherry Anderson
Isaac, Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz
Aura S. Jirau
Isaiah Wilson

**Musicians:** Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Laura Ristau, violin

**Acolyte:** Nadine Mazingi

**Beadle:** Matt Stufft

**Crucifer:** Margaret Edgecombe

**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.

♦ **Worship Flowers**

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Anna Barabara Negley Brick, Miss Georgina G. Negley, Miss Alice Negley and Miss Sarah J. M. Negley.

♦ **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 19 — 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. March 19 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching *I Can’t Make a Difference* (part of the Lenten sermon series Unfaithful Words).

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**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 (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

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**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 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 Liz Gonda. The Sanctuary service DOD is Henry Petrilli.

Lenten Devotionals are Now Available
As we begin our Lenten journey together, Christian Education (CE) is offering Lenten devotionals for people of all ages. Devotionals can be picked up on the table outside of the East Transept and on the 2nd floor CE table.

LGBTQ Ministry’s Spiritual Gathering
LGBTQ Ministry’s spiritual gathering will held today 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
Gordon Jenkins, Drug and Alcohol Coordinator of East Liberty Family Health Care Center, will speak today after the 11 am worship service in Room 234. His subject, The Disease of Addiction, will cover the stages of addiction as well as the spiritual, mental and physical aspects of the disease. Light refreshments will be served.

Get Your ELPC T-Shirt — Final Day to Today
It’s time again to order ELPC tie-dyed shirts! Pre-orders will be taken through today by contacting Amy Bialek (412.758.1600; amyebialek@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 — Mondays
ELPC will host a Grief Support Group on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm through April 10. The group is 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. 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).

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 camerontteacoach@gmail.com or hairdorn@gmail.com.

Book and Video Study — March 23
All are welcome to a study series sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee beginning Thursday, March 23 from 6:30-8 pm as we read and discuss Teilhard de Chardin’s Mysticism: Seeing the Inner Face of Evolution (Orbis Books, 2014), and watch several videos by other scholars on cosmology and theology. Join the conversation, which will continue on Thursdays, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, and June 1.

Tween Game Night — March 24
Youth in grades 4–6 and their friends are invited to come have dinner and play gym and board games at ELPC on Friday, March 24. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info, times, or to register (SaraH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x120).

OMH Circles Dinner — March 28
Four times a year, ELPC provides dinner for OHM (Open Hand Ministries) families who are working hard on improving their financial situation and reaching their goals. Consider helping them along the way by donating food and/or serving dinner on Tuesday, March 28. The dinner is a simple, yet impactful way to get to know the families. Email Carol Bonner (lobonner@gmail.com) to help or with any questions.

PW Spring Retreat — March 31 to April 1
Please see the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the Highland Ave hallway for brochures and registration forms for the PW Retreat Unnamed Women of the Bible with Sara Hackett from March 31 to April 1 at Camp Crestfield. For more info, please contact Kay Shissler (412.681.2047; kshissler@juno.com).
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,
David Carl’s co-worker Linda and her grandson Kain,
Kate Carlson’s brother-in-law Ray,
Barbara Goodwin’s husband John,
Lee Lewand,
Deborah Marx’s friends Monica and Chris,
Polly McQueen’s brother Clay,
Deborah Marx’s cousin Eileen and her family,
Mary Randolph’s mother Cecilia,
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.

Committee Meetings This Week

Officer Training.............................. Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 244)
Personnel ......................... Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Pastor’s Conf Rm)
Deacons .................................. Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)
Worship, Music & Arts.............. Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 244)

Register for our All-Church Retreat — May 5 to 7
Everyone is welcome to join us at our All-Church Retreat at Crestfield Camp from Friday–Sunday, May 5–7 (Pittsburgh Marathon weekend). Our theme is Road Trip: Our Journey Together. Registration is now open and rooms will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Please note that all are welcome.

Transportation and partial scholarships are available upon request. Visit www.ELPC.church for details.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
March 19 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries — “Resurrection and Life” led by Charles Nordquist

Journey with Scripture — Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–11; John 4:5–42, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers — “Daring to Doubt (part 1)” led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Soul Food — A beginning discussion of Week 4 of Open the Door by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Michelle Bard

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

RCC Cabaret: The Power of Pop — TODAY

Renaissance City Choir will present the final performance of their Cabaret The Power of Pop in the ELPC Social Hall today 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.

“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.

Annual Women and Biking Forum — April 1

On Saturday, April 1 from 10 am-3 pm, BikePGH will host the 4th annual Women and Biking Forum presented by Dollar Bank. The forum will be held at the Ace Hotel, and will feature keynote speaker Victoria Robinson, Black Girls Do Bike’s first “Shero.” Women of all ages and skill levels will have a choice of a variety of workshops, ranging from learning the basics of bike mechanics, getting around town comfortably, methods to access athletic bike events, and becoming a stronger advocate for safe cycling.

Forum registration includes the workshops, keynote speaker presentation, lunch, and a post-forum celebratory bike ride. BikePGH will also be offering a women’s-only City Cycling class the following day.

To register for the event, please visit BikePGH’s online event page (http://bikepgh.org/forum) or call the BikePGH office (412.325.4334). Save 20% on the registration with discount code COMMUNITYBIKES.

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)