



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God—the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God’s unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ’s radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)*

## NOVEMBER 26, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
God of power and love,  
you raised Jesus from  
death to life, resplendent  
in glory to rule over all  
creation. Free the world  
to rejoice in his peace, to  
glory in his justice, and  
to live in his love. Unite  
all humankind in Jesus  
Christ your Son, who  
lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

Blind French organist  
and composer Jean  
Langlais (1907-1991)  
was organist at the  
Basilica of Sainte-  
Clotilde in Paris from  
1945-1988.

The tune for *All Hail the  
Power of Jesus’ Name*  
was composed by Oliver  
Holden (1765-1844), a  
carpenter by trade who  
helped rebuild  
Charlestown after it had  
been burned by the  
British. He later was a  
state representative for  
Massachusetts and  
composed the tune for  
this hymn text shortly  
after the birth of his first  
daughter (1793).

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with a whole heart, so that desiring thee we may seek and find thee; and so finding thee, may love thee; and loving thee, may hate those sins which separate us from thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ.”  
— St. Anselm (1033-1109 AD)

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” Tim Fields  
“Song of Peace” Jean Langlais  
*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.*  
*Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The Rev. Dr. Bush  
People: Y también contigo. The Rev. Dr. Bush  
And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 95)

Carla Depperman

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Leader: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving and songs of praise!  
People: **For the Lord is a great God, and we are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.**  
Leader: All praise and honor be to God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #263

CORONATION

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have been slow to acknowledge his rule, giving our allegiance to the **powers of this world. We have failed to be governed by Christ’s example of justice, mercy and love.** By your grace, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, ever obeying the commands of our Lord and Savior. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

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**"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.**  
(Revelation 22:16-17)

*Process theology* refers to theologies that emphasize how all of life is dynamic and ever-changing, and thus God and all of creation is dynamically interconnected. Change and "becoming" is just as important as essence and "substance."  
Developed by Alfred North Whitehead, Charles Hartshorne and Marjorie Suchocki, *process theology* believes God both affects and is affected by events that occur in time.

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* was originally a Latin hymn, translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) in 1851. Neale, an Anglican priest, translated many hymn texts in our hymnal, including *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* and *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #273 (*please remain seated*)

HE IS KING

**"He Is King of Kings"**

*Choir soloists sing verses; congregation sings chorus.*

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords.

Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-40

Barbara Griffin

Matthew 25:41-46

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children.*

*Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.*

\* HYMN #274

**"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"**

PICARDY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

**"A Theology of Process"**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Jan Pressman

**Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering**

*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 **"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"**

Craig Courtney

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,*

*Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;*

*Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;*

*Come with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray;*

*And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.*

*Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;*

*What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;*

*And here after in your glory evermore with you to reign.*

*Praise and honor to Creator, praise and honor to the Son,*

*Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:*

*One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!*

\* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER:  
 Lord Jesus, when did I see you hungry? When did I see you thirsty? When did I welcome you, or clothe you, or take care of you, or visit you? Have I ignored your claim upon my time, my attention, my resources? Open my eyes; melt my heart; enlighten my understanding. Let me see you in the world, welcome you as my brother, and serve you as my Lord, with the family you acknowledge as your own: the poor, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner. Amen.

Richard Proulx (1937-2010) based his trumpet tune on the hymn tune WESTMINSTER ABBEY, found in the *Glory to God Hymnal* at #394.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:  
 George Washington designated today for general thanksgiving for the adoption of the new American Constitution (1789); abolitionist and women's rights' activist Sojourner Truth died in Battle Creek, MI (1885); the movie *Casablanca* premiered in New York City (1942); India became a republic within the British Commonwealth (1949); and Queen Elizabeth decided to begin paying income taxes on her personal income (1992).

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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, use us and these gifts to do as you commanded: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, and honor your presence in all people. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #267

MADRID

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune on “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”* Richard Proulx

*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
Carla Depperman  
Barbara Griffin  
Jan Pressman  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/  
Music Director*  
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolyte: David Bellin  
Beadle: Lenore Williams  
Crucifer: Josh Bellin  
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 x118).

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers today are in loving memory of Dr. Paul C. Williams on his birthday, from the Williams, Fabilli and Motley families.

◆ 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.  
*Dec 3* — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
First Sunday in Advent  
*Dec 3* — 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 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 an *Inquirers' Class* on Sundays, Dec 3 and 10 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering

Presbyterian Women will honor the women of ELPC by receiving Presbyterian Women's *Thank Offering* this morning. All loose change and bills placed in the offering plates this morning will go to the *Thank Offering* in support of its programs helping women and children throughout the world.

### Hanging of the Greens

In preparation for the Advent season, volunteers are invited to stay after worship today to help us decorate our Sanctuary with the trees, wreaths, and garlands that symbolize the good news of Christ's promised presence.

### The Great Exchange

Folks of all ages are invited to join us in the Social Hall for *The Great Exchange* today at Noon. We will share a simple lunch and explore some fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of *traditions*.

### Examine ELPC's Architecture

Join our tour guide following today's 11 am worship service for a closer look at the history, Gothic architecture, stained glass, and symbolism of the Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary after worship.

### Advent Devotionals

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to offer Advent devotionals to help you reflect on God's love for us in Christ. They are available at the Journey service, outside the Sanctuary, and on the 2nd floor table. Devotionals include:

- ✦ *Pop-Up Advent Calendar* — Each day of Advent, children can open a new window and reflect on a part of the special story about God's love
- ✦ *Living the Gospel Life* — Pocket-size devotional for teens and adults offers reflections, scripture passages, and a daily challenge
- ✦ *Oh Holy Night* — Takes families on a prayer journey offering a prayer, reflection, and activity for each day
- ✦ *Glory to God in the Highest* — Booklet for adults explores how God's glory was revealed through the birth of Christ our Savior.

For those of you preferring a paperless devotional, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers an online devotional written by students in their Doctor of Ministry program. You can read them online ([www.pts.edu](http://www.pts.edu)), sign up for daily emails, listen on the web, follow along on Facebook and Twitter, or download a free app for your phone.

### Stewardship Pledges

Please remember to submit your 2018 stewardship pledge! Extra pledge cards are available in the pews, Narthex and East Transept doors. Thank you for your generosity!

### The Chapel Market

*The Chapel Market* will be closed on Monday, Nov 27. As the weather gets colder, donations of men's, women's, children's and infant's winter coats and boots are needed, as are winter clothing for children and men. Beginning Dec 7, and continuing the first Thursday monthly, *The Chapel Market* will be open evening hours (5–7:30 pm), and will continue to be open every Monday morning (10 am–Noon). For more info or to volunteer, please contact Linda and Harold Deiss ([deisslh@consolidated.net](mailto:deisslh@consolidated.net)).

### Faith, Science, and Our Spiritual Life Discussion – Nov 30

Join us on Thursday, Nov 30 from 6:30-8 pm as we discuss the intersection between the science of our universe and our understanding of the Divine. We will read, watch videos, and try to make meaning of this precious moment which we share. You are welcome whether you have read and studied these questions before! (*Note: there will be no Discussion on Dec 28, but this monthly offering will resume on Jan 25.*)

### TRAIL Event: First Friday @ Shadracks – Dec 1

The next TRAIL young adult event *First Friday @ Shadracks* will be held on Friday, Dec 1 when we will meet at ELPC at 7 pm to leave for Butler for the *world's largest drive-through, fully synchronized, LED Christmas light and music show of its kind*. RSVP to Wil to save your seat in the van.

### Inquirers' Classes – Dec 3 and 10

If you are interested in becoming a member or friend of ELPC, or learning more about Presbyterian theology, please attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sundays, Dec 3 or 10 from 12:15-2 pm. Lunch is provided. Contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more info ([GloriaK@coh.net](mailto:GloriaK@coh.net)).

### Support the Annual Christmas Giving Tree – Dec 3 and 10

Every year, the Deacons organize the *Christmas Giving Tree* to benefit children and families.

The *Giving Tree* will be set up in the **McKelvy Room, East Transept Hall and/or Narthex** on Sundays, Dec 3 and 10, as well as on Wednesday, Dec 6. Stop by and select a gift tag. Deacons will be on hand to help you record your name and phone number with the information from your tag.

Wrapped gifts, with tags securely attached, are due back in the church office no later than Noon on Sunday, Dec 17. If you would like to participate by donating money, please make the check out to "ELPC Giving Tree" and deliver it to the church office.



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

David Carl's father Alfred,  
Carol Chontos' father David, Kathy Kiewra,  
Pam Kimmel's niece Jen, Lee Lewand, Mike Maiolo,  
Gail Noden, Dominic Odim's brother,  
Henry Petrilli's father Larry, Sel Whitaker, and Pat Valoon.

Our condolences to the family of  
Reggie Plato on his passing.  
His service will be on Tuesday,  
Nov 28 at 11 am in the ELPC Sanctuary.



Congratulations to John Buckley and Emily Rosenthal  
on the birth of their granddaughter Karon Grace.

### Committee Meetings This Week

Officer Nominating..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 250)  
Peace..... Thursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)

### Youth Ministry Event: DG2! – Dec 3 and 28

Students in grades 4–12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together!* (DG2!)—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—to work on service projects in our community on Sunday, Dec 3 from Noon-2:30 pm, and also on Thursday, Dec 28 from 3-8 pm. A permission slip is required. Contact Sara Hackett for more info.

### PW Bible Study – Dec 4 and 5

Join Presbyterian Women on Monday, Dec 4 at 7 pm, and/or Tuesday, Dec 5 at 10 am for their Bible study titled *In Community with God's Messengers*. Tuesday's session will be followed by a potluck lunch. All are welcome!

### LGBTQ Ministry – Dec 10

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* will be held on Sunday, Dec 10 after the 11 am worship service when we will be doing a soup potluck and telling stories. See Wil for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

### The Pageant of Peace – Dec 10

All people are invited to enjoy our annual *Christmas Pageant* in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec 10 at 10 am, as the children and middle school youth of ELPC reenact the story of the birth of Jesus. This year's pageant will be authored by Ashley Birt.

There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, Dec 9 at 9:30 am, followed by a brief Christmas party for participants. All children and youth in grade 8 and under are invited to participate. Youth in grades 6–8 are asked to attend Church School on Sunday, Dec 3, or let Sara Hackett know that you will be participating.

### Church Tours – Dec 10 and 24

- ◆ Trinity Chapel on Dec 10
- ◆ Sanctuary and Chapel on Dec 24

Please gather in the front of the Sanctuary after the 11 am worship service to join the tour group. All are welcome!

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Human Rights Festival and Write-a-thon – Dec 6

Join *Amnesty International Pittsburgh* on Wednesday, Dec 6 for their 31st annual *Write-a-thon and Human Rights Festival* from 6-9 pm at Calvary Episcopal Church. Stop in and stay as long as you can to write letters, talk to activists and receive information about local groups working on local, national and international issues. Free refreshments. A *Candlelight Ceremony* and *City Council Proclamation* at 7:30 pm will also be part of the event.

### Belle Voci Performs with River City Brass – Dec 7

On Thursday, Dec 7 at 7:30 pm, Belle Voci of Pittsburgh will perform with River City Brass in a spectacular holiday concert at Carnegie Music Hall (Oakland). Purchase tickets by calling 412.434.7222.

### Christmas in East Liberty – Dec 15

Join us as our *Cathedral Concerts* series continues with a joyous performance in the ELPC Sanctuary on Friday, Dec 15 at 7:30 pm. The Brass Roots returns for another festive concert with the ELPC Chancel Choir and Dr. Edward Alan Moore at the organ. A freewill offering will be received.

### Advent Mini-Retreat – Dec 17

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to participate in an *Advent Mini-Retreat* on Sunday, Dec 17 after the 11 am worship service. A light lunch will be served. Come reflect upon the amazing gift of incarnation and treat yourself to a real celebration of Christmas!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Dec 3 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries (Harambe Rm)** – “Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited: Mary’s Call in the Annunciation” facilitated by Mary Alice Lightle

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** – Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Chapel)** – “Christmas Stories: Re-learning the Gospel with Matthew and Luke” led by Dr. Tucker Ferda

**Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm)** – A beginning discussion of chapter six of *Everything Belongs* by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Shirley Fair, and Michelle Bard

### Church School Updates

There will be no Church School classes on Sundays, Dec 10, 24 or 31, so that we all can enjoy the Christmas Pageant and take a holiday break. Classes will resume on *Winter Rally Day*, Sunday, Jan 7.