TIME OF PREPARATION

“Until the Cognitive Revolution (circa 70,000 BCE), the doings of all human species belonged to the realm of biology. From the Cognitive Revolution onwards, historical narratives replace biological theories as our primary means of explaining the development of Homo sapiens. To understand the rise of Christianity or the French Revolution, it is not enough to comprehend the interaction of genes, hormones and organisms. It is necessary to take into account the interaction of ideas, images and [stories] as well.”

— Yuval Harari, Sapiens

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy composed a set of voluntaries by the English publishers Coventry and Hollier. Mendelssohn composed several voluntaries and then decided to extend them and organize them into a set of six sonatas. The use of the term sonata does not refer to the classical sonata form, but rather as it had been used by Bach, as a suite of varying pieces. Mendelssohn’s six sonatas, his opus 65, were published in 1845.

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

“Grave and Adagio (Sonata II)”

* 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 (from Psalm 139)

Leader: O Lord, you know us so well; you know our sitting down and our rising up. You discern our thoughts from afar.

People: O God, you are acquainted with all our ways. There is not a word on our lips but you, O Lord, know it completely.

Leader: If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. There is nowhere we can go to flee from your presence.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us. We are wonderfully and marvelously made.

Leader: We rejoice in God’s providential care that has been with us from the dawn of time and continues with us this very day. Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have not listened to your word nor have we followed your will. We have sinned against you, one another, and ourselves. Yet we seek ears to hear your wisdom and hearts open to serving all of your creation. Help us begin again this day with renewed strength and faithfulness. Lord, hear our prayer.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
Sung Reflection Hymn #291 (please remain seated; vs. 1 only) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

(Refrain) Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; And over the eons you called to each thing, “Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (Refrain)

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel.
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

Hebrew Scripture Reading Psalm 139:7-18 Mario Seneca

Litany in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Moments with our Children

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 #760 (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6) “Bring Many Names” Westchase

Hebrew Reading Genesis 2:4b-9 The Rev. Dr. Bush

Sermon “Christ and Cavemen-part 1” The Rev. Dr. Bush

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer The Rev. 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

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 “Adam lay ybounden” Robert Lehman

A dam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,
Four thousand winter thought he not too long;
And all was for an apple, and apple that he took,
As clerkes vinden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady abeen heavene queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was:
Therfore we moun singen: Deo Gratias.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
* PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Today I give you thanks for breath and life, for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends, and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity. Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings and show me sides of life that I have not known or have been reluctant to welcome. Urge me to follow you today wherever you may lead; in Christ’s name. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

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.  
Leader: Lord, as we experience the flow of history and move through the routine of our days, may our hearts be open to your call, our hands be responsive to the needs of all, and our gifts be generously given to serve according to your perfect will and guiding spirit. In Christ’s name we pray.  
People: Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #26  
“Earth and All Stars!”  
EARTH AND ALL STARS

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata II)”

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 L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Mario Seneca
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolyte: Charlotte Brake-Hoffman
Beadle: Lenore Williams
Crucifer: Aveion LaVert
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Whitfield Lobby for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome! Please follow the signs posted in the front of the Sanctuary leading to the location, or take the elevator to the ground floor.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

We would like to extend a special Thank You! to ELPC member Suzan Krauland and her business partner Carolyn Walker from Bloom Brigade for preparing the Sanctuary flowers to enhance our worship space.

♦ 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 21 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf.

11 am........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. Jan 21 — 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
The Prayer Room will re-open after the first floor renovations are completed. The Sanctuary and Chapel are available for prayer (barring a scheduled event).

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 Whitfield Lobby. 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 Feb 4 and 11 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. 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.
TODAY AT ELPC

Fellowship Time
Please join us in the Whitfield Lobby for Fellowship Time after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. All are welcome! Please follow the directional signs in the front of Sanctuary, or take the elevator to level G (ground floor).

Interfaith Panel on the Use of Sound in Faith
Our Christian life—like that of virtually every other faith—is saturated with sound. Bells call us to worship, we sing our praises to God, and are moved by beautiful anthems to the accompaniment of organ, piano, and other instruments. We clap our appreciation, utter aloud prayers and liturgy, and, of course, we listen to sermons, teachers, and the words of others.

Join the Spiritual Life Committee in the Social Hall today from Noon-3 pm as we explore the science and spiritual dimensions of sound in our own tradition and that of other faiths. A light lunch will be provided.

LGBTQ Ministry
All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next Spiritual Gathering will be at 12:30 pm today. Please See Wil for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

Explore the Sanctuary & Chapel
Join us after this morning’s 11 am worship service for an architectural tour of our beautiful, Gothic Sanctuary and Romanesque Chapel. Our guide will discuss these architectural styles, as well as the history and symbolism of these unique spaces. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. Today’s Journey and Sanctuary services DOD is Susan Spangler.

Church Events and Announcements
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Nursery Open House — Jan 21
In an effort to best minister to families with young children (birth through pre-school), we are hosting an Open House in the 1st floor Nursery on Sunday, Jan 21, during the Church School hour (9:45–10:45 am).

Gather with other families in a kid-friendly space for light refreshments, fellowship, and an opportunity to share ideas and insights about how ELPC can best meet the needs of families with young children. Please RSVP to Gloria Knopp by Wednesday, Jan 17 so that we have enough refreshments for everyone (GloriaK@coh.net).

Special Music Next Sunday — Jan 21
Next Sunday’s 11 am worship service will feature special musicians — a string quartet, violin soloist, and a flute soloist who is also a Hope Academy teaching artist. They will be performing with our choir as well as performing Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto #5 with Pastor Randy at the Prelude and Offertory. Please join us!

Having an Energy Efficient Home: Open House — Jan 21
ELPC members Lucy de Barbaro and Ayres Freitas are holding an Open House for anyone interested in learning how to make their house more efficient and comfortable. Their residence, located at 2883 Fernwald Rd in Squirrel Hill, is built to Passive House standards, the most stringent energy efficiency standard in the world. Their electricity and heating bill combined was only $79 in December. However, the same principles could be applied in smaller measures to improve existing homes. Their Open House for ELPC parishioners will be held from 12:30-4 pm on Sunday, Jan 21. All interested people are welcome.

Young Adult Chant and Chat — Jan 24
Young adults are invited to Chant and Chat on Wednesday, Jan 24. Share an evening starting at the 7 pm Taizé service, then gather in the 2nd floor Parlor to share a snack and discussion about different worship styles. Please contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net).

Faith, Science, and Our Spiritual Life — Jan 25
The Spiritual Life Committee invites you on the fourth Thursday of each month (Jan 25) from 6:30-8 pm for a shared discussion about Faith, Science and Our Spiritual Life.

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love. And no virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint; therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.

— Reinhold Niebuhr, The Irony of History
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As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Maxwell Addy’s mother Lillian,
Gloria Barber, Tim Benedict,
Carol Chontos’ father David,
Barbara DeWitt, Dave and Bobby Egelston’s friend Gary,
Mary Evrard’s aunt Laura,
Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy’s brother Christopher,
Jan Herzer’s friends Mike, Dan and Nicole,
Morris Jordan, Pam Kimmel’s niece Jen,
Lee Lewand, Rachel Mackey’s stepfather Haven,
Mariana Molinaro’s mother-in-law,
Heather Schoeneveld’s sister Erin,
Erin Starzynski’s mother Judy,
Cami Teacoach’s father Pat Valoon,
Tom Whalen’s friends Dan and Ed, and Antwone Wright.

Congratulations to Jose Luis and Chenoa Stock Claure on the birth of their son Leandro Aiden.

Condolences to the family of former ELPC employee Rob Brown on his passing.

Condolences to Kalyn Stevwing on her cousin’s daughter’s passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

The church will be closed until 7 pm tomorrow in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Justice ............................................. Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 227)
Planned Giving ........................... Today, 12:15 pm (Trustees’ Rm)
Youth & Young Adult ............... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 224)
Session ............................... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Makers’ Space-Rm 234)

Silent Retreat — Jan 26 to 28
Setting time apart for silence and reflection is a time honored tradition for gaining insight into one’s own life and deepening one’s own relationship with God. Join us from Jan 26-28 to share the silence with others on the journey at Kearns Spirituality Center near North Park from dinner on Friday evening until brunch on Sunday. Registration is required and includes an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. The cost is $135, but scholarship assistance is available. Please return completed registration forms (available in the Narthex) to the office of The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan.

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 x114).

♦ Meal Providers for Club 116 (8 dates still open) ♦

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Jan 21 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) — “Racial Identification and Social Justice” led by Mark Roth and the Rev. Carol Divens

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Jonah 3:1–5,10; Psalm 62:5–12; 1 Corinthians 7:29–31; Mark 1:14–20 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Highland Rm) — “The Politics of Jesus in the Gospels” led by Dr. Tucker Ferda

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) — A discussion of The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Pam Napier-Barnes and Judy Roberts

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor — Rooms, teachers and curriculum information can be found at www.ELPC.church