TIME OF PREPARATION
“Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right or your left side, not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right side or your left side, not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition. But I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth and in commitment to others, so we can make of this old world a new world.”
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“Adagio in A” César Franck
“When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. Robert Lind

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* 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
Leader: Upon this gathering of your people,
People: Pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
Leader: Be near to us and speak to us,
People: And we will proclaim your glory.
Leader: Lead us into your realm of life,
People: And bless us with your peace.
Leader: Let us worship God!

* PROCESIONAL HYMN #667
Laudes Domini
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Schoenewolf
God, you are our strength and our savior. You know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. You move us toward better lives of worth and righteousness, but sadly we move slowly and stumble often along the way. Forgive us, gracious God. Through humility, sustained by your grace, may we ever seek for ourselves and for one another a life of justice, peace and love. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #469
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Leader: Though we wander from the truth, God brings us back and offers us new life and fresh hope. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ¡Alabén a Dios! Praise God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
James 5:13-20

HENRY and Lisa Petrilli

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Children
Lila Castle, daughter of Brian and Jen Castle
Parker Gilroy, son of Crystal Gilroy

Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #475
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

GOSPEL LESSON
Mark 9:38-50

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON
“Arguments & Answers: Being Worthy”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER
The Rev. Patrice L. 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. Fowler-Searcy

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
“We Shall Walk Through the Valley In Peace”
arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.
For Jesus himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.
We will meet our loved ones there.
We will meet our loved ones there.
For Jesus...
There will be no trials there.
There will be no trials there.
For Jesus...

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the Holiness of God, to feed the mind with the Truth of God, to purge the imagination by the Beauty of God, and to devote the will to the Purpose of God.
(Archbishop William Temple)

The worth of a State, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it.
(John Stuart Mill, On Liberty)

Moses George Hogan (1957-2003) was born in New Orleans and studied at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Juilliard School of Music. His arrangements of spirituals, over seventy in number, are performed regularly by choirs around the world.
* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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**Doxology at the Presentation**

* Old Hundredth

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

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: Your gift of life, O God, is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. Take these gifts of our lives; refine us, purify us, and let us be truly worthy for your work in the world, now and always.
People: Amen.

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**Recessional Hymn #804**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

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**Charge & Benediction**

Postlude: “Rigaudon”

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.

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**On This Date in History:**

Mozart’s opera The Magic Flute premiered in Vienna (1791), and George Gershwins’s opera Porgy and Bess opened in Boston (1935); African-American student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try to register for classes at the Univ. of Mississippi (1962); thousands of East Germans began emigrating to the West under an accord between the Soviet Union and NATO (1989); and the birthday of tennis star Martina Hingis (1980) and Pittsburgh-born actress Maddie Ziegler (2002).

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André Campra (1660-1744) was a prominent French opera composer and, from 1694 to 1700, music director at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.
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 110B.

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 (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.
   Available 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 Fellowship 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 after worship today and on Oct 7 from 12:30-2:30 pm in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. See Pastor Bush immediately after worship to attend today.
Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
Church Events and Announcements  
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TODAY AT ELPC

Sanctuary and Chapel Tour 
Learn about intricate design details in our Sanctuary and Chapel Tour today. Join the tour guide at the Highland Ave entrance following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

YAM Event: Getting Your Just Desserts 
After worship today, young adults are invited to spend the afternoon together by going to the Melting Pot at Station Square for some delicious chocolate fondue (and perhaps more). See Wil Forrest immediately after the service to see if there’s any space available (Wil@coh.net).

ONC Needs Your Suggestions 
The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is looking for members of the congregation committed to our church’s mission and who are willing to be considered for the office of Deacon or Elder. You can help us to develop a slate of candidates who are dedicated and representative of our congregation. Candidate Suggestions for ELPC Boards forms are available in the church’s mail room on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance.

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DODs) 
Today’s Journey service DOD is The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes. The Sanctuary service DOD is Susan Spangler.

Facility Administrator Position Available 
With the retirement of both Pam Kimmel, Business Administrator, and Luke Stevens, Projects Manager, and a change in our Engineering staff, ELPC is seeking to reimagine how our wonderful church building will be managed. In addition to the work done by Allen Miller and Paul Martin, we need another person – a Facility Administrator – to complete our property team. Could you be that person or might you know a likely candidate? Please read the position description on our web site (tiny.cc/ELPC-jobs) and address any questions to Pam Kimmel (pamelak@coh.net).

Bible Study – Oct 1 and 2 
All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for their Bible study on Monday, Oct 1 (7 pm), and Tuesday, Oct 2 (10 am). Monday’s group will meet for Bible study and fellowship in the Harambe Room. Tuesday’s group will meet for Bible study in the 2nd floor Parlor, followed by a potluck lunch. Soup will be provided, but please bring a side or salad to share, as well as your own place setting.

Food 4 Thought Begins — Oct 4 
Food 4 Thought is a no-cost learning support and enrichment program for youth in grades 6–8, which equips and encourages them by exploring and enjoying food. For more info about how your child can participate in our Food 4 Thought program, call Sara Hackett (412.673.2926). The program begins Oct 4 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Call Wil Forrest (412.260.2554) if interested in becoming an adult mentor.

First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House — Oct 5 
Young adults are invited to the TRAIL event First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House (300 39th St, 15201) on Oct 5 at 7 pm. Bring money to try the house beverage and an engaging question for the group to discuss.

Blessing of the Animals Service — Oct 6 
Our service of the Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, Oct 6 at 3 pm. Please bring your pets (on leashes!) to the Penn Ave steps of ELPC. A part of the service will be devoted to our pets who are no longer with us. You are encouraged to bring a collar or toy to be blessed. Water will be provided. In case of rain, our service will move into the Narthex. There will be an opportunity to make a donation that will go to Humane Animal Rescue.

At this time, we are seeking food donations for cats or dogs (can food or dry food), and old blankets and towels.

Tower Tour — Oct 7 
Climb the heights of our central tower at the Tower Tour on Sunday, Oct 7. Join the tour guide at the Highland Ave entrance following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

World Communion Sunday — Oct 7 
ELPC will join sibling congregations around the world to celebrate our oneness in Christ as we partake of the bread and cup at the Table and receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, Oct 7. After the 11 am service, Kendell Pelling, director of land recycling at East Liberty Development, Inc., will give an update on the redevelopment in our community. A light lunch will be served and a limited number of seats will be available for a short tour of our community.

Cathedral Concert — Oct 7 
The eighth season of ELPC’s Cathedral Concerts series kicks off with Grammy Award-winning artist Nathan Laube in concert on Sunday, Oct 7 at 3 pm. This concert will be presented in cooperation with the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh (OAS). Complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members from Dr. Edward Alan Moore (EdM@coh.net). A freewill offering will be received.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Michele Bossers’ cousin Laura,
David Carl’s aunt Yvonne,
Kate Carlson’s niece’s friend Kaitlyn,
Carol Chontos’ father David,
Molly Dimond-Stephanies’s sister-in-law Andrea,
Wil Forrest and his brother Loren,
Lee Lewand, and Russ Overfield.

Committee Meetings This Week

Justice ...........................................Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 227)
Nominating.................................Monday, 7:00 pm (Highland Rm)
Christian Ed...............................Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 227)
Property......................................Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)

Malawi/South Sudan Delegation in Pittsburgh — Oct 10-23
Every other year, we welcome our partners from Africa to Pittsburgh. This year is the 25th anniversary of the ELPC-Balaka CCAP partnership. The delegation will be with us Oct 10-23. Consider hosting a delegate during their stay. Contact Kay Shissler to volunteer (kshissler@juno.com).

Heretics, Doubters, and Other Saints — Oct 14
To help you on your faith journey, the Spiritual Life Committee is offering a new quarterly program as an opportunity for dialogue, called Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints. Join us at our first meeting on Sunday, Oct 14, following the 11 am service. Come together with others who have been carrying around secret doubts and questions, talk about the wide breadth of theology within the Presbyterian church, and explore how your personal faith might be more complete.

Meet Our Missionaries from Malawi — Oct 15
Presbyterian Women invite you to share lunch with visitors from Malawi on Monday, Oct 15 at Noon. Reservations are required; contact Kate Carlson (412.441.3800 x116; KateC@coh.net).

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Oct 20
All are invited to the next LGBTQ Ministry monthly spiritual gathering on Oct 20 at 2 pm. Contact Wil Forrest for more details or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

Cathedral Rummage Sale — Nov 3
We will accept donations of clothing, housewares, linens, jewelry, toys, books, DVD’s, records, Christmas items, and more beginning Oct 19 for our Cathedral Rummage Sale on Saturday, Nov 3 in the Social Hall. For more info, contact Lora Bethea (ljazzzbo@aol.com) or Tony Richardson-Eckes (overthepond_50@hotmail.com).

In our Community

“God’s Acre” and Other Stories by Bill Wade — Oct 18
Bill Wade presents God’s Acre and Other Stories, a multimedia projection of photographs and video that brings together the interests of art, history and health. This free one night event is on Thursday, Oct 18, beginning with a Homewood Cemetery tour at 6 pm. The rest of the program begins at 7 pm, which will be held in the chapel of Homewood Cemetery (1599 South Dallas Ave, 15217, Point Breeze). Contact wbillwade@verizon.net, or Homewood Cemetery (412.421.1822) for more info.

Book Discussion — Oct 25
The Environment Subcommittee of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of Eliza Griswold’s 2017 book Amity and Prosperity: One Family and the Fracturing of America at 7 pm on Thursday, Oct 25. Griswold writes of the devastating impact of fracking on two small communities near Washington, PA. We will discuss the first half of the book and set a date for further discussion. The book is available at Carnegie Library and in bookstores. For more info or to RSVP, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Sunday School Classes for all Ages

Oct 7 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Room) — “Theology for Presbyterians: The Bible” facilitated by the Contemporaries Steering Committee

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Job 1:1, 2:1–10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “The Church and Community Development” led by Pastor Patrice and Kendall Pelling

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A concluding discussion of chapter two of Surrender to Love by David Benner, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Bard, and Shirley Fair

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor — Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2, or contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

♦ Needed: Meal Providers for Club 116 this Fall ♦

Dates still needed: Oct 10, Nov 28 and Dec 5 + 12