PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy One, be with me as I pause and ponder all the love I saw and received today. Help me to see you in each moment of love. Where I fell short of being patient and kind, help me to feel your patience and kindness toward me, and give me peace, as I give this day back to you. Amen.

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), the famed blind organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, composed six symphonies for organ. He dedicated the third symphony to fellow organist and composer Marcel Dupré. Vierne died while seated at the organ console of Notre-Dame as he was playing an organ recital.

TIME OF PREPARATION
“Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.”
— Fyodor Dostoyevsky

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“Adagio from Symphonie III, Op. 28”
Louis Vierne

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE
Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Eddie, Jen, Ellie and Nate Willson
Leader: Our hope is in God all of our lives.
People: From the very beginning, God calls us, setting us apart with a meaning and a purpose.
Leader: God is a rock of refuge; a fortress against threat and shame.
People: God has held us since our birth.
Leader: In love, God saves and supports us.
People: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise.

* PROCESIONAL HYMN #401
“Here in This Place”
GATHER US IN
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Leader: God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God’s ability to make all things new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. ¡Alaben a Dios! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise God!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
Too Beautiful for Words is from the acclaimed 2005 Broadway musical (and 2015 revival) The Color Purple. In this song Shug sings to a withdrawn Celie, trying to make her see her own beauty when she has only ever been told how ugly she is.

"I think, therefore I am? Nonsense! I love, therefore I am." (William Sloane Coffin)

"Knowing the heart of Jesus and loving him are the same thing....The mystery of ministry is that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God." (Henri Nouwen)

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933) arranged the tune O Wal Y Waly in 1971 for his anthem setting based on I Corinthians 13. O Wal Y Waly is a tune of Scottish origin that is recognizable outside of the church set to the text The Water Is Wide.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

Eddie, Jen, Ellie and Nate Willson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Brenda Russell, Allee Willis, Stephen Bray

"Too Beautiful for Words"

You not ugly. You the grace of God if us ever see it. You don’t believe me. Miss Celie . . . Miss Celie, look here. Look at yourself. I’ve always been the kind of gal that had a lot to say. I says the things that’s on my mind, too dumb to shy away. But you hush my mouth and still me with a song I’ve never heard. I guess that means that you are just too beautiful for words. I’ve seen this life from high and low and all that’s in between. I danced with dukes, crooned with counts, been courted like a queen. But when I see what’s in your heart, all the rest is blurred. The grace you bring into this world’s too beautiful for words. You hide your head under your wing just like a little bird. Oh, don’t you know you’re beautiful, too beautiful for words? Celie, you’re too beautiful for words.

**MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Sara Hackett

Children of any age are welcome to come forward 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 #488**

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**SERMON**

"Tough Love"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**OFFERING INVITATION**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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**

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

text in Glory to God hymnal #693
* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

The communion bread is being presented by James Eng, Heather Eng, and Conrad Seamen.

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.
People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
People: 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

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward 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 #494

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts. We give you thanks and praise for nourishing us in this communion meal. By this bread and this cup, strengthen us to serve you and others in your name. Increase within us faith, hope and love, that we may abide in your grace, through Jesus Christ, our lover and our Lord. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #316

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Final from Symphonie III, Op. 28” Louis Vierne
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

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. Feb 10 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. Feb 10 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

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 on February 10 and 17 from 12:30-2 pm in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more information (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
Please Be Advised, We’re Streaming Worship
As part of ELPC’s mission to extend radical hospitality to all of our brothers and sisters, our full worship service will now be livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

Thanks to ELPC’s Young Adult Ministry for Greeting Today!
ELPC’s YAMs (young adult ministry) are greeters this morning. They will have a table set-up during Fellowship Time for anyone interested in learning more about this ministry and their upcoming events.

New Full Inclusion Subcommittee Meets Today
If you would like to be part of planning how and when ELPC participates in community events such as Pridefest, how we bring educational information and issues to our congregation, then please join the Full Inclusion subcommittee of the Justice Committee for their first meeting today at 12:30 pm in Rm 211. Contact Carol Chonoska (724.272.9722; carolchonoska@gmail.com) for more info.

Updating our Church Photo Directory
Diana Armstrong will take your photo for the new Church Photo Directory after the 11 am service today and on Feb 10 and 17 in the Highland Rm.

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
The journey service DOD is Beth Minnigh.
The Sanctuary service DOD is Matt Stufit.

PW Bible Study — Feb 4 and 5
All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for the Bible study titled God With Us Through Our Trials on Monday, Feb 4 at 7 pm in the Harambe Room and/or Tuesday, Feb 5 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor (followed by a potluck lunch; soup provided, but please bring a side or salad to share, as well as your own place setting).

Craft Groups — Feb 5 and 25
Consider joining one of our “hands on” groups to use your skills to care for others. All ages and skills are welcome. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (dnjcks@verizon.net; 412.441.6021).

Knitting Group — Tuesday, Feb 5, 1–3 pm
Sewing Group — Monday, Feb 25, 2:30–6 pm

Mission Ministry Opportunity — Feb 5
If you would like to help by volunteering or donating food for the Open Hand Ministries’ Circles Dinner on Tuesday, Feb 5, please contact Frank (fbauerle52@gmail.com; 817.705.6856).

Help Plan the Next Facing Systemic Racism Series — Feb 7
Help plan the 2019 Facing Systemic Racism series by attending an Open Meeting on Thursday, Feb 7 at 5:30 pm in the Garth Overlook Rm. Please come and share your thoughts! Contact Pastor Patrice (patricefs@coh.net) or Becky Gloninger (rag15@verizon.net) for more info.

Tween Craft Night — Feb 8
Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to make crafts and eat pizza at Tween Craft Night on Friday, Feb 8 from 6-8 pm. Please RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Cancelled: Spirituality & Art Expression Workshop — Feb 10
The Spiritual Life Committee’s Spirituality & Art Expression Workshop, scheduled for next Sunday, Feb 10, has been cancelled. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

ELPC Winter Food Drive — Distributed Feb 10 and 17
ELPC Deacons are sponsoring a Winter Food Drive in cooperation with EECM to assist our neighbors who experience food insufficiency during the winter months. The list of requested, non-perishable canned food items will be distributed on Sundays, Feb 10 and 17. Items are due on Sunday, Feb 24.

Church Tours — Feb 10 and 17
Our upcoming after-church tours will be held on Sunday, Feb 10 (Sanctuary and Chapel tour) and Sunday, Feb 17 (Trinity Chapel tour). All are welcome!

RELax: YAM Retreat at Camp Crestfield — Feb 15 to 17
One of the greatest challenges as young adults and in our culture is taking time to cease from all activities and relax. Take time to retreat on a small getaway to Slippery Rock, leaving Friday evening, Feb 15 and returning Sunday afternoon, Feb 17. We will explore, discuss, and practice how we are called to take time to relax and rest. The cost is $50 (partial/full scholarships available). Please contact Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114) to RSVP and for more information.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — Feb 17
All are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry at 12:30 pm on Sunday, Feb 17. Contact Wil Forrest for more info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Cecil Birt, Carol Chontos’ father David, Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea, Brittney Krieger’s friends Maysa, Yana and Zayn, Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen, Pat Valoon and Frances Wilson.

Condolences to Elaine Bellin and family on her mother’s passing.
Condolences to Suzanne Bennett on her husband’s passing.
His memorial service will be at 11 am on Friday, Feb 15 in the Chapel.
Condolences to Craig Cannon on his nephew’s passing.
Condolences to the family of Farley Whetzel on her passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Environmental Team.............Monday, 9:30 am (Trustees Rm)
Christian Ed........................Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 211)
Property.............................Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)
Environmental Team.............Friday, 1:15 pm (Highland Rm)

Youth Overnight — Feb 23
Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to an overnight at ELPC on Saturday, Feb 23, beginning at 7 pm! We’ll play games, eat snacks, and pray for our families and neighbors. On Sunday morning, we will wake up early to serve breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House before our Church School classes and worship. A permission slip is available on the 2nd floor and at www.ELPC.church. Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Congregational Meeting — Feb 24
All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual Congregational Meeting in the Social Hall after the Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, Feb 24 to review reports and financial budgets. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers also will be voted on. Lunch will be provided.

Welcoming the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett — Feb 24
We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, the new executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA), as our guest preacher on Sunday, Feb 24. She will also lead a combined adult Church School class in the Chapel. Dr. Moffett was most recently pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, before being called to head the PMA—the largest of the six program agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Thank You to all who volunteered and/or baked desserts for the post-gov’t shutdown dinner!

www.cathedralofhope.org/programs/iserve-2

In our Community

Beauty, Health and Wellness Luncheon — Feb 9
The annual Beauty, Health and Wellness Luncheon will be held on Saturday, Feb 9 from 1-5 pm at the Blakey Program Center (1908 Wylie Ave). This free event will feature demonstrations, screenings and educational info from local exhibitors in healthcare, fitness, nutrition and beauty, as well as a healthy lunch. Call 412.712.3276 for more info.

Belle Voci Concert — Feb 9
Belle Voci of Pittsburgh, in collaboration with Steel City Men’s Chorale, will perform All You Need is Love, a Beatles tribute concert on Saturday, Feb 9 at 7:30 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. Tickets are $20. For more info or to purchase tickets, please visit www.bellevociipgh.com.

Sing in the Anniversary Choir — May 19
You are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir and The Brass Roots on Sunday, May 19 as part of our 200th anniversary celebrations. Music will be provided and you will need to attend rehearsal on either (or both) Thursday, May 2 or 9, as well as on Thursday, May 16. Contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net) for details.

ELPC’s Chapel Market
The Chapel Market has had a great increase in folks visiting this winter. Thank you for all the donations. At this time there is still a need for men’s winter clothing as well as lip balm and medium sizes of lotion. Donations can be put in the boxes near the Highland Ave entrance. For more info, see Gerald McClendon or Rev. Patrice Fowler Searcy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
Feb 10 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “Love Love Love” led by Carolyn Russ
Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin
Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) — “Traditional African Wisdom: Spiritual and Moral Lessons for the Conscious Mind” led by Dr. Anthony B. Mitchell, professor in African/African-American Studies at the Pennsylvania State University
Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — combined with Seekers
♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦
Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor — Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church