MARCH 10, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

TIME OF PREPARATION
“My son has taken up meditation. At least it’s better than sitting doing nothing.”
— Max Kauffman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“Audi, benigne conditor”
O Kind Creator, bow thine ear to mark the cry, to know the tear,
Before thy throne of mercy spent in this thy holy fast of Lent.
ELPC Ringers
“O For a Thousand Tongues”
Raymond Haan

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* 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
The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes
Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.
People: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.
Leader: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.
People: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things.
Leader: For God is beside us during our Lenten journeys and surprises us with resurrection hope even today.
People: Let us worship God together!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #265
“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”
Duke Street

DEDICATION OF HANDBELL COVERS

HANDBELL ANTHEM
“Antiphonal Praise” Michael Bedford

CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Richardson-Eckes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Richardson-Eckes
O God, you are our refuge and our fortress. Forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We are swayed by false words and distracted by false priorities. We choose our ease and comfort over your claims to be servants of words and deeds. Too often we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Listen as we call to you and show us your salvation this day.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. So, friends, let us 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 #551 (remain seated)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Enriched Text: Traditional liturgical text.


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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

LENORE WILLIAMS

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

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 #543 (vs. 1, 2 and 5 only)

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

GREEN TYLER

GOSPEL LESSONS

Mark 5:38-42

Luke 7:11-15

John 11:38-44

The Rev. Schoenewolf

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

“Faith + Meditation”

“Gymnopédie no. 1”

“Piano Concerto no. 2 – Andante”

“Prelude, op. 23, no. 4”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

E. Satie (excerpt)

D. Shostakovich (excerpt)

S. Rachmaninoff

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. 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. 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 Lord Is My Shepherd”
Howard Goodall
text from Psalm 23

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION
The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Schoenewolf
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: Gracious and generous God, thank you for food that sustains us on our journey, for times of companionship that lift our spirits, for moments of quiet reflection that remind us of your ever-present love. Use these gifts for food, companionship, and comfort for others. In Christ’s name we pray.

People: Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #735
“I Need Thee Every Hour”
The Rev. Dr. Bush

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION
The Rev. Dr. Bush
Dr. Moore, organ

POSTLUDE
“Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554”
attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

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.
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

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x118).

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

Today’s Chancel flowers are given with gratitude for the lives of Elizabeth Capon and Paul Capon, mother and brother of Frances Irvin.

♦ 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 17 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am...........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.

March 17 — 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 Sundays, April 7 and 14 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

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

Luncheon for New Members and Friends
New members and friends who joined over the last year are invited to a New Members and Friends Luncheon today at 12:15 pm in the 3rd floor Music Room. Come and get to know other new members and learn about ELPC’s Spiritual Life offerings.

Sanctuary and Chapel Tour
A Sanctuary and Chapel tour will be led by ELPC elder Tim VanFleet after today’s 11 am Sanctuary worship service. All are welcome! Please gather at the Highland Ave lobby entrance.

Earth Care Challenge Event
Please join the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee in the Social Hall after today’s 11 am service to learn about steps you and your family can take now to help save our planet from the harsh effects of climate change. Environmental activist and documentary filmmaker Mark Dixon will speak about actions we can take to make a difference in climate change. Pastor Randy Bush will shine a light on environmental stewardship as faith in action. You will be challenged to take personal actions over the next six months. Lunch and childcare provided.

Lenten Devotionals Available
To support you on your Lenten journey, two resources are available as a gift to you—one from ELPC’s Children and Family Ministry Team; another from ELPC’s Mission Board. They are available in the Highland Ave hallway.

♦ A Lenten Calendar for persons of all ages will encourage intentional practices throughout this season of reflection.

♦ The Mission Board is offering a daily devotional booklet: 30 Days with The Belhar Confession: Reflections on Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice. This devotional explores Belhar’s three themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice, inviting us to examine those things that divide us.

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
The Journey service DOD is Beth Minnigh.
The Sanctuary service DOD is David Cowan.

Knitting and Crocheting Evening Group — Mondays
All are welcome to join the new Knitting and Crocheting Evening Group on Mondays in the Makers Space through May 13 from 6-7:30 pm with Tony Richardson-Eckes. No experience is necessary! For more info, contact Tony (overthepond_50@hotmail.com).

Facing Systemic Racism Lenten Series — Wednesdays
Join us for a six-week Lenten study of The Belhar Confession from 5–7 pm through April 10. This series will provide a theological grounding for our congregation’s anti-racism work. Study materials are included and a light meal of soup will be served. This week’s lesson materials, titled Apartheid and The Belhar Confession: It Happened in Church, can be accessed at https://tinyurl.com/ELPCBelharLent, or please scan this QR code.

Environmental Book Club Discussion — March 14
The Environment Subcommittee of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home, the encyclical letter from Pope Francis on Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm. The book draws all Christians into a dialogue about our common home. Contact Nancy for more info (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Art of Justice with Max Gonzales — March 16
Hope Academy invites young people and their grownups to experience what it’s like to be a street artist, led by Max Gonzales, on Saturday, March 16 from 9 am–Noon. Please contact Karly Threets for more info (KarlyT@coh.net).

Tween Retreat at Crestfield — March 16 to 17
The Tween Retreat, held at Crestfield Camp in Slippery Rock from March 16-17, is a time to join other tweens in grades 4–6 from around Pittsburgh to learn about God’s Word. Contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

Church Photo Directory — March 17, 24 and 31
March 17, 24 and 31 are the final dates to have your photo taken for the new church directory. Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net) to schedule your session.

Cathedral Concert : A Celebration of the Psalms
The ELPC Chancel Choir presents an inspirational program of music inspired by the Psalms at the next Cathedral Concert, From One Generation to Another—A Celebration of the Psalms at 3 pm on Sunday, March 24. Featured on the program will be the premiere of a new composition by jazz vibraphonist and composer Cecilia Smith, The Essence of Psalms—in celebration of the 200th anniversary of ELPC.

If you would like to help at this Cathedral Concert be a greeter/ usher, please contact Mary Evrard (412.400.0145; mcfiglar@aol.com). Volunteers need to arrive at 2:15 pm.
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As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:


Committee Meetings This Week

Children & Family Ministries……… Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 211)
PW Leadership…………………Today, 12:30 pm (2nd fl Library)
Happy Wanderers Plan……… Monday, 11:00 am (Highland Rm)
Personnel……………………… Wednesday, 4:30 pm (2nd fl Library)
Mission Board………………….. Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

Sewing Group — March 18
The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, March 18 from 2:30–6 pm in the Sewing Space. Please contact Diane Jackson for more info (dnjcks@verizon.net).

Spirituality, Writing, and Resilience Workshop — March 17
Join the Spiritual Life Committee after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, March 17 from Noon-5 pm as poet, essayist, teacher, and ELPC member Emily Mohn-Slate encourages us to use writing as a way of getting in touch with and expressing our spirituality. No writing experience is necessary. It is about prayer, not product. But it is St. Patrick’s Day, so an Irish-themed lunch will be served!

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — March 24
All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 pm when they begin the book discussion of Matthew Vine’s God and the Gay Christian. Previous reading not required. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest for info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

YAM Event: REuse, REcycle, REduce Tour— March 30
Learn different ways we can reuse, recycle and reduce waste at the YAM event on Saturday, March 30 from 2-5 pm! We will leave ELPC to drive to Construction Junction & Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse (214 N Lexington St), tour both places and then remain at PCCR to create our own creative re-purposed project! The cost is $10/ person, which includes both tours, a bulk bag to fill at PCCR and the craft activity. Please RSVP by March 17 to Kelli Booher (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

The Chapel Market is in need of spring and summer clothing donations. Please leave donations at the Highland Ave lobby entrance.

Sunday School Classes
March 17 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
♦ Adults ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life” led by Carolyn Russ and Hollen Barmer


Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Passover: Jewish Festival of Freedom” by Rabbi Doris Dyen

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A concluding discussion of selections from Meditations of the Heart by Howard Thurman, led by Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Michelle Bard

YAM (Rm 213) — “Reassurance as it relates to the Easter story” led by Wil Forrest

ELPC Receives Award!

ELPC’s renovation project won a BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARD from the Master Builders’ Association of Pittsburgh. This is a prestigious recognition and it honors the work of our architects (Pfaffmann + Associates), the contractor (Landau Building Company), and ELPC.