Good Friday

April 19, 2019
Noon • Chapel
GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 19, 2019 — 12 NOON CHAPEL WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY
Leader: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to
be betrayed, given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross. Save us from
hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sin, and receive
your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Amen.

* HYMN (printed in bulletin) “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed
from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when
we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored
your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
Leader: Jesus Christ spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the
suffering and death he endured. May those who bear his name follow the example he gave us.
May our faith, hope and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

HOMILY
“Faith + Power”

Hymn (printed in bulletin) “My Song Is Love Unknown”

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.
— SERVICE OF TENEBRAE —

THE BETRAYAL OF JESUS  
John 18:1-11  
Mary Alice Lightle

The first candle is extinguished
Silent Meditation

THE ARREST OF JESUS  
John 18:12-14, 19-24  
Isaiah Wilson

The second candle is extinguished
Silent Meditation

THE DENIAL OF JESUS  
John 18:15-18, 25-27  
Michele Bossers

The third candle is extinguished
Silent Meditation

THE JUDGMENT OF JESUS  
John 18:28-40  
Paul Seif

The fourth candle is extinguished
Silent Meditation

THE SENTENCING OF JESUS  
John 19:1-22  
Sharla Yates-Seif

The fifth candle is extinguished
Silent Meditation

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS  
John 19:23-30  
Xander Yates

The sixth candle is extinguished
Silent Meditation

THE DEATH OF JESUS  
John 19:31-42  
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The seventh candle is extinguished
Silent Meditation

HYMN (sing 3x; printed in bulletin)  
“Jesus, Remember Me”  
REMEMBER ME

Litany
Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,
People: Have mercy on us.
Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,
People: Have mercy on us.
Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,
People: Grant us peace.

DEPART IN SILENCE
You are welcome to remain in the Chapel for a time of silent prayer following our service.
Our Prayer and Meditation Room is also available for silent prayer and meditation all day.
Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship.

♦ Participants In Today’s Service
Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
             Michele Bossers
             Mary Alice Lightle
             Paul Seif
             Quinn Seif
             Isaiah Wilson
             Xander Yates
             Sharla Yates-Seif
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
            Music Director
           Members of the Journey Praise Team
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Weekday Worship
Labyrinth Prayer Walk
The labyrinth, a 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward, is an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation. The ELPC labyrinth is a replica of the stone labyrinth laid in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France.

The labyrinth will be available during Holy Week:
   Good Friday, April 19............... 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
   Saturday, April 20 .................. 9:00 am to 1:00 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 listen for the still, small voice of God. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.
   Open everyday

♦ Worship Services
Below is a listing of the remaining Holy Week and Easter Sunday services we are offering at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. We invite you to join us on our journey.

Good Friday, April 19
7:00 pm ...... Tenebrae Service. In Sanctuary. Service of light and darkness. The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

Holy Saturday, April 20
7:00 pm ...... Easter Vigil Service. The Great Vigil includes reaffirmation of baptism vows, communion and announcement of Christ's resurrection. Service begins in the Chapel. The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan and The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will lead this service.

Easter Sunday, April 21
8:45 am ...... Journey Worship. The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy will preach at this communion service in the Social Hall.
9:45 am ...... Fellowship Time. Please join us in the Fellowship Room from 9:45 to 10:45 am for a special time of fellowship and hospitality.
11 am .......... Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and guest instrumentalists. Special music begins at 10:45 am. The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush will preach and lead communion.

The worship spaces will not have Easter lilies out of respect for people allergic to plant aromas.

Welcome Visitors!
We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC. We invite you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to:

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 June 16 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology and to explore membership. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more information (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the
2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and
4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a

Prince of glory died, my richest gain
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flowed mingled down; did e'er such love and
present far too small; love so amazing,

count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.
1 My song is love unknown, my Saviour’s love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might love. O who am I that for my sake my know. Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2 He came from heaven’s throne salvation to be stow; the world that was his own would not its Saviour sing, re-sounding all the day hosannas to our King. Then “Crucify!” is all our breath, and
3 Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises way, a murderer to save, the prince of life to be. Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that
4 Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made a vine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I
5 Here might I stay and sing, no story so dire. But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who for his death we thirst and cry. for his foes from thence might free. all my days could gladly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier’s lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ’s Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.
**Jesus, Remember Me** (sing 3 times)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Celebrating 200 Years of Ministry at ELPC
To God be the glory for our days past and our ministry yet to come!

The year was 1819 and James Monroe was president of the United States. The outskirts of Pittsburgh, known as Negleytown, were experiencing much growth and development, prompting a group of civic leaders to pledge their resources to construct a new place of worship. Out of that act of generosity 200 years ago grew the history of East Liberty Presbyterian Church—a history we are celebrating this year.

Join us as we commemorate this milestone and prepare for what God has planned for our

Saturday, May 4 | 6–9 pm
TALENT SHOW AND TOWER LIGHT-UP NIGHT
Gather for a potluck meal in our Social Hall and celebrate the diverse talents of our congregation. Come outside for dessert and to dedicate our new tower lighting system, as ELPC “shines its light” for generations to come! There also will be a time for play and fellowship for families with children age 3 and under, beginning at 4:30 pm.

Friday, May 10 | 5–7 pm
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
Join us as we invite the community to tour our church, learn more about our history and programs, and enjoy “pay what you can” ice cream!

Saturday, May 11 | 6–9 pm
BICENTENNIAL PARTY
ELPC will host a ticketed gala event in which we will gather for refreshments, catered food, entertainment and fellowship, celebrating our church’s 200th anniversary. Tickets are $50, with some reduced price tickets available.

Sunday, May 12 | 11 am
WORSHIP SERVICE
During Sanctuary worship, we will hear two new pieces commissioned for our Handbell Choir, and dedicate new labyrinths for our Spiritual Life ministry. There also will be a special piano postlude by Pastor Randy.

Sunday, May 19 | 11 am
BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Join us for this wonderful time of celebration as ELPC welcomes past staff and friends, enjoys special instrumental and choral music, and gives thanks to the God who has led us safe thus far and whose grace leads us into the future. A reception will be in the Social Hall following worship.