



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

JANUARY 24, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

God of the Jubilee,
make us the body of the
risen Christ, united, in
all our diversity. Animate
us by your Holy Spirit
that together we may
work toward your
coming kingdom. In
Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Dr. Gerre Edward
Hancock (1934-2012)
was one of the most
revered organists,
improvisers, teachers
(Dr. Ed Moore studied
with him at the Eastman
School of Music), and
church musicians in this
country and beyond. For
over 30 years he was
Organist and
Choirmaster at St.
Thomas Episcopal
Church, New York City.
His *Air for Organ* was
composed in 1963 and
features a variety of solo
sounds on the organ as
well the full dynamic
range available from the
softest sounds to almost
full organ.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Power is of two kinds. One is obtained by the fear of punishment and the other by acts of love. Power based on love is a thousand times more effective and permanent than the one derived from fear of punishment.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

“God of freedom, God of justice, God whose love is strong as death,
God who saw the dark of prison, God who knew the price of faith:
Touch our world of sad oppression with your Spirit's healing breath.”

— Shirley Erena Murray

*Written in 1981 for Amnesty International
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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Air for Organ”

Gerre Hancock

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

“Chimings of Great Joy”

Dan R. Edwards

ELPC Ringers

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon, David and Grace Han

Leader: God has built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People: God calls us to be builders as well.

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

People: that we might restore broken places and continue to grow.

Leader: God calls us to build our faith:

People: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

Leader: God calls us to build our community:

People: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of scripture:

People: **to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

Leader: Let us participate in the building up of God's kingdom as we together worship the Living God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401 “Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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Almighty God, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
James Wilson Marshall found a gold nugget on a branch of the Sacramento River, sparking the "forty-niners" gold rush to California (1848); the first Boy Scout troop was organized in England (1908); Christian K. Nelson of Iowa patented the Eskimo Pie (1922); the Russian city of St. Petersburg was renamed Leningrad (1924); Sir Winston Churchill died at the age of ninety (1965); and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, MD at the age of eighty-four (1993).

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Gracious God, we confess that we have strayed from your law and your love. We get distracted from your word, and allow our hearts to be divided. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not answered your call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

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

BELL ANTHEM

"Ode to Joy"

Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Dan R. Edwards

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 25:1, 8-12

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Marilyn Fitzgerald and Jonathan Han

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Our Extended Session program is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 3 in the first floor Nursery and pre-school age through grade 1 in Room 151.

* HYMN #772

"Live Into Hope"

TRURO

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SERMON

"You Heard It Here First"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #795

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English text) or on pg. 40 (Spanish text) 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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11 was composed by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) at the age of 19 and won him first prize when he graduated from the Niedermeyer School. The original French text is a paraphrase by Jean Racine (1639-1699) of a matins hymn. The English version of the text heard this morning is by Harold Heiberg, who for many years taught at the University of North Texas.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Cantique de Jean Racine”

Gabriel Fauré

English text by Harold Heiberg

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye! Send down on us the fire of thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illumining, that they may waken thy mercy to tell! O Christ, bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee. Accept the hymns we chant to thine everlasting glory and these thy gifts we return unto thee!

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Callahan

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:	God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign of justice, love and peace. Bless us, too, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. May the hopeless find hope, the oppressed be free, and all who are hurting know your wholeness again. In Jesus Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #610

AZMON

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare-Rondeau”

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Dr. Moore, organist

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.

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738) was a leading composer in France during the Baroque era. He mainly wrote for the opera stage, but his instrumental compositions are noteworthy. The *Fanfare-Rondeau* heard this morning is from **Mouret's first of two Suites de symphonies** and was composed in 1729. It is best known to modern audiences as the theme from *Masterpiece Theatre* on PBS.

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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Marilyn Fitzgerald
Jonathan, David and Grace Han
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Acolytes: Quinn and Evyn Dowd
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Tyrese Williams
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time following the service. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).

◆ 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 x11). The cost is \$100 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.
Jan 31 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
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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 (*Room 135, 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.

Open 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 McKelvy 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 today or next Sunday in Room 244 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please see Pastor Heather Schoenewolf after the service if you'd like to attend today.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

The next monthly spiritual gathering will be today after the 11 am worship service when we will share lunch and focus on spiritual wellness led by Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan. To learn more about the LGBTQ Ministry or to get involved, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All are welcome – allies and LGBTQ folks all do come and are welcome!

Youth Ministry Event: DG2!

Students in grades 4-12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together!* (DG2!), a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom, for *Challah for Hunger: A Hunger Awareness in Pittsburgh Event* today from Noon-3:30 pm. After taking the time to learn about hunger, we will make 100 loaves of different flavored challah to help those in need in our community. Lunch provided. Please see Sara Hackett.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD this morning is **Mary Figlar**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Katherine Hackney**.



"Buzzword" Performance Series – Begins Jan 27

Join Hope Academy from 6–7 pm on Wednesday, Jan 27 for *Buzzword*, the first of six free exciting live performances and workshops for young children, from birth to age 5, and their families at ELPC. Interactive and child friendly, these shows are short enough to hold the interest of toddlers, and engaging enough for their older brothers and sisters. Food will be served and fun will be had! Space is limited, so please reserve your spot for each session (Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 16, Apr 27, May 25, June 22) by calling Norma (412.441.3800 x11). The series is being presented by Opera Theater of Pittsburgh, OTSummerfest.org, and features Hope Academy teaching artist and Chancel Choir musician Anqwenique Wingfield.

It's a New Year for Local Mission Opportunities – Feb 2

- ✦ Join ELPC's Neighbors Committee to prepare and serve dinner for our friends at Open Hand Ministries' *Circles* gathering on Tuesday, Feb 2. The *Circles* program helps OHM client families reach their goal of homeownership.
- ✦ OHM is participating in the Pittsburgh Marathon to raise funds for its programs. Individuals are encouraged to participate in an ELPC relay team, or the half or full marathon. Runners and walkers of all abilities are welcome! Please join us in the McKelvy Room after the 11 am service today for more info, or contact Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com) or Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com; 412.963.0139).

PW Bible Study – Feb 1 and 2

Join Presbyterian Women on Monday, Feb 1 at 7 pm or on Tuesday, Feb 2 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor for the Bible Study *Come to the Waters*. Childcare will be available for the Monday evening study. A potluck lunch will follow the Tuesday morning study; please bring a snack or salad to share, and your own table setting.

Think Globally, Act Locally – Feb 4

In partnership with Jewish Family and Children's Services, ELPC is recruiting and training volunteers interested in helping refugees with the U.S. green card application process. A collaborative project between JFCS, the Pro Bono Center of the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Pitt Law School, training will be held at ELPC on Thursday, Feb 4 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Trained volunteers will then help legal immigrants and refugees complete the green card application process. Pre-registering is required to assure that there are sufficient materials for all volunteers. Please contact Michele Bossers (michele2285@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice (Patricefs@coh.net) by Tuesday, Feb 2 to register.

An Interfaith Look at Images of God – Feb 7

The Spiritual Life Committee is hosting an *Interfaith Panel* featuring Pastor Randy and other religious leaders in the 2nd floor Parlor on Sunday, Feb 7 from 12-3 pm. Lunch will be served. Each panelist will share their own image of God and how it has been shaped by their faith tradition.

Ash Wednesday Services and Luncheon – Feb 10

Amidst the gray and darkness of winter, we pause to reflect upon our lives as children of God. This can involve both lighting a candle of hope and offering up prayers of repentance. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the special season of Lent—an important time for thoughtfulness and personal reflection. To mark this sacred time, a special service will be held on Wednesday, Feb 10 at Noon in the Chapel. Following this service, a simple lunch of soup and bread will be served in Room 234, and the Rev. Dr. Lisa Thompson of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has been invited to share some reflections on this season. All are welcome! The 7 pm Taizé prayer service will also include the imposition of ashes.

Experience Healing Hands – Feb 13

Practitioners of Reiki, Heart Hands, and Therapeutic Massage (all members of ELPC) will be available in the 2nd floor Parlor on Saturday, Feb 13 from 9 am—4 pm to answer questions about their work and provide an opportunity for participants to experience healing and wholeness through their healing hands.



As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,
Carol Chonoska's friend Kathy,
Corinne Clendening, Cathie Hajdu,
Jan Herzer's mother Andrea, Sandy Kalsey,
Pam Kimmel's brother Paul,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Marvin May, Cami Needle, Bill Nicholson,
Janet Pollard's brother Calvin,
Jim and Carolyn Russ' daughter Laura,
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Mary Carol, and
J. Richard Szeremany.

*Congratulations to Nico and Emily Mohn-Slate
on the birth of their daughter Lucia.*

*Our condolences to Tanya McClendon-Todd
on her sister's passing.*

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

There are no Committee Meetings This Week

Chancel Choir Presents Haydn "Mass" – Feb 28

The ELPC Chancel Choir will present Franz Joseph Haydn's *Little Organ Mass* during our Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, Feb 28. Haydn composed this mass in the 1770s in Eisenstadt, Germany. Accompanying the choir will be a quartet of strings and organ, led by violinist Andrew Fouts from Pittsburgh's own Chatham Baroque.

Congregational Meeting – Feb 28

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb 28 following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. All are encouraged to attend to hear reports on church programs, receive the 2016 budget, elect the incoming slate of church officers, and hear updates on the renovation projects and other ELPC ministries. A light lunch will be provided.

Church School Classes

Jan 31 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – "The Torah: By Men for Men" led by Carolyn Russ

Journey with Scripture – Jeremiah 1:4–10; Psalm 71:1–6; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Luke 4:21–30 led by Mark Blank

Seekers – "Human Rights, Civil Rights, & Black History in Film" led by the Rev. Dr. Darrell Knopp

Soul Food – A discussion of chapter eight of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Barb Fotta, and Reed Williams

IN OUR COMMUNITY...

Ruth Donalson Piano Program – Feb 8

ELPC member Ruth Donalson will be presenting a short piano program on Monday, Feb 8 at 2 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. She will play selected pieces and take requests. Come join her for this time of musical relaxation!

Mission Trip – May 21 to 30

Waverly Presbyterian is planning a mission trip to Urukundo Village in Rwanda from May 21-30, 2016. This village and learning center was established with the help of a woman who has ties to Pittsburgh and Waverly. They are seeking additional participants from other congregations to take advantage of group rates and to build inter-congregational relationships. While there, participants may participate in a wide range of projects including volunteering at the health center, music programs or school as well as helping at the farm and with construction projects. Please contact Michele Bossers for more info (michele2285@gmail.com; 412.303.9243).

Cathedral Concert – March 6

Essence of Joy, a choral ensemble in the Penn State School of Music, was organized in 1991 by Anthony Leach to perform sacred and secular music from the African and African-American choral traditions. The choir will begin its annual *Spring Break Tour* on Sunday, March 6 with a performance in the Sanctuary at 3 pm. Invite your friends and family to join you for this free *Cathedral Concert*!

ELPC Updates in Your Inbox

Would you like to have updates on ELPC news, events, and worship services delivered to your inbox every Friday morning? Sign up to receive our weekly e-flash by visiting www.ELPC.church and entering your email address in the sign-up box at the bottom of the homepage.

Contemplative Prayer – Wednesdays after Taizé

Following the 7 pm Taizé prayer service each Wednesday, you are invited to the front of the Chapel, where we will sit together in silence for 20 minutes. If you have never practiced Centering Prayer, someone will be there to help get you started.

i SERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ Club 116 Meal Provider ♦

Dates still available:
**2/17, 3/2, 3/9,
3/30, 4/20 and 4/27**

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14). Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2 to learn about other service opportunities.