



# 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 31, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The titles of the three sections of Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) *Fantasia in G Major* are written in French, *Très vite*ment, *Gravement*, and *Lentement*. One of Bach's most popular works for organ, it is often referred to as *Pièce d'Orgue*.

On this day in history, Franz Schubert was born (1797); after receiving Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,500 books, the Library of Congress was established (1815); author and Trappist monk Thomas Merton was born (1915) as was baseball great Jackie Robinson (1919).

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“Dancing: the harmonious and rhythmic movement of the body in sheer exuberance of spirit and bodily health, in practiced mime, or in conscious devoted joy before God. As in all religions of antiquity, dance has its place in Israelite life and worship.”

— *“Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible”*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

“Fantasia in G, BWV 572”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music.*

*Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

### 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

Jon Walker

Leader: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

People: God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame and danger.

Leader: God has held us since our birth, so we are never in the full grasp of the unjust or cruel.

People: In love, God saves and supports us; we rejoice in this covenant of grace from our God.

Leader: Trusting in the Lord, let us offer now our praise!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #687

ST. ANNE

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Verses 1, 2 – all sing; verse 3 – men sing; verse 4 – women sing; verses 5, 6 – all sing.*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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The apostle Paul likely wrote numerous letters to the church in Corinth, with 1st and 2nd Corinthians being a compilation of some of them. The "love chapter" of I Corinthians 13 highlights how love is the supreme gift of the Holy Spirit which marks the church as the body of Christ here on earth.

*Love Is Little* is a Shaker tune from 1834. It comes from the South Union Shaker Village in South Union, Kentucky. The South Union village was founded in 1807 in Auburn, Kentucky in 1807 and closed in 1922.

"Thank you, Lord, for my eyes, windows open on the wide world. May my eyes learn to close in order to find you more easily; but may they never turn away from the world because they are afraid. May my eyes be penetrating enough to recognize your Presence in the world, and may they never shut on the afflictions of others. May my eyes be firm and steady, but may they also know how to soften in pity and be capable of tears."  
(Michael Quoist)

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 71:1-6  
Luke 4:21-30

Jackie Walker  
Jon Walker

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*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.*

## DANCE PRESENTATION

Attack Theatre

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 13:1-13

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## SERMON "The Dance of Covenant and Love"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## DANCE PRESENTATION

Attack Theatre

## 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 "Love Is Little"

arr. Mark Schweizer

*Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirits grow,  
Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.*

*Love is gentle, love is small, love will find the best of all,  
Find the peace, find the light, love will do the thing that's right.*

*Love is silent, love is strong, love will sing a quiet song,  
Sing of peace, sing of light, love will do the thing that's right.*

*Love is wonder, love is grace, love will bind all in its place;  
Bind the peace, bind the light, love will do the thing that's right.*

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

American organist and composer Gordon Young (1919-1998) published nearly 1000 compositions, most of which were either organ or choral works. A recipient of numerous composition awards from ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers), he was for many years the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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: O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior.

People: Amén.

Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #693 “Though I May Speak”

GIFT OF LOVE

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, *organist*  
Gordon Young

“Toccata Pontificale”

*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.*

PRAYER FOR THE  
END OF DAY:

Holy One, as this day draws to a close, 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.



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◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Sara Hackett  
Jon and Jackie Walker  
Dancers: Attack Theatre  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Carly Noel Black, *Soloist*  
Todd Farwell, *Soloist*  
Anqwenique Wingfield, *Soloist*  
Acolytes: Josh and David Bellin  
Beadle: Michele Bossers  
Crucifer: Ian Bush  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time following the service, sponsored by *La Gormandine Bakery* in Lawrenceville. All are welcome to attend.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Huber and Mr. Harry M. Huber.

*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.  
*Feb 7* — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
*Feb 7* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

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 in Room 244 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please see Pastor Randy Bush 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Download the Sunday Bulletin!

Our 11 am Sunday worship service bulletin and announcements are now available for you to download (or just view) from the ELPC website. Each week, the new bulletin will be available as your guide for our Sanctuary worship service, while also providing news and other important updates. We hope this new option helps reduce the amount of paper copies that are needed each week, as our congregation works towards more sustainable practices together. Visit [www.ELPC.church/worship/bulletin](http://www.ELPC.church/worship/bulletin).

*Please note:* The Wi-Fi network to select on your device while in the church building is “GLW at ELPC” and the password is “EastLiberty” (no space between the words).

### Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD this morning is **Tucker Ferda**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **George Clark**.



### Volunteers Needed for Journey Slideshow Team

The 8:45 am Journey worship service is in need of a few volunteers to be part of its Slideshow Team. Volunteers would work as part of a team who generate the slideshow used in worship each week. Proficiency with PowerPoint and an eye for detail are the primary requirements. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Heather Schoenewolf (HeatherS@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x21).

### Opportunities to Support Open Hand Ministries (OHM)

*Rehab Project:* OHM has made great progress on the inner workings of the current rehab house in East Liberty — plumbing, electricity, sewer connections, wall framing. We hope that you can join us in finishing the interior of the house and fixing up the exterior. There are 2 work days in February — Saturdays, Feb 6 and 20. No special skills are needed; all ages are welcome. Contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (PatriceFS@coh.net).

*Pittsburgh Marathon Fundraising Event:* The ELPC/OHM Team is looking for participants to “own the race” and run for OHM in either a relay team, or the full or half marathon. Folks can run or walk! (You just have to make the official guideline times.) The relay teams consist of 5 legs (5.5 mi; 3.5 mi; 6.4 mi; 6.1 mi.; 4.7 mi.). There will be a special t-shirt, group training runs and a pasta party! Interested? Please contact Emily Rosenthal (412.963.0139; EJR116@gmail.com). *Join us in the McKelhy Room after today's 11 am service to learn more!*

### The Chapel Market

Due to limited storage space in *The Chapel Market*, we can accept only winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves and boots) for men, women and children and men's casual clothing during the month of February. Thank you for your generous support and interest in this ministry!

### 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. All women are invited and welcome to attend; one does not need to be a member.

### 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.

### Young Adult Ministry (YAM): First Friday @ EECM — Feb 5

Come share in a service opportunity sure to feed body and soul during the TRAIL *First Friday @ EECM* event on Friday, Feb 5 at 7 pm at Community House. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net) to sign up to bring something to feed the guests in the homeless shelter and other residents. We will meet in the Community House kitchen with the food ready to serve the guests at 7 pm. *Please note: This is a change from the original schedule.*

### “Just Mercy” Book Discussion — Feb 6

The *Just Mercy* book study, sponsored by the Justice Committee, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb 6 from 9-11 am in the Pastor's Conference Room. All are welcome to attend, even if you didn't read the book. We will share insights gained from Bryan Stevenson's lecture as well as updates from Pennsylvania Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Please RSVP to Vivienne Selia (412.334.4148).



*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 and friend Mim,  
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,  
J. Richard Szeremany and Pat Valoon.

*Our condolences to Brian Bonsteel  
on his father's passing.*

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

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

### Committee Meetings This Week

Centennial Fund Trustees..... Monday, 6:00 pm (Session Rm)  
Property ..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)

### 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.

### Ruth Donalson Piano Program – Feb 8

Come and enjoy an hour of piano music with Mrs. Ruth Donalson on Monday, Feb 8 at 2 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. Take a stroll down memory lane as requests will be honored. Come join her for this time of musical relaxation!

## Church School Classes

Feb 7 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “On the Road to Glory” led by Carolyn Russ and funeral director Frank Perman

**Journey with Scripture** – Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2; Luke 9:28–43 led by Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – “Human Rights, Civil Rights, & Black History in Film: Lincoln” led by the Rev. Dr. Darrell Knopp

**Soul Food** – A concluding discussion of chapter eight of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by Michele Bossers, Steve Evrard, and Vivienne Selia

### 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 that evening 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.

### Young Adult Crestfield Retreat – Feb 19

The young adults' annual retreat to Camp Crestfield will be Friday, Feb 19 at 6 pm to Sunday, Feb 21 at 2 pm. The \$50 fee includes everything (limited scholarships available). Please RSVP to Wil (412.441.3800 x14) no later than tomorrow.

### 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.

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