



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)

FEBRUARY 7, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Thomas á Kempis
(c. 1380 – 1417 AD)
was born near Cologne,
Germany and is the
author of the famous
devotional book, *The
Imitation of Christ*. He
was widely sought out
as a spiritual adviser
and his works are still
appropriate for nurturing
faith lives today.

The hymn text for
*Immortal, Invisible, God
Only Wise* was written
by the Scottish minister
Walter Chalmers Smith
in 1867. Its title refers to
the three attributes of
God listed in 1 Timothy
1:17. The tune comes
from a Welsh folk
melody from the early
19th century.

MORNING PRAYER:
Lord Jesus Christ, as
morning dawns, be our
light in this new day. Let
our lives reflect your
glory, our words show
forth your goodness,
and our actions shine
with your grace; in your
holy name we pray.
Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“O quam cito transit gloria mundi! (How swiftly passes the glory of the world!)”

— Thomas á Kempis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Three Pieces for Brass Quintet”
“Brass Quintet No. 1, Movement 3”

The Brass Roots
Ludwig Maurer
Victor Ewald

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Kathy Benninger

Leader: Beloved, we are God’s children now.

People: But what we will be has not yet been revealed.

Leader: What we do know is this: When Christ is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.

People: Let us now give thanks to God and worship Christ our Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12

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“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Callahan

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Callahan

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

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

* SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #411 (please sing twice)

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

“God Is Here Today”

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
As certain as the morning sun that rises,

As certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 34:1-5, 27-29

Paul Miller

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 #190

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

GENEVA

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

“Cloudy, Yet Bright”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The creeds of the church reflect a particular stance within the living history of God's people. They are not to be barriers that separate us, but words that strengthen the life and witness of the whole community of believers.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in **Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*Ecumen. Apostles' Creed*)

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

“Christus Paradox”

Sylvia Dunstan/Alfred Fedak

The text for this hymn is found in our Glory to God hymnal, #274.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by Antwone Wright and JoAnn and Carol Chonoska.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

Luke elaborates on Mark's version of the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-9), stressing that Jesus incarnates God's glory through his fulfillment of the Jewish law and prophets (as represented by Moses and Elijah). Jesus is to be heeded as the Son of God as he moves ever closer to the cross.

Christus Paradox is based on the hymn tune PICARDY (*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*) and was commissioned for the Calvin College Campus Choir. Lyricist Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993) was an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. Composer Alfred Fedak (b. 1953) is Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, NY.

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* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

On this day in history were born the following people: Sir Thomas More, executed unjustly by King Henry VIII (1478) and author *Laura Ingalls Wilder*, known for the *Little House on the Prairie* series (1867); and the Beatles began their first American tour, greeted by thousands of screaming fans (1964). Also, Carter G. Woodson began Negro History Week, which became Black History Month (1926).

The theme of *Carillon du Longpont* is based on the carillon of the chapel of the Castle Longpont in northern France. Louis Vierne (1870-1937) dedicated the piece to his brother, René. The carillon theme is heard at the beginning of the piece, played by the feet 17 times in a row!

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION HYMN #517

MORECAMBE

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, the laying on of hands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Callahan

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Thank you for the meal you have hosted and we have shared. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #529

UNION SEMINARY

“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Carillon du Longpont”

Louis Vierne

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.



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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. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Kathy Benninger
Paul Miller
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/
Music Director*
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
Kenton Bandy and Carloz Gil, *trumpets*
Carrie Vertin, *horn*
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*
Amanda Willard, *tuba*
Acolytes: Hallie and Claire Mattila
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Matt Stufft
Crucifer: Lynne Irvin
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.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the East Liberty Presbyterian Church family and staff, presented by Harold and Linda Deiss.

◆ 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 14 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 on April 3 and 10 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22) for more information.

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

TODAY AT ELPC

An Interfaith Look at Images of God

The Spiritual Life Committee is hosting an *Interfaith Panel* featuring Pastor Randy and other religious leaders in the 2nd floor Parlor this afternoon 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.

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.

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 **Carol Sharp**.



F E B R U A R Y 1 0

Services and Luncheon

Amidst the gray and darkness of winter, we pause to reflect upon our lives as children of God. 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, led by Pastor Heather Schoenewolf. 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.

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!

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 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).

Support Open Hand Ministries – Feb 20

Rehab Project: Help OHM finish the current rehab house in East Liberty on Saturday, Feb 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 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! Please contact Emily Rosenthal (412.963.0139; EJR116@gmail.com). *Join us in the McKelvy Room after today's 11 am service to learn more!*

Enneagram Conversation – Feb 23

If you have been introduced to the *Enneagram* and are interested in learning more about yourself and others, join us in the Pastor's Conference Room on Tuesday, Feb 23 from 7-8 pm for a monthly discussion group on how we are learning and growing through this highly regarded tool for personal transformation. Contact the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan for more info (MaryLynn@coh.net).

Tween Mini Golf – Feb 26

Youth in grades 4–6 are welcome to join us on Friday, Feb 26 from 6-7:30 pm as we explore ELPC while searching for nine holes of mini golf scattered around the church. Come and find out if you can be the first person to ever get a hole in one in the church's tower! Pizza will be provided and your friends are welcome! Contact Sara Hackett to register (SaraH@coh.net).



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

Dee Alcorn, Sue Bailey,
Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,
David Carl, Corinne Clendening,
Cathie Hajdu, Jan Herzer's friend Mim,
Pam Kimmel's brother Paul,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Marvin May, Cami Needle, Janet Pollard's brother Calvin,
Heather Schoenewolf's friend Mary Carol,
and Pat Valoon.

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

*Our condolences to Diane "Snap" George
on her aunt's passing.*

Committee Meetings This Week

Personnel.....Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)
Deacons.....Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 234)

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering – Feb 27

The next gathering will be a service opportunity on the morning of Saturday, Feb 27 as we serve at World Vision in Sewickley and then have lunch out together. To learn more about this gathering or the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All are welcome!

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

IN OUR COMMUNITY...

Syrian Summit – Feb 11

All are invited to participate in a *Syrian Summit* at ELPC on Thursday, Feb 11 at 6 pm in the Social Hall. This event is sponsored by the southwest division of the PA National Association of Social Workers. The talk will feature Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto, and Dr. Kevin Caridad, LCSW and representative of the Pittsburgh Islamic Center. Both speakers will discuss advocating for Syrian refugees to gain entrance and housing in Pittsburgh.

Urban League Sunday – Feb 14

Wesley Center AME Zion Church (2701 Centre Ave, 15219) is hosting *Urban League Sunday* on Feb 14 from 4-6 pm. The Rev. B. De Neice Welch, senior pastor of Bidwell Presbyterian Church, will be the keynote speaker. For more info on this free event, contact Mike Buzzelli (412.227.4229).

Donations to EECM

East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is in need of donations: toothpaste, foot powder and deodorant. Their February food-of-the-month is tuna. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.

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*!

Volunteers Needed for Journey Slideshow Team

The 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 interested, please contact Pastor Heather Schoenewolf (HeatherS@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x21).

Church School Classes

Feb 14 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – "Sin as a Helpful, Hopeful Word" led by Mary Alice Lightle

Journey with Scripture – Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16; Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13 led by Jan Irvin

Seekers – "Human Rights, Civil Rights, & Black History in Film: 42" led by the Rev. Dr. Darrell Knopp

Soul Food – A discussion of chapter nine of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Shirley Fair, and Judy Roberts