



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 14, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Confession of Belhar was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986, during the time of Apartheid. It is named for the city in South Africa in which it was originally adopted and is a powerful statement that calls the church to unity, reconciliation, and justice in a time and place where racial separation made it impossible for brothers and sisters in Christ to worship together. The Confession of Belhar calls the church to faithful action, trusting in the reconciling work of Jesus Christ and the unity won for all of us through him.

Gerald Near (b. 1942) is a graduate of the University of Michigan; he has held various church positions and is currently a freelance composer and music publisher. *O Maker of the World* is attributed to Pope St. Gregory the Great (540-604).

TIME OF PREPARATION

“...We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells...”
— *Confession of Belhar*

“A confession is a public declaration of what a church believes. Individual Christians may and should confess their own personal faith, but a confession of faith is more than a personal affirmation of faith. It is an officially adopted statement of what a community of Christians believe...”
— *The Book of Confessions xii*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“O Maker of the World, Give Ear”
“Jesus, Still Lead On”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
Gerald Near
arr. Paul Manz

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music.
Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrea DeVries and Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.
People: The journey begins in the wilderness.
Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.
People: **Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**
Leader: **Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.**
People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #166

“Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

The American ship *Ranger* carried the newly adopted banner of the Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France (1778); photographer Matthew Brady took the first photograph of a president when he took President James Polk's photo in New York (1848); actor and comedian Jack Benny was born (1894); Congress approved and President McKinley signed legislation allowing states to use voting machines for federal elections (1899); the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago (1920); and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House (1962).

The Reformation brought about a renewed interest in, and appreciation for, the singing of psalms, which played an important role in the formation of Reformed Christians. Early in the 20th century there was a resurgence in metrical Psalmody with the publication of a Psalter by the American Presbyterians in 1912. Metrical Psalmody is when the psalm text is set to music very similar to a hymn tune. By mid-20th century the tradition of singing psalms had once again waned, when Psalms were included in worship more as responsive readings than as sung settings. The tradition of singing the psalms in the Presbyterian Church was once again revived with the publication of a new Presbyterian Psalter in 1993.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

God, you are our refuge and fortress. Forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall into temptation; swayed by false words, we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your claim upon our lives and your call to serve others in your name. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundance you offer. Forgive us, we pray. Tune our hearts to the radical generosity of your gracious love for us. Hear us as we call to you and show us **your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN #442

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

David Carl

Psalms 91:1-6, 9-16

Dr. Moore, cantor

Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain.

Refrain



MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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 (please see music insert)

LONESOME VALLEY

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Confessing Our Faith"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy and

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Members: Kristal Baker, Alexander Conrad, Richard Frederick, Crystal Gilroy, Todd Goss

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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The offertory anthem is a setting of *Wondrous Love* by Alice Parker (b. 1925) and Robert Shaw (1916-1999). Shaw and Parker paired up many times to produce arrangements of folksongs, hymns and spirituals that have become standards in the choral repertoire. The final verse utilizes the compositional device of augmentation. In this case it means that the tenors are moving twice as slow as the sopranos/altos and the basses are moving twice as slow as the tenors.

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) consists of two books: *The Book of Order* and *The Book of Confessions*. Any changes to *The Book of Confessions* must be approved by a majority of the General Assembly and then approved by 2/3 of all presbyteries. If the necessary votes are received, the amendment to *The Book of Confessions* is then enacted by the next General Assembly.

In 2014, the 221st General Assembly of the PC(USA) sent to the presbyteries a proposed amendment to the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s *Book of Confessions* that would add the Confession of Belhar. The amendment was approved and the Confession of Belhar is the newest confession adopted by the church.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Wondrous Love"
The text can be found at #215 in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
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 Let us give thanks to the Lord
nuestro Dios. our God.
People: Es justo dar gracias y It is right to give God
alabanzas a Dios. thanks and praise.
Leader: Gracious and generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you
bestow on us in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our
journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined.
Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you
a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in
celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
People: Amén. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #618 DEO GRACIAS
"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE Dr. Moore, *organist*
attr. Johann Sebastian Bach
"Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554"

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

The Confessions show us the importance of stating our individual or collective beliefs in a certain time and place. As you begin your Lenten Journey, spend time in reflection and prayer. Ask yourself:

- ◆ What do I believe?
- ◆ How have my beliefs changed over time?
- ◆ What events, circumstances, issues or people helped to shape my beliefs?
- ◆ How can/do I live out my beliefs this Lenten season? Every day?

As you begin your Lenten Journey, we invite you to read the full text of the Confession of Belhar at www.pcusa.org/resource/belhar-confession. The Pastors will be referencing excerpts from the Confession of Belhar throughout our Lenten sermon series.



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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
David Carl
Andrea DeVries
Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Nora and Phoebe Brown
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Margret Edgecombe
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for a reception to welcome our congregation's new members, sponsored by the ELPC Membership & Outreach Committee. 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.
Feb 21 — 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 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

Lenten Devotionals Available

Lenten devotionals are available for persons of all ages, a gift to you from the Christian Education Committee as we journey through this sacred season of our liturgical calendar together. Choose the devotional booklet that best suits you and your family. The materials are available on the 2nd floor CE table.

Opportunity for Justice: Valentine's Cards for Governor Wolf

To thank Governor Wolf for declaring a moratorium on the Death Penalty, please sign a Valentine's Day card in the McKelvy Room after the 11 am service. We will have the cards that you may sign and we will send, or you can take one with you.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD this morning is **Judy Roberts**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Cami Needle**.

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) Fundraising Event

The ELPC/OHM Team is looking for participants to "own the race" and run the Pittsburgh Marathon for OHM in either a relay team, the half or full 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!*



Contemplative Prayer – Wednesdays

Following our 7 pm Taizé service on Wednesdays, move to the carpeted area at the front of the Chapel where we will sit together in silence for 20 minutes for *Contemplative Prayer*. If you have never practiced Centering Prayer, someone will be there to get you started. Meditation cushions and back jacks are provided, or sit in the front pew.

Justice Committee Meeting – Feb 15

The Justice Committee will meet Monday, Feb 15 at 7 pm. Please join us in making plans for addressing immigration, criminal justice, racism, and other justice issues. We need your help to make an impact. For more info, contact Carol Chonoska (724.272.9722; carolchonoska@gmail.com).

Young Adult Crestfield Retreat – Feb 19

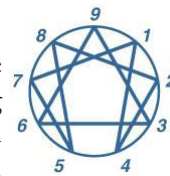
The young adults' annual retreat to Camp Crestfield will be Friday, Feb 19 at 6 pm to Sunday, Feb 21 at 2 pm. The \$50 fee includes everything (limited scholarships available). Contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x14) for details.

Support Open Hand Ministries (OHM) – Feb 20

OHM has made great progress on the inner workings of the current rehab house in East Liberty. We hope you can join us in finishing the interior and fixing up the exterior on Saturday, Feb 20. No special skills are needed and all ages are welcome. Please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (PatriceFS@coh.net).

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).

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!

Senior High Service Day – Feb 27

The *Senior High Service Day* from 9:30 am—1:45 pm on Saturday, Feb 27 will include going to Computer Reach in Point Breeze, recycling computers for schools and community centers in need around the world. We will finish with lunch. Bring a permission slip and \$10 for lunch. Please contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

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.



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, Peta Harrigan Cole,
Jan Herzer's mother Andrea and friend Mim,
Pam Kimmel's brother Paul,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Marvin May, Marti Moore,
Nathaniel Morley's brother Matty, Cami Needle,
Janet Pollard's brother Calvin, and Pat Valoon.

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

*Our condolences to David Jennings Smith
on his godfather's passing.*

Our condolences to Heather Schoenewolf on her cousin's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

*The church building will be closed until 7 pm on
Monday, Feb 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.*

NO Finance *Today*
Neighbors..... *Today, 12:30 pm (Session Rm)*
Justice..... *Monday, 7:00 pm (Rm 244)*
Health Ministry..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Session Rm)*
Youth & Young Adults..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)*
Session *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)*
Renovations *Friday, 7:30 am (Rm 244)*

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.

Cathedral Concert: Essence of Joy – 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*!

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ EECM Youth Worker
Volunteers ♦

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/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities.

IN OUR COMMUNITY...

Chili Dinner to Benefit Belle Voci – Feb 27

Belle Voci, a local community-based intergenerational women's choir, is hosting a *Chili Dinner* fundraiser on Saturday, Feb 27 from 5-7 pm at Faith United Methodist Church (261 West Chapel Ridge Rd, 15238). A bowl of chili (choose from beef, chicken or vegetarian) will sell for \$8, and includes raw veggies, toppings, tortilla chips, crackers, and a beverage. A bake sale will also be available. Relax and enjoy your chili while listening to the sounds of Belle Voci, or choose carry out. Tickets will be available at the door, or purchase online at www.bellevocipgh.com. Proceeds benefit Belle Voci of Pittsburgh.

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.

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).

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!

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.

Church School Classes

Feb 21 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – "The Lost Language of Salvation" led by Mary Alice Lightle

Journey with Scripture – Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35 led by Jan Irvin

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

Soul Food – A concluding discussion of chapter nine of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Sel Whitaker, and Michele Bossers