



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 21, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Jehan Alain's promising career (1911-1940) as an organist and composer was cut short while serving in the French Army during World War II. His youngest sister, Marie-Claire Alain (1926-2013) went on to champion his music and became one of the foremost organists and teachers of the 20th and early 21st centuries.

Craig Phillips (b. 1961), a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, is Director of **Music at All Saints' Church**, Beverly Hills. This setting of *What Wondrous Love Is This* was written for Peter Fyfe, who for many years served as organist/choirmaster at Christ Episcopal Church (now Cathedral) in Nashville and University Organist at Vanderbilt University.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"It is true that sin is the cause of all this pain; but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

— *Julian of Norwich, "Revelations of Divine Love"*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Choral Dorien"
"Wondrous Love"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
Jehan Alain
Craig Phillips

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

Isaiah Wilson

Leader: The psalmist sings, 'One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.'

People: **We too offer this day our words of praise: 'God is good, and in love and mercy welcomes us here.'**

Leader: Let us together worship God — our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #49

LEONI

"The God of Abraham Praise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Phyllis Coontz, Elaine, Josh and David Bellin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Phyllis Coontz, Elaine, Josh and David Bellin

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds too often on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. Yet nothing is hidden from you, O Lord. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, and may we ever find shelter beneath your arms of loving-kindness and grace. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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Unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin that Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. (Confession of Belhar)

Born in Athens, GA, Hall Johnson (1888-1970) was a champion of the African-American spiritual. His arrangements have been performed and recorded by some of the world's finest singers. *Scandalize My Name* was featured prominently by Jessye Norman and Kathleen Battle in their live *Spirituals in Concert* in 1990.

Luke 13:31 contains a rare critical reference to a political figure. Herod Antipas was considered a tricky, sly person. Jesus rejects the violence and exploitation that was accepted as a normal part of living; his teachings run counter to many patterns usually accepted and endorsed. (New Jerome Biblical Commentary)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Coontz/Bellin family

Leader: God is our light and our salvation, who never leaves or forsakes us.
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 READING

Psalm 27:1-4, 13-14

setting by Thomas Keesecker

Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain.

Dr. Moore, cantor



LITANY FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Leader: We believe in the triune God who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. God has done this since the beginning of the world and will do so to the end.

People: We believe in the one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

Leader: We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that it is a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought – one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

People: Therefore we reject any doctrine which explicitly or implicitly maintains that ethnicity or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church. To be the community of believers is to have been reconciled with God and with one another. Jesus is Lord! Amen.

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.

DUET

“Scandalize My Name”

arr. Hall Johnson

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Foxes and Hens”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #195 (verses 1 and 3 only; please remain seated)

“When Twilight Comes”

DAPIT HAPON

When twilight comes and the sun sets, mother hen prepares for night's rest.

As her brood shelters under her wings she gives the love of God to her nest.

O! what joy to feel her warm heart beat and be near her all night long;

So the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow's song.

So gather round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun's gold,

And recount all our frail human hopes, the dreams of young and stories of old.

O! what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family,

By a mother's love embraced in the blessed Trinity.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

The tune BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR is a Swedish tune from the 19th century. Swedish author Carolina Sandell-Berg (1832-1903) was a popular and prolific writer of 650 hymns.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

The first telephone directory (including 50 subscribers) was issued in New Haven, Connecticut (1878); the soaring monolith of the Washington Monument was dedicated (1885); inventor Edwin Land demonstrated his new Polaroid instant camera (1947); and African American leader and Black Power activist Malcolm X was assassinated in New York City (1965).

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we who know your salvation may walk always in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Thy Holy Wings"

Swedish Folk Tune

text: Carolina Sandell-Berg and Gracia Grindal

Thy holy wings O Savior, spread gently over me and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my every moment be lived within thy grace. Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care. Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

* 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. Schoenewolf

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, we have known your goodness to us, the grace and protection extended to us. Accept now the offering of the work of our hands, for the sake of Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #35

"Praise Ye the Lord"

LOBE DEN HERREN

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Little Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555"

attr. J. S. Bach

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?
- ◆ The Confession of Belhar states that "unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church." What does that mean for you?

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. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Josh and David Bellin
Phyllis Coontz and Elaine Bellin
Isaiah Wilson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Emma Johnson, *Soloist*
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *Soloist*
Acolyte: Zaida Collins
Beadle: Matt Stuftt
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time. 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 28 — Mark Blank, PTS intern preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
Feb 28 — 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 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

30 Hour Famine Sponsor Collection

Today and next Sunday, youth will be collecting sponsors in the Narthex and at the South Highland entrance before and after worship for their upcoming *30 Hour Famine* on March 5 and 6. The money raised will go to *Team Tassy*, an organization focused on the community of Menelas, Haiti, made up of 500 families. *Team Tassy's* goal is to serve every single family member utilizing several services that are tailored to meet each family's unique needs. The preparation process involves addressing health concerns, ensuring that all children and interested adults have access to education, and addressing basic needs such as debt and housing. Once family members are work-ready, they participate in job preparation programs and are trained and placed into jobs with employment partners.

Annual Reports Available

The congregation is invited to get their copy of the *2015 Annual Report* from the church office today.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's 11 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

Presbyterian Women T-Shirt Sign-Up

Come to the McKelvy Room after the 11 am service to check out the design for the shirt and sign up to order one! Sizes range from S to 5X, and cost \$10 (payment due at delivery). Order one today! Contact Kelli Booher for more info (kjbooher@gmail.com; 405.501.0711).

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD this morning is **Mary Figlar**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Ray Anthony**.



Buzzword Performance – Feb 24

Join Hope Academy from 6–7 pm on Wednesday, Feb 24 for *Little Red Riding Hood*, the second of six free exciting *Buzzword Pittsburgh* 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 (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.

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 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 (412.441.3800 x14). All are welcome!

Silent Saturday – Feb 27

Our next monthly *Silent Saturday* will be held on Feb 27 from 9 am–4 pm. It is an open, flexible opportunity to pray in silence surrounded by community, whether you are a beginner at being in silence or a long-time meditator. Feel free to quietly come and go at any time; participate in shared prayer fully, partially, or not at all; explore creative opportunities, the beauty of the Courtyard, or the devotion of the Chapel. Beverages will be available in the Parlor throughout the day. Please bring a brown bag lunch if you will be there at noon.

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. Contact Sara Hackett for info (SaraH@coh.net).

Young Adult Ministry Sunday School Class – Feb 28

Young adults are invited to hear ELPC members Rev. Henk and Michele Bossers share their personal story of faith, hope, love and liberation at the Young Adult Ministry Sunday school class *Telling Stories of Love* from 9:45-10:45 am on Feb 28 in the Pastor's Conference Room. We will reflect upon them, their biblical relevance and their meanings for our own lives.



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

Sue Bailey, David Carl,
Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,
Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina, Cathie Hajdu,
Jan Herzer's mother Andrea and friend Mim,
Pam Kimmel's brother Paul, Marvin May, Marti Moore,
Nathaniel Morley's brother Matty, Cami Needle,
Reggie Plato, Janet Pollard's brother Calvin,
and Pat Valoon.

Our condolences to the family of Dee Alcorn on his passing.

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

*Congratulations to Carmen Blanco on the birth of
her daughter Isabella.*

Committee Meeting This Week

Soul Food Retreat Plan.... Friday, 7:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)

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.

Ruth Donalson Piano Program – Feb 29

Enjoy an hour of piano music with Mrs. Ruth Donalson on Monday, Feb 29 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!

Book Study: "Neighbors" – March 5

On Saturday, March 5 from 9-11 am, the Justice Committee will hold a book study on *Neighbors* by Ben Daniel about the struggles facing those who are crossing our southern borders. We will learn about the plight of people seeking asylum and safety in our country.

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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/serve-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.

PW Bible Study – March 1 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, March 1 at 10 am or on Monday, March 7 at 7 pm 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.

Introductory Enneagram Workshop – March 5

The *Introductory Enneagram Workshop* with Bernie Tickerhoof that got snowed out in February has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 5 from 9 am—4 pm. Lunch and continental breakfast will be provided. The workshop is free and no registration is required. However, contact the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan for a copy of the book that will be used for this workshop.

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*!

Church School Classes

Feb 28 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – "A Biblical and Practical Perspective on Forgiveness" led by Pete Murray

Journey with Scripture – Isaiah 55:1–9; Psalm 63:1–8; 1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9 led by Jan Irvin

Seekers – "What Saves Us?" *part 1 of 3* led by Pastor Heather Schoenewolf

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

YAM – "Telling Stories of Love" led by the Rev. Henk and Michele Bossers