



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 28, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:
God of generous provision, with you we enjoy the relief of forgiveness given; we enjoy a breach in walls of division; our own hearts are enlarged and our own vision is broadened by new understanding; we welcome prodigals home and are ourselves welcomed home again. We thank you, O God, that you are reconciling all things in heaven and on earth. Amen.

Our opening hymn is appropriate since the tune was composed by Franz Joseph Haydn in 1797. Haydn was a devout Christian who wrote at the end of his manuscripts "Laus Deo" — God be praised.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"The difference between a moral person and a person of honor is that the latter regrets a discreditable act even when it has worked." — H. L. Mencken, *"Prejudices"*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Charles Callahan

"Church Sonata in E-flat, KV 67"

W. A. Mozart

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music.

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

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 (from Psalm 63)

Mark Blank

Leader: O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you.

People: I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips will praise you.

People: I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Leader: Rejoice! Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Faithful and loving God, we have tried to live without you, wandering through life instead of seeking your narrow way of righteousness. Too often we have closed our hearts and minds to your presence and rejected your invitation. Our choices have oppressed unknown multitudes of our sisters and brothers. Our fears have caused us to hide, hold back, and fall silent when we should speak. Forgive us this day as we step away from sin and seek by grace ever to follow you, O Lord and Savior. Amen.

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Please keep our seminary intern Mark Blank in your prayers. He will be traveling to Israel/Palestine with a trip sponsored by World Mission Initiatives. He will return on March 10.

NEAR THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Opera singer Marian Anderson was born (1902), the ship *California* arrived at San Francisco carrying the first prospectors during the California Gold Rush (1849), and Corrie Ten Boom with her family were arrested after being betrayed in their helping of Jews to escape the Holocaust – as told in her book *The Hiding Place* (1944).

TIME OF MUSICAL REFLECTION (see insert for translations and notes) Franz Joseph Haydn
“Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo” (Little Organ Mass)

I. Kyrie
II. Gloria

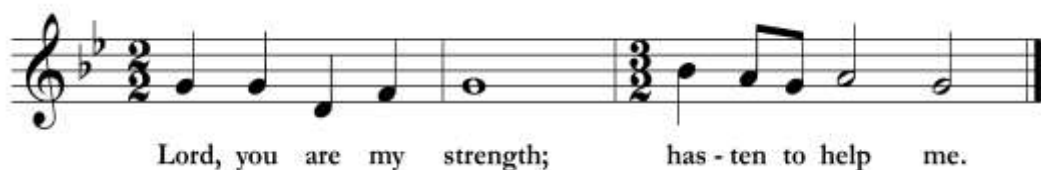
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: As the “Gloria” has said, you alone, O God, are the Holy One; you alone, Jesus Christ, are the Most High. With you there is perfect peace and true forgiveness. 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 Isaiah 55:1-5 Mark Blank
Psalm 63:1-4 setting by Arlo Duba
and Thomas Tallis
Dr. Moore, cantor

Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain.



LITANY FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Leader: We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, practice and pursue community with one another, and that we are a benefit and blessing to one another.

People: For we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause and share one hope.

Leader: Together we come to know the height, breadth, and depth of the love of Christ as together we are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new **humanity; as together we know and bear one another’s burdens; and together serve God in this world by fighting against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

People: Therefore we reject any doctrine that sanctions in the name of the gospel the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ. Jesus is Lord. Amen.

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.

TIME OF MUSICAL REFLECTION (see insert for translations and notes) Franz Joseph Haydn
“Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo” (Little Organ Mass)

III. Credo
IV. Sanctus

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:22-30 The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON “Narrow Doors, Wide Visions” The Rev. Dr. Bush

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

For our titanic purposes of faith and revolution, we do not want joy and anger to neutralize each other and produce a surly contentment; we want a fiercer delight and fiercer discontent. We have to feel the universe at once as an ogre's castle to be stormed, and yet as our own cottage to which we can return at evening.
(G.K. Chesterton, 1874-1936)

Unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint. All the variety of spiritual gifts, backgrounds, various languages and cultures are opportunities for mutual service and enriching the one visible people of God.
(Confession of Belhar)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(see insert for translations and notes)*

Franz Joseph Haydn

"Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo" *(Little Organ Mass)*

V. Benedictus

VI. Agnus Dei

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and
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 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 the journey, in days of want and days of plenty, you have been with us. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care. By your grace, may we strive for the narrow-yet-deep door of faith, reaching out to guide and encourage your children everywhere. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amén.

Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #317

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"In Christ There Is No East or West"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, *organist*

"Church Sonata in D, KV 69"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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:

- ♦ Is it possible to live out a unity as the people of God despite having so many different denominations?
- ♦ The Confession of Belhar asks us to "reject any doctrine that sanctions forced separation of people based on race." Where does this still happen in America?

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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Mark Blank, Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/Music Director*
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Gail Mosites, *soloist*
Andrew Fouts, *violin*
Warren Davidson, *violin*
Paige Riggs, *cello*
Jeff Mangone, *bass*
Acolytes: Phoebe Brown and Duncan Rieger
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Isaiah Wilson
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

There will be no Fellowship Time in the McKelvy Room today. Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. All are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be served.

◆ 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.
March 6 — 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.
March 6 — 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 annual Congregational Meeting in the Social Hall. 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.

Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, Hob. XXII:7
“Little Organ Mass”

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

I. Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

II. Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee.
We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Creator, Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of God: have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Creator.
Amen.

III. Credo

We believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Creator;
God from God, light from light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Creator
through him all things were made.
For us all and for our salvation He came down from heaven.
By the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Creator and the Son;
with the Creator and the Son the Spirit is worshipped and glorified.
The Spirit has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

IV. Sanctus

Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

V. Benedictus

Blessed is the one who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

VI. Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Grant us peace.

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) was appointed *Kapellmeister* at the Esterházy court in 1766, following the death of Gregor Werner. Following the death of the Eisenstadt castle organist Franz Novotny in 1773, Haydn took on the duties of organist as well. Two of the masses that Haydn composed in the period following this appointment have since been given the nicknames of “*Kleine Orgelmesse*” and “*Grosse Orgelmesse*,” or the little and the big organ masses. These names have become attached to the masses because of their use of the organ in an obbligato manner as well as a continuo instrument. Haydn’s contract from 1761 stated that he was not permitted to accept outside commissions without the approval of Prince Nicolaus. However, with respect to church music, Haydn was evidently allowed more freedom to wander from the realm of the court. The *Missa in honorem Beatissimae Virginis Mariae* (“Great Organ Mass”) was written for the court, but the “Little Organ Mass,” the *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*, was not. Haydn’s fourteen masses are among the most popular pieces of their type in all of choral literature.

The *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo* (*Kleine Orgelmesse*), Hob. XXII: 7 was written for the Order of the Brothers of Mercy (Barmherzige Brüder), whose patron saint was Saint John of God (Joannis Cuidad, 1495-1565). This order, which had a convent in Eisenstadt, was held in great favor by Haydn. The mass was composed sometime in the mid-1770s and was presumably first performed in the chapel of Barmherzigen Brüder. The title *Little Organ Mass* is due to the use of the organ in a solo role in the *Benedictus* movement. Haydn played the organ part for the first performance.

The Gloria and Credo movements are much shorter in length in the *Little Organ Mass* than in other mass settings. This compression is achieved through the telescoping of the text. That is, each voice has its own line of text, so there are four voices singing different texts at the same time!

TODAY AT ELPC

30 Hour Famine Sponsor Collection

This morning, 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.



Congregational Meeting

Our annual *Congregational Meeting* will be held today following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service in the Social Hall. 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. *Annual Reports* will be available downstairs.

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, or see Elaine Phillips after the 8:45 am Journey service. Sizes range from S to 5X, and cost \$10 (payment due at delivery on March 20). Order one today! Contact Kelli Booher for info (kjbooher@gmail.com; 405.501.0711).

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD this morning is **Beth Minnigh**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Carol Sharp**.



Seeking a Solution to Crowded Parking Before Worship

To assist members and visitors with parking, we will be piloting a shuttle service driving people from a nearby parking lot to the church's South Highland entrance for 30 minutes both before and after the 11 am service on Palm Sunday (March 20) and Easter Sunday (March 27). Meet Henk Bossers in the west transept on Sunday, March 13 after the 11 am service to get more information and/or to sign up.

Baby Changing Table Donation Request

ELPC is in need of a baby changing table. If you have one to donate, please contact the Facilities Manager, Paul Martin (PaulM@coh.net).

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!

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.

TRAIL YAM Event – March 4

Young adults are invited to *First Friday @ First UMC* on March 4 at 7 pm at First United Methodist Church (5401 Centre Ave, 15232). Drumming is a great way to throw off the stresses of your day, connect to the spirit and center into community. Just let your hands follow the rhythms, and you will be in sync in no time. You will feel confident in minutes, even if you have never drummed before. Bring your own drum if you have one. Contact Wil Forrest for details (Wil@coh.net).

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.

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.

30-Hour Famine – March 5 to 6

Youth in grades 6–12 will spend 30 hours fasting, praying, playing, worshiping, and learning about global hunger and poverty to raise money for *Team Tassy*, which provides education, job training, and health care to families in Haiti. For questions or to RSVP to this event from Saturday, March 5 to Sunday, March 6, contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).



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

Sue Bailey,
Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,
Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina,
Snap George's niece Rhiannon, Cathie Hajdu,
Jan Herzer's mother Andrea and friends Bob and Mim,
Bill Johnson, Pam Kimmel's brother Paul,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Eric McCarty's friend, Marti Moore,
Nathaniel Morley's brother Matty, Cami Needle,
Reggie Plato, Janet Pollard's brother Calvin,
Matt Stuft's mother, and Pat Valoon.

Congratulations to Devo and Deborah Hughes-Ihonde on the birth of their son Christopher.

Our condolences to the family of Marvin May on his passing. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 5 at 10:30 am in the Chapel at Longwood at Oakmont.

Our condolences to Wil Forrest on his uncle's passing.

Our condolences to Lynne Chadwick on her mother-in-law's passing.

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

Committee Meetings This Week

Adult Christian Ed..... Tuesday, 5:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)
YAM Advisory Thursday, 7:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)

Neighborhood Mission Opportunities

Open Hand Ministries (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 you can join us in finishing the interior of the house and fixing up the exterior on Saturday, March 5. No special skills are needed and all ages are welcome.

Also, the ELPC-OHM Team is looking for participants to "own the race" and run for OHM in the Pittsburgh Marathon in either a relay team, the half marathon or full marathon. Folks can run or walk! There will be a special t-shirt, group training runs and a pasta party!

Contact Emily Rosenthal (412.963.0139; EJR116@gmail.com) for info, or join us in the Social Hall after 11 am service to learn more!

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ Club 116 Dinner Providers still needed for 3/9 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/iserve-2.

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*!

Grief Support Group — Begins March 10

ELPC members Ted Cmarada and Susan Spangler, experienced psychotherapists and grief counselors, will lead a *Grief Support Group* for those who are grieving and/or struggling through loss and change on Thursdays from 6:30-8 pm, beginning March 10 for six weeks, and is free for all. *The group will not meet on Holy Thursday, March 24.*

National Black Presbyterian Caucus — March 12

A special meeting of the ELPC branch of the *National Black Presbyterian Caucus* will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 7 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor at ELPC. African-American church members and friends are invited to meet with the Rev. J. Herbert Nelson at this time.

Tween Retreat — March 12 to 13

Youth in grades 4-6 are invited to join tweens from around Pittsburgh at Crestfield Camp from Saturday, March 12 to Sunday, March 13 to learn about God's Word and how it relates to everyday life, have fun in God's outdoor creation, and worship. RSVP by Wednesday, March 2 to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Church School Classes

March 6 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

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

Journey with Scripture — Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Cor 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 led by Jan Irvin

Seekers — "What Saves Us?" *part 2 of 3* led by Pastor Heather Schoenewolf

Soul Food — A discussion of chapter ten, part two of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by Shirley Fair and Judy Roberts

IN OUR COMMUNITY...

Free Kidney Screening — March 6

The National Kidney Foundation is offering free kidney screenings through its KEEP Health program at Hosanna House (807 Wallace Ave, Wilksburg) on Sunday, March 6 from 11 am-2 pm. You will have your blood pressure checked, receive educational materials, and have an opportunity to speak with a healthcare professional. Those at risk for kidney disease will receive a urine test. Call 412.261.4115 x12 to schedule an appointment.