



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)

MARCH 13, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

J.S. Bach's (1685-1750)
Great G Minor Fantasy and Fugue have long been paired together, but were not composed at the same time. He finished the fugue for an audition at the Jacobikirche in Hamburg in 1720. (He did not get the job.) The fugue is based on a lively Dutch folk tune.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, **we thank you in Jesus' name.** Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“When we live according to our fears and our hates, our lives become small and defensive, lacking the deep, joyous generosity of God. If you find some part of your life where your daily round has grown thin and controlling and resentful, life with God is much, much larger, shattering our little categories of control, permitting us to say that God’s purposes led us well beyond ourselves to live and to forgive, to create life we would not have imagined.”
— *Walter Brueggemann*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
“Fantasy in G Minor, BWV 542” Johann Sebastian Bach
“Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier, BWV 731”
(*Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*)

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women Retreat

Sherry Anderson

* 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 126*)

Katie Haas

Leader: You fill our mouths with laughter, O God; with our tongues we shout for joy.
People: You have done great things for us, O God; we come before you with praise on our lips.
Leader: Now let us worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #339

LIFT EVERY VOICE

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*based on the Confession of Belhar*)

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Loving God, we know that you wish to teach us, the church, to do what is good and to seek what is right. We know that we must stand by people in any form of suffering and need, witnessing against injustice so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
People: Gracious God, we confess that we have not done what is good nor sought what is right. We have allowed injustice to grow roots in our land and remained silent when doctrines are proclaimed that run counter to the gospel of Christ. Forgive us, Lord.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Help each one of us,
gracious Father, to live in
such magnanimity and
restraint that the Head of
the Church may never
have cause to say to any
one of us, This is my body,
broken by you.
(Prayer from China)

Henry "Harry" Thacker
Burleigh (1866-1949) was
born in Erie, PA and was
baritone soloist at St.
George's Church in New
York City for 52 years. He
said this of his motivation
for setting spirituals:
"... *In Negro spirituals my*
race has pure gold, and
they should be taken as
the Negro's contribution to
artistic possessions. In
them we show a spiritual
security as old as the
ages. . . . These songs
always denote a personal
relationship. It is 'my
Saviour,' 'my sorrow,' 'my
kingdom.' The personal
note is ever present.
America's only original and
distinctive style of music is
destined to be appreciated
more and more."

Then the Lord said, "I have
observed the misery of my
people who are in Egypt; I
have heard their cry on
account of their
taskmasters. Indeed, I
know their sufferings, and I
have come down to deliver
them from the Egyptians
and to bring them up out of
that land to a good and
broad land, a land flowing
with milk and
honey." (Exodus 3:7-8)

Leader: We believe that faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership in the church. You call us to travel the road of obedience and reconciliation, but out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, we have not followed your lead nor effectively advanced the gospel in our world.

People: We confess that we have not been willing to stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and beside the wronged; nor have we been witnesses against the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests, control and harm others. Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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!

PSALTER

Psalm 126

setting by Hal Hopson

Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain.

Dr. Moore, cantor



SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-21

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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.

ANTHEM

"Go Down, Moses"

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go, oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go. Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go. Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said, let my people go, if not I'll smite your first born dead, let my people go. Go down, Moses...

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:16-4:12

The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II

SERMON

"Where is our Milk and Honey?"

The Rev. Dr. Nelson II

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

The setting of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* heard this morning was written for the 1968 graduating class of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941) is an alumnus of the Choir College. Martin has published over 300 compositions and is the recipient of numerous awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). The text of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) and the hymn tune HAMBURG was composed by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

On this date in history, Standard Time was adopted throughout the United States, creating the Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific time zones (1884); a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution, challenged in the Scopes Monkey Trial (1925); and Robert Vann published the first edition of the *Pittsburgh Courier* (March 10, 1910).

OFFERING INVITATION

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.

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The text can be found at #223 in the Glory to God hymnal.

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

* 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 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:	Abundant God, your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, bringing these offerings to be used for your ministry in the world. May the vision of your promised realm be ever before us. In Christ's name we pray.	
People:	Amén.	Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #766

McKEE

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542"

Dr. Moore, organist
Johann Sebastian 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:

- ♦ The Confession of Belhar in one phrase uses the passive verb "stand by." How might you actively "stand by people in any form of suffering and need?"
- ♦ Injustice is described as "growing roots in our land." This is a vivid, organic image that names the way that small seeds of injustice put down roots and can grow into dangerous weeds and large plants of unrighteousness. Think about ways we can be better "gardeners" of God's creation, mindful of the wide range of dangerous, small growths of injustice affecting our natural and social worlds.

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.



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. J. Herbert Nelson II
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Sherry Anderson
Katie Haas
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Soloists: Billy Wayne Coakley, Todd Farwell
David Jennings-Smith, Marcus Kim
Judd Poeske, Andrew Wilkinson
Acolytes: Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Tyrese Williams
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time in honor of our guest, The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II, sponsored by the Justice Committee. All are welcome!

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Anna Barbara Negley Brick, Miss Georgina G. Negley, Miss Alice Negley and Miss Sarah J. M. Negley.

◆ 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. Eco-palms will be distributed.
March 20 — 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. Palm procession with distribution of eco-palms.
March 20 — 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

A Warm Welcome to The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II

It is a distinct honor to welcome the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II to ELPC this morning. Dr. Nelson serves as the director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. He lobbies, educates, and strives to implement the justice goals set by our church's General Assembly.

Patients' Rights and Responsibilities

Being in the hospital, either as a patient or a family member, can be very stressful. In this discussion of *Patients' Rights and Responsibilities* today in Room 234 after the 11 am service, Nancy Magee RN, Health Care Consultant, will review the rights that patients and family members have during their treatment, and how best to advocate for themselves. Light refreshments will be provided.

Examine Our Stained Glass Tour

Join Elder Penn Hackney following the 11 am service for a one-hour tour of the stained glass in the Sanctuary, Chapel, and Session Room. Gather at the front of the Sanctuary after the organ postlude. During the tour, you will appreciate anew the beauty and significance of ELPC's incredible windows. Designed and created by three Pittsburgh stained glass shops during the 1930s, the windows tell many biblical stories.

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 on Beatty St between Eva and Penn to the church's South Highland entrance for 30 minutes both before and after the 11 am service on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Meet Henk Bossers in the west transept today after the 11 am service to get more information and/or to sign up.

Order Your ELPC Tie Dyed T-shirt

Today after Journey worship in the Social Hall and before the Sanctuary service in the Highland Lobby, orders will be taken for the colorful tie dyed ELPC t-shirts created by the LGBTQ Ministry for \$10. The shirts have the church name on the front and *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.* on the back. They will be available in April.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

Journey DOD: Mary Figlar. *Sanctuary DOD:* Karen Beasley.

Confirmation Class Meets Today

Youth and their sponsors will begin working on their *Statements of Faith* today at 12:30 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor.

Buzzword Performance — March 16

Join Hope Academy from 6–7 pm on Wednesday, March 16 for *Peter and the Wolf*, another free exciting *Buzzword Pittsburgh* live performance and workshop for young children, from birth to age 5, and their families. RSVP by calling Norma (412.441.3800 x11). The event is presented by Opera Theater of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, and will feature Hope Academy ballet students.

Enneagram Workshop & Discussion Group — March 19 & 22

If you have either taken the Introductory Enneagram Workshop or have done some study on your own, please join the *Advanced Enneagram Workshop* from 9 am—1 pm on Saturday, March 19. The monthly *Enneagram Discussion Group* will meet on Tuesday, March 22 from 7—8 pm.

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering — March 20

The next LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering will be on Sunday, March 20 after the 11 am worship service. To learn more about this gathering or the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

DG2! @ Empty Bowls — March 20

Doing Good Together!, a partnership between the youth of Rodef Shalom and ELPC, will volunteer to help at the annual *Empty Bowls* dinner on Sunday, March 20. Youth in grades 4–12 who want to volunteer should RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

YAM Event: Maundy Thursday Experience — March 24

The Young Adult Ministry is invited to make a night of it from dinner to worship back to devotional practice and prayer. Not sure what that means? Come find out on Maundy Thursday, March 24 from 6-9 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor.

PW Spring Retreat — April 1 to 2

Please see the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the Highland Ave hallway for brochures and registration forms for the PW Retreat *Grace Alive* with The Rev. Jane Esterline from April 1 to 2 at Camp Crestfield. For more info, see **Kay Shissler in the McKelvy Room during today's Fellowship Time**, or contact her (412.681.2047; kshissler@juno.com).

The Chapel Market

The *Chapel Market* cannot accept donations of regular clothing during March because they have enough items to finish the season. Spring and summer clothing will be accepted in April. If you have a gently worn prom gown that you can donate for a special community event, please contact Diana Bloss (dianabloss15206@gmail.com) or Kathy Hackney (hackney@att.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,
Carol Chontos (ELPC employee),
Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina,
Snap George's niece Rhiannon, Cathie Hajdu,
Peta Harrigan Cole,
Jan Herzer's mother Andrea and friends Bob and Mim,
Liz Hopkins' daughter Wendy, Bill Johnson,
Pam Kimmel's brother Paul,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Eric McCarty's friend, Cami Needle, Reggie Plato,
Janet Pollard's brother Calvin, Matt Stuff's mother,
Pat Valoon and her friend Kristen, and Sel Whitaker.
Our condolences to the family of Marvin May on his passing.
Our condolences to Sharon Nicholson on her brother's passing.
Our condolences to Mark Roth on his mother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach..... *Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 224)*
Officer Training *Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 244)*
Health Ministry..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Session Rm)*
NO Session..... *Tuesday*
Happy Wanderers Planning..... *Thursday, 10:00 am (Rm 234)*
Peace *Thursday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)*

World Mission Initiative Conference — April 8 to 9

PW invites you to be their guests at the *World Mission Initiative Conference: Recalibrating the Church for the 21st Century* from April 8 to 9 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The keynote speaker is Alan Hirsch, the founding director of Forge Mission Training Network. Register at www.WorldMissionInitiative.org or pick up a registration form on the PW bulletin board outside the 1st floor Library. Your registration has been paid for and meals are included.

Church School Classes

March 20 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries — “Atonement—Did Jesus Have to Die for Our Sins?” led by Dr. John Burgess

Journey with Scripture — Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29; Luke 19:28–40; Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 led by Mark Blank

Seekers — “The Unsettling Logic of the Resurrection” led by Pastor Randy Bush

Soul Food — A discussion of chapter eleven, part two of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Vivienne Selia and Barb Fotta

In Our Community

RCC Cabaret — Today

The Renaissance City Choir's 30th anniversary Cabaret *Lights! Glamour! Blockbuster Talent!* focuses on the songs from award winning movies. Join them today at 3 pm in the Social Hall for the final performance. Visit www.rccpittsburgh.com to purchase tickets.

“Vote” Sign-Making Workshops — Today and March 24

Make VOTE! signs at the Spinning Plate Gallery (5821 Baum Blvd, near Whole Foods) today from 1-4 pm and Thursday, March 24 from 4-7 pm. All materials supplied. Learn more at www.pole2polls.com.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ **Become an approved church van driver. See Wil for details.** ♦

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14).

Holy Week Services

Palm and Passion Sunday

March 20 | 8:45 and 11 am

One Great Hour of Sharing *offering received*

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

March 21 to 25 | 9 am-9 pm & March 26 | 9 am-1 pm

Taizé Stations of the Cross

March 23 | 7 pm

Led by The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Maundy Thursday (communion)

March 24 | 7 pm

Led by The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Good Friday

March 25 | 12 Noon and 7 pm

Noon—led by The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

7 pm Tenebrae—led by The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

The Rev. Dr. Bush will preach at the Greater St. James AME Church's Good Friday service from Noon-3 pm.

Saturday Vigil (communion)

March 26 | 7 pm

Led by The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Easter Sunday (communion)

March 27 | 8:45 and 11 am

Journey—led by The Rev. Schoenewolf

Sanctuary—led by The Rev. Dr. Bush

Purchase an Easter tulip today!

Order forms are on the information tables.

We will not have lilies out of respect for those allergic to plant aromas.

