



# 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)*

## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 27, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Tomb, thou shalt not  
hold him longer;  
death is strong,  
but life is stronger;  
stronger than  
the dark, the light;  
stronger than  
the wrong, the right;  
Faith and Hope  
triumphant say  
Christ will rise on  
Easter Day.  
(Phillips Brooks)

### EASTER PRESS RELEASES:

**"He has been raised; he is not here."** (Mark 16:6)

**"Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead and is going ahead of you to Galilee.'"** (Matthew 28:7)

**"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."** (Luke 24:5)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

**"In the resurrection of Jesus Christ humanity is once for all exalted, and we are set free to live a new life, in which we no longer have sin, death, the grave and hell in front of us, but behind us."**  
— Karl Barth

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

**"Allegro Maestoso"** Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
**"Christ Lag In Todesbanden, BWV 625"** Johann Sebastian Bach  
(*Christ Lay In Death's Fetters*)  
**"Simple Gifts"** arr. J. Wayne Kerr  
**"The Day of Resurrection"** arr. John Ferguson

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Cristo ha resucitado! Christ is risen!  
People: En verdad, esta resucitado! He is risen indeed!

### CALL TO WORSHIP

James Eng

Leader: Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried. They found that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty.

People: **We gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! Alleluia!**

### \* HYMN #232

**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

EASTER HYMN

### \* OPENING PRAYER FOR EASTER

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Gracious God, Source of all living things, we praise you that you have not abandoned us to the power of death, sin and despair. We rejoice that with Jesus Christ you have lifted us up from the grave. Grant that we may live in newness of life, now and in the world to come. Hear us as we offer the ancient words of celebration:

Cristo ha resucitado! Christ is risen!  
People: En verdad, esta resucitado! He is risen indeed!

### \* HYMN #238

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

JUDAS MACCABEUS

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

\* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.

## March 27 • Resurrection of the Lord

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Vain the stone,  
the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst  
the gates of hell;  
death in vain  
forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened  
Paradise.  
(Charles Wesley)

### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

*There is no Extended Session program this morning. There is Nursery care for children under 3.*

### CHORAL ANTHEM

“This Joyful Eastertide”

arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

*The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #244.*

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### SERMON

“Going Home with Jesus”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### PRAYER

### OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” (from *Messiah*)

The Brass Roots

G.F. Handel

arr. Mark Schweizer

### \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by Dominic and Joshua Odom.*



On this date in history,  
Spanish explorer Ponce  
de Leon sighted Florida in  
his search for the  
Fountain of Youth (1512);  
the movie *Singing in the  
Rain* with Gene Kelly  
premiered in New York  
City (1952); and on or  
near this date singers  
Aretha Franklin  
(March 25, 1942) and  
Sarah Vaughan  
(March 27, 1924)  
have birthdays.

### — SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Callahan

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: In every time and every age, O God, it is good and faithful that we give  
you thanks, for your mercy is sure and your steadfast love endures  
forever...

\* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
God of endless life, help  
us to know that you are  
ever with us – through  
the promise of your  
Word, in the sharing of  
a meal, and by the  
power of your Spirit that  
burns within our hearts.  
Bless and keep us, this  
day and always. Amen.

EASTER PRESS RELEASE  
(late edition):

**"Jesus said, 'Peace be  
with you. As the Father  
has sent me, so I send  
you.'" (John 20:21)**

An unsubstantiated  
legend has it that King  
George II was so  
**moved by Handel's  
"Hallelujah" Chorus** that  
he stood for this piece  
at a 1743 performance,  
and out of respect for  
the king, the audience  
rose to their feet.  
Although audiences  
back then stood for  
many special pieces,  
the best known remnant  
of this practice remains  
associated with the  
**"Hallelujah" Chorus.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The English text can be found on page 35 in the purple Glory to God hymnal; Spanish on page 40.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SOLO

**"The Trumpet Shall Sound" (from Messiah)**

G.F. Handel

Todd Farwell, *soloist*

HYMN #241

**"Woman, Weeping in the Garden"**

KINGDOM

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

We give you thanks, O God, that you have given us such joy, grace and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let all our words and actions, our gifts and offerings, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* HYMN #246 (verses 1, 2 and 5)

**"Christ Is Alive!"**

TRURO

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

\* CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM (In the pew racks)

G.F. Handel

**"Hallelujah" Chorus (from Messiah)**

*Please return your copy of the Hallelujah Chorus to the pew rack so we may use them again in the future.*

\* POSTLUDE

**"Toccata from Symphony V"**

Charles-Marie Widor

*Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.*



*Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.*

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
James Eng  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist and Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Todd Farwell, *Soloist*  
*The Brass Roots:*  
Carloz Gil, Kenton Bandy, *trumpets*  
Carrie Vertin, *horn*  
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*  
Jack Hoeksema, *tuba*  
Abby Langhorst, *timpani*  
Acolytes: David and Josh Bellin  
Beadles: Michele Bossers  
The Rev. Joe Hajdu  
Crucifer: Isaiah Wilson  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers in the urns are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. Porter Corwin.

*Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of our tulip and/or EECM Food Pantry donors.*

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*April 3* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.  
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir.  
*April 3* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

No Extended Session on Easter

There will be no Extended Session program for preschool children on Easter. Please visit the *Kid's Corner* for hands-on activities designed to engage children in worship.

Nursery Care Available

**There is Young Children's Ministry** for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) in the 1st floor Nursery every Sunday.

♦ 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 listen for the still, small voice of God. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Open everyday

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC. We invite you to stop by the *Welcome Table* in the Highland Lobby or the Narthex for a small welcoming gift and some other information about ELPC's programs and ministries.

*To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:*

**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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

*A blessed Easter to all!*

There will be a special Fellowship Time from 9:45-10:45 am in the Small Dining Room (located on the ground floor). The Fellowship Time following the 11 am Sanctuary service will be held in the McKelvy Room.



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### Register to Vote

Tomorrow is the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming Pennsylvania primary. Registration forms are available at the *Welcome Tables* in the lobbies. If filled out and left here today, we will mail them for you.

### Today's Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)

*Journey:* Mary Figlar. *Sanctuary:* Ray Anthony.



### Building Our Future Campaign

Progress continues to be made preparing for our upcoming church renovation work. Additional pledges to support the *Building Our Future* capital campaign are always welcome. Pledge forms are available near the *Visitors' Table* in the Penn Ave Narthex, and at a special display near the Capital Campaign bulletin board in the Highland Ave hallway.

### Parking Around ELPC

The church website has been updated with the most current information for parking, including a map ([www.ELPC.church/about-elpc/visiting-elpc/parking](http://www.ELPC.church/about-elpc/visiting-elpc/parking)). Also on that page is a link to the Mobile App, 'Go Mobile PGH' ([www.gomobilepittsburgh.com](http://www.gomobilepittsburgh.com)). If you use a SmartPhone and use the parking kiosks around Pittsburgh, this App is fantastic!

### Electronic Offerings

If you wish to make a donation to ELPC electronically, you can type in this address – [bit.do/elpcdonate](http://bit.do/elpcdonate) – and you'll be directed to our secure church donation webpage.

### LGBTQ Ministry

*God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.*

For more info about this ministry, please contact Wil Forrest ([wil@coh.net](mailto:wil@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x14).

### Young Adult Ministry TRAIL Event – April 1

Spend time playing games and having fun on April Fool's Day, April 1, at the *First Friday @ Emanuel* event at 7 pm (Emanuel United Methodist Church, 825 Lorenz Ave, 15220). Try a neighborhood favorite called dart-ball that draws crowds to this Crafton Heights church. Contact Wil ([wil@coh.net](mailto:wil@coh.net)) if you want a ride from ELPC at 6:30 pm.

### 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. Registration ends on Monday, March 28. For more info, contact Kay Shissler (412.681.2047; [kshissler@juno.com](mailto:kshissler@juno.com)).

### OHM Work Day – April 2

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) has made great progress on the inner workings of the rehab house. We hope you can join us as the adventure continues on our next work day, Saturday, April 2. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Henry Petrilli ([hlp615@gmail.com](mailto:hlp615@gmail.com)). Once the work day plan is finalized, we will send you the details. As always, no special skills are needed and all are welcome.

### Mike Tomaro and Jazz Combo – April 3

Mike Tomaro and his jazz combo will be returning to ELPC to lead worship next Sunday, April 3 at the 11 am service. Joining Mike will be vocalist Tania Grubbs.

### PW T-Shirt Pick-Up – April 3

If you ordered a PW t-shirt, you can pick it up (and pay) next Sunday, April 3 after the 11 am worship service.

### Youth Event: The Faith We Live – April 3

Youth in grades 9–12 are invited to join us for *The Faith We Live: You Don't Have to be A Minister To Minister* event on Sunday, April 3 from 12:30-3:15 pm. We will share lunch and travel to Shadyside Presbyterian Church to be encouraged to imagine our future vocations through our freedom to serve God in many amazing ways. RSVP and a permission slip are required. For questions, contact Sara Hackett ([SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)).



## Inquirers' Classes

**S u n d a y s**

**April 3 and 10 ♦ 12:30 to 2:30 pm**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Join us for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please call Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (412.441.3800 x22).



*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,  
Tim Benedict's sister-in-law Marilyn,  
Carol Chontos (ELPC employee),  
Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina,  
Snap George's niece Rhiannon, Cathie Hajdu,  
Peta Harrigan Cole, Jan Herzer's friend Bob,  
Bill Johnson, Pam Kimmel's brother Paul,  
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,  
Eric McCarty's friend, Marti Moore, Cami Needle,  
Janet Pollard's brother Calvin,  
Vivienne Selia's friend Pam, Mark Steidl,  
Matt Stuft's mother, Nancy Thomas,  
Pat Valoon and her friend Kristen, and Sel Whitaker.  
*Our condolences to Liz Hopkins on her daughter's passing.*

### There are NO Committee Meetings This Week

*The church building will be closed tomorrow.*

#### PW Bible Study – April 4 and 5

Join Presbyterian Women on Monday, April 4 at 7 pm or Tuesday, April 5 at 10 am 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. Bring a snack or salad to share and your own table setting.

#### 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. Register at [www.WorldMissionInitiative.org](http://www.WorldMissionInitiative.org) or pick up a registration form on the PW bulletin board. Your registration has been paid for; meals are included.

#### A Silent Retreat – April 8 to 10

Come away for a time of silence, peace, and restoration at *A Silent Retreat* from Friday, April 8 to Sunday, April 10 at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. Each retreatant will have a private room with shared bathroom. The cost is \$150, which includes accommodations for two nights; dinner Friday night; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday; brunch on Sunday; and a spiritual direction appointment. Scholarship money is available. See the Spiritual Life bulletin board for registration forms.

**iSERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

#### 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). Visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2) to learn about other service opportunities.

## In Our Community

#### “God in the Box” Documentary Discussion – March 30

Dr. Randy Bush will join Rabbi James Gibson, Fr. David Poecking and Rev. DeNeice Welch from 7-9 pm on Wednesday, March 30 at Temple Sinai (5505 Forbes Ave) to view and discuss the documentary film *God in the Box*. Call Judy Kirklin (412.421.9715) for more info.

#### Maintaining a Healthy Brain – April 10

Join us on Sunday, April 10 after the 11 am service for a discussion on *Maintaining a Healthy Brain* in Room 234. Caterina Rosano, MD, MPH, will share information on the benefits of movement to maintaining brain health; and Jim Eng, PT, DPT, MS, GCS, will work with us on types of movement that are safe and easily done by everyone.

#### ELPC Below Ground Tour – April 10

Join Regis Will following the Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, April 10 for *ELPC Below Ground*. Wonder at the huge furnaces that heat our building! See the blowers that feed air to the more than 7,000 organ pipes! Gather at the Highland Ave entrance for the 45-minute tour.

#### Free Prom Gown Event – April 12

The *Chapel Market* is sponsoring a free prom gown event on Tuesday, April 12 from 4-6:30 pm. All students and young adults who need a beautiful gown for a special event are invited to attend. Also, if you can donate a new or gently used gown or costume jewelry, please contact Kathy Hackney ([hackneyk@att.net](mailto:hackneyk@att.net)).

#### The Arsenal Duo to Perform – April 23

Our *Cathedral Concerts* series will continue on Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 pm with a collaborative performance between The Arsenal Duo and the Point Park University Dance Department. Join us for a unique evening of intertwined music and dance, with the soaring architecture of ELPC's Sanctuary as the backdrop. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted.

#### Blessing of the Bikes – April 30

ELPC is hosting a *Blessing of the Bikes* on Saturday, April 30 at 1:30 pm. Additional info is available on our website ([www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)).

## Church School Classes

April 3 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “What do Easter and Baptism have to do with Each Other?” led by Dr. John Burgess

**Journey with Scripture** – Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 118:14–29; Revelation 1:4–8; John 20:19–31 led by Lora Bethea

**Seekers** – “How acquainted are you with the Holy Spirit?” led by Dr. Lois Lang

**Soul Food** – A discussion of chapter twelve, part one of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Judy Roberts and Reed Williams