



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)

APRIL 3, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future; and life is worth the living just because He lives."

— Bill and Gloria Gaither (1971)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Wild Flower"
"Save the Country"
"My Blue Heaven"

Jazz Combo
Wayne Shorter
Laura Nyro

Walter Donaldson and George Whiting

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 (from Psalm 118)

Ryan Booher

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

People: The Lord is our strength and our song and has become our salvation.

Leader: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #233

LANCASHIRE

"The Day of Resurrection!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lenore Williams

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lenore Williams

God of life, you have raised us up to new life, even as you raised your Son Jesus from the grave. Still, we have not set our hearts and minds on things above, caring instead for the things of earth. We have embraced that which decays and rejected that which lives forever. Forgive us for turning away from your gift of resurrection life. Breathe into us your life-giving Spirit and enfold us with your life, through our resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

The text for *The Day of Resurrection* is traced back to St. John of Damascus (c. 675-749 CE), a priest and poet of the early church. His theological writings provided a comprehensive presentation of the main Christian doctrines as understood by the early church, and his works were especially valued in the Orthodox (Greek) church well into the Middle Ages.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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Incline us, O God, to think humbly of ourselves, to be saved only in the examination of our own conduct, to consider our fellow-creatures with kindness, and to judge all they say and do with the charity which we would desire from them ourselves.
(Jane Austen)

They that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which they themselves must pass if they would ever reach heaven; for everyone has the need to be forgiven.
(George Herbert)

O Lord, you have made us very small, and we bring our years to an end like a tale that is told; help us to remember that beyond our brief day is the eternity of your love.
(Reinhold Niebuhr)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Lenore Williams

Leader: The gift of new life is ours in Christ, who arose that we might have peace, forgiveness and eternal hope. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Cathedral Earth"

Jazz Combo
Daniel May and Helen Kaar

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-23, 30-31

Kelli Booher

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.

* HYMN #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 5:27-42

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Easter Mindfulness"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Prelude in B Minor"

The Rev. Dr. Bush
J.S. Bach
transcribed by A. Siloti

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Callahan

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 SPECIAL MUSIC

"You Must Believe in Spring"

Jazz Combo
Michel LeGrand

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:
God of the Resurrection,
you open the tomb and
invite us to sing and
dance in the new life you
give us. In Jesus Christ,
whose wounds are not
erased but glorified in
resurrection, touch our
wounds that they may be
transformed into
channels of healing for
others. Holy Spirit,
breathe into us the
power to forgive so that
all may have new life. In
the name of Jesus we
pray. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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: Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, the resurrected Savior, we pray.

People: Amén.

Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #248

HYMN TO JOY

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Up Jumped Spring”

Jazz Combo

Freddie Hubbard

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.



On this day in history,
British poet and Christian
writer George Herbert
was born (1593) as was
American author
Washington Irving
(1783); Martin Luther
King, Jr. delivered his
famous “Mountaintop”
speech at a rally less
than 24 hours before he
was assassinated
(1968).

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Ryan and Kelli Booher
Sara Hackett
Lenore Williams
Musicians: **Gabriel D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*
Mike Tomaro, *Saxophones*
Tania Grubbs, *Vocals*
Max Leake, *Piano*
Paul Thompson, *Bass*
Tom Wendt, *Drums*
Acolytes: Annabelle and Sonia 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, sponsored by Jan Herzer, with an invitation to all to help celebrate her **Mumsie's Birthday!**

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.
April 10 — 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.
April 10 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 today in Room 244 or next Sunday, April 10 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. See Dr. Bush **immediately after today's service, or contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22) for more info on next week's class.**

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.

TODAY AT ELPC

A Warm Welcome to Our Musical Guests!

This morning we welcome Mike Tomaro, his jazz combo and Tania Grubbs to ELPC as they share their musical talents with us during the 11 am service.

PW T-Shirt Pick-Up

If you ordered a PW t-shirt, you can pick it up (and pay) after today's 11 am worship service.

Youth Event: The Faith We Live

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 today from 12:30-3:15 pm. We will share lunch and travel to Shadyside Presbyterian Church. RSVP and a permission slip are required. See Sara Hackett immediately after the service if interested.

Inquirers' Class

Today's *Inquirers' Class* will be held in Room 244. Please see the article below for more info.



Yarn Donations Requested for Club 116

Club 116 is doing a yarn sewing project on April 20. If you have any leftover or unwanted yarn, we would love to put it to good use! Yarn can be dropped off in the front office before April 20.

Centering Prayer – Tuesdays

Jon Nelson will lead *Centering Prayer* on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Prayer and Meditation Room. Please note the day and time changes from Wednesdays. All are invited to attend.

Mindfulness Meditation – Thursdays

Susan Spangler will lead *Mindfulness Meditation* on Thursdays at 7 pm in the Prayer and Meditation Room. Please note the day change from Mondays. All welcome.

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). Also on that page is a link to the Mobile App, 'Go Mobile PGH' (www.gomobilepittsburgh.com). If you use a SmartPhone and use the parking kiosks around Pittsburgh, this App is fantastic! *The metered neighborhood lots behind the Library allow you to park all day (up to 10 hours at one time) at \$1/hour. These lots are enforced from 8 am-10 pm.*

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 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.

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.



Inquirers' Classes

S u n d a y s
TODAY and April 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 see Dr. Randy Bush immediately after the service in Room 244 if interested in attending today, or please call Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for next week's class (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,
Bill Johnson, Chuck Knowles and his mother,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Cami Needle, Janet Pollard's brother Calvin,
Vivienne Selia's friend Pam, Matt Stufft's mother,
Nancy Thomas, Al Valentine's son,
Pat Valoon and her friend Kristen, and Sel Whitaker.
Our condolences to Liz Hopkins on her daughter's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

VCS Planning..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)*
Christian Education..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)*
Property..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)*

DG2! @ Repair the World – April 10

DG2!, a partnership for youth in grades 4–6 from Rodef Shalom and ELPC, will be showing acts of loving kindness by participating in *Good Deeds Day* at Repair the World on Sunday, April 10 after the 11 am worship service. They will work in local gardens around the neighborhood. RSVP and permission slip are required to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

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).

The Great Exchange: Holidays – April 17

Folks of all ages are invited to *The Great Exchange: Holidays* on Sunday, April 17 at 12:30 pm in the Social Hall. This interactive event will explore some fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of holidays. We will have a simple lunch while sharing our stories with one another. No prep necessary, just come and enjoy!

iSERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

◆ Vacation Church
School 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

Women's Retreat – April 22 to 24

Rev. Betty Angelini and Rev. Robin Humphreys will lead a Women's Retreat titled *Eat, Pray, Love: Discover a Christ Centered Life* from Friday, April 22 at 6:30 pm to 11:30 am on Sunday, April 24 at Camp Crestfield. For more info and to register, visit crestfield.net/womens-retreat.html.

Mother's Day Cards Available – April 17 and 24

Mother's Day cards are offered by Presbyterian Women and may be purchased on Sundays, April 17 and 24 after Journey worship in the Social Hall and at Fellowship Time after Sanctuary worship. Cards also may be purchased from Kate Carlson in the church office during the week.

Mission Overnight Event – April 22 to 23

Youth in grades 8–12 who are interested in attending the *Sr. High Mission Trip* this summer are required to attend the *Mission Overnight* event from 7 pm on Friday, April 22 to Saturday, April 23 at 7 pm. We will learn about mission, play group building games, worship and plan for the trip.

Cathedral Concert Cancellation – April 23

Our *Cathedral Concerts* performance scheduled for Saturday, April 23 has been postponed until a future date.

Images of God: So What? – April 23

Join us in the 2nd floor Parlor on Saturday, April 23 from 9 am–4 pm for the conclusion of our *Images of God* series. Titled *So What?*, this program will explore how your image of God impacts your life and prayer. We will look at ways to practice our faith in a way that is consistent with our image, and yet encourages us to grow spiritually. There is no fee, but please call Kate Carlson (412.441.3800 x16) by Wednesday, April 20 to RSVP.

LGBTQ Ministry Event – April 24

The next LGBTQ Ministry event will be the *Learning and Discussion Session: Understanding LGBTQ Basics* on Sunday, April 24 after the 11 am worship service. To learn more about this session or to attend, as seats are limited, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

Church School Classes

April 10 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Between Trauma and Triumph” led by Pete Murray

Journey with Scripture – Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19 led by Jan Irvin

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

Soul Food – A discussion of chapter twelve, part two of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michele Bossers and Shirley Fair

YAM – “Telling Stories of Liberation” led by Roy Hillier