



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 24, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John Knowles Paine
(1839-1906) was
appointed Harvard
University's first organist
and choirmaster in
1861.

Those celebrating
birthdays today include:
Edmund Cartright
(1743), English clergy
and inventor of the
power loom; Carole
Robertson (1949), one
of three young girls
killed at the 16th
Avenue Baptist Church
bombing in Birmingham,
AL; actor, dancer and
model, Djimon
Hounsou, best known
for his depiction as
Cinque leader of the
slave ship Mutiny in the
1997 film Amistad;
Snuppy (2005), the first
cloned dog; and Richard
M. Daley (1942), mayor
of Chicago 1989-2011.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"The spiritual question is this: Does one's life give any evidence of an encounter with God? Does this encounter bring about in you any of the things that Paul describes as the *fruits* of the spirit: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control* (Galatians 5:22)? Are you different from your surroundings, or do you reflect the predictable cultural values and biases of your group?"

— Richard Rohr

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
"Prelude in D-flat Major"
Op. 19, No. 1
John Knowles Paine

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

Pam Kimmel

Leader: Come to praise God, all you faithful people! Come, for God welcomes you and offers to draw close.

People: **Praise to God, who rules over all the earth. Praise to God, who is as near as our next breath.**

Leader: Sun, moon and stars shine in praise to God. God created them and established for each a place.

People: **God has a place for us in this world; we have come that God may instruct and equip us.**

Leader: Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God. Let all the rulers of the earth do so as well.

People: **God provides abundantly for our needs. God makes of us one family all who dwell on earth.**

All: **Let us praise God! Hallelujah and Amen!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #14

DIX

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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On this date ...
1867 — Black demonstrators staged a ride-in on the streetcars in Richmond, VA
1877 — The last federal occupying troops withdrew from the South (New Orleans)
1884 — The National Medical Association of Black Physicians was organized in Atlanta

The *Prelude* from J.S. Bach's (1685-1750) third partita is one of his most recognized compositions. Its popularity has led to it being played in a number of different instrumentations, including guitar and an arrangement for solo piano by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

On this date in 1800 the U.S.A. Library of Congress (the research library of the U.S. Congress) was established when then President John Adams signed an Act of Congress providing for the transfer of the seat of government from Philadelphia to the new capital city of Washington.

CALL TO CONFESSION/INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-35

Frances Wilson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

Frances Wilson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cody Conley, *violin*
"Partita No. 3 in E Major, BWV 1006" Johann Sebastian Bach
"1. Prelude"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Members: Lynn Buchanan, William Buchanan, Suzanne Flynn, Nicholas Genger-Boeldt, Leigh Halverson, Nathaniel Hanson, Brittney Krieger and Lauren Uranker

Friends: Heather Eng, Rita Nordquist, Conrad Seaman, Loretta Shade and Donnelly Smith

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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.

HYMN #288 (sing 3 times) "Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:1-18

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"The Other"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Session: Mark DeWitt, Jim Eng, Barbara Griffin, Katie Haas, Jon Walker, Lenore Williams, Eddie Willson, and Isaiah Wilson

Youth: Margaret Edgecombe and Xander Yates

Deacons: Andrea Brown, Doug Cooper, Liz Gonda, Kathy Kiewra, Paul Miller, Henry Petrilli and Susan Spangler

Youth: Julia Lewand and Tyrese Williams

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Marvin Mills' setting of *One in the Spirit* combines two hymns representing our unity in Christ. Based on John 13:35, *They'll Know We Are Christians* was written by Catholic priest and composer Peter Scholtes and quickly became a popular folk anthem of the 1960s. Combined with the African-American spiritual *Let Us Break Bread Together*, this anthem celebrates our diversity while being united together through the love of Christ.

Loving God, we pray that we not barter love with formalities, or sacrifice love for customs. But, may we have a fellowship that is true and sincere, loving and kind, gracious and forgiving, and that can be counted on, through all and for all.
Amen.

Arthur Foote (1853-1937) was a composer and organist at First Unitarian Church in Boston. Along with John Knowles Paine, he was a founder of the American Guild of Organists.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

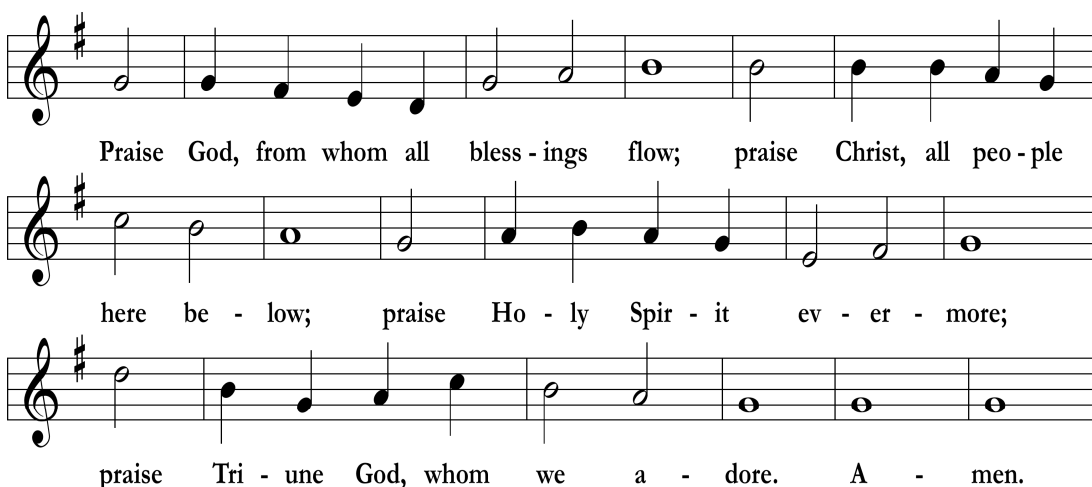
"One in the Spirit"

Marvin Mills

The text can be found at #300 and #525 in the Glory to God hymnal.

* 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.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf
The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: **Y también contigo.**

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: **Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.**

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: **Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.**

Leader: Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us—a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May our love be reflected in our attitudes and our actions, when we are together and when we are apart. In Christ's name we pray.

People: **Amén.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

"To God Be the Glory"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in C Major"

Dr. Moore, *organist*
Arthur Foote

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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Pam Kimmel
Frances Wilson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Cody Conley, *Violin*
Acolytes: Lynne Irvin and Adylade Krimmel
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room. Our Special Fellowship today is both to celebrate our new members and friends ... and to honor Carolyn and Jim Russ' 35th wedding anniversary. All are welcome to attend! *Sponsored by the Russ family and ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee.*

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in honor of Jim and Carolyn Russ' 35th anniversary.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Please Note: Due to the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC will not have any worship services next Sunday, May 1.

8:45 am **Journey.** An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
May 8 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am **Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
May 8 — 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 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more information on future classes (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Journey* service DOD is **Mary Figlar**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Katherine Hackney**.

Confirmation Class Meetings – Today

There is a *Confirmation Class* meeting from 12:30-2:30 pm.

LGBTQ Ministry Event – Today

The next LGBTQ Ministry event will be the *Learning and Discussion Session: Understanding LGBTQ Basics* today 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!

Forum on Sudan and South Sudan – Today

The ELPC Peace Committee is hosting the *4th Annual Forum on Sudan and South Sudan* in the Social Hall from 2-5 pm. Presented by the Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition, the event will include special remarks by House Representative Mike Doyle and City Councilman Dan Gilman and many others.

Mother's Day Cards Available

Mother's Day cards are offered by Presbyterian Women and may be purchased today 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.

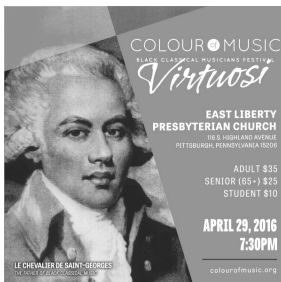


NO Worship Services Next Sunday – May 1

Due to the street closures for the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC will not hold any worship services next Sunday, May 1.

The Colour of Music Virtuosi – April 29

Enjoy the 20-piece Virtuosi perform this innovative repertoire incorporating the works of composers of African descent alongside traditional classical works on Friday, April 29 at 7:30 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. They will be highlighting the impact and historical significance of black classical composers and performers on American and world culture. Cost: Adults \$35, Seniors (65+) \$25, Students \$10.



Blessing of the Bikes – April 30

ELPC is hosting a *Blessing of the Bikes* on Saturday, April 30 at 1:30 pm. People are encouraged to ride their bikes to church and gather on the Penn Avenue side of our church for a time of prayer, dedication, and celebration. (Non-bike riders also welcome!) Participants of all ages can take part in a short bike ride up to Highland Park and back.



Justice Committee Book Study and Discussion – April 30

The book *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity* will be discussed by the Justice Committee on Saturday, April 30 from 9–11 am. The book explores what it's like for parents of children who are profoundly different or likely to be stigmatized. Book copies are available in the ELPC Library or bookstores. Read one chapter or all of them. For details, contact Carol Chonoska (724.272.9722; carolchonoska@gmail.com).

The Arsenal Duo – May 1

Dr. Ed Moore's organ/piano duo, *The Arsenal Duo*, will be performing at Westminster Presbyterian Church next Sun, May 1, 4 pm. Visit www.westminster-church.org for info.

PW Diaper Drive

Thank you ELPC! Since our diaper drive has started in January you all have donated 3,678 diapers! As the needs of the community are being met, the need still continues so we will collect diapers throughout the year for Western PA Diaper Bank. Please drop your diapers off in the front office in the box labeled PW Diaper Drive. Thank you!

Mission Opportunity – May 3

Please join the Neighbors Committee as we prepare and serve dinner for our friends at the Open Hand Ministries Circles gathering on May 3. The Circles program helps OHM families reach their goal of home ownership. We will be serving the meal and are looking for volunteers to contribute a dish or dessert. If you would like to contribute something please contact Henry Petrilli hlp615@gmail.com or 443-783-7203.

Young Adult Ministry – May 6

First Friday @ the O. Get ready for the Pittsburgh Original. Come hungry for mounds of fries and stay for fellowship. Bring money for food. Contact Wil if you want a ride from ELPC at 6:30 pm. Visit the restaurant website www.theoriginalhotdogshop.com. Friday, May 6 at 7 pm at the Original Hot Dog Shop, 3901 Forbes Ave in Oakland 15213. This is a TRAIL young adult event.



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

Sue Bailey, Carol Bonner,
Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,
Tim Benedict's sister-in-law Marilyn, Darleen Burke,
Kate Carlson's friend Patsy and husband Tom,
Carol Chontos (ELPC employee),
Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina, Cathie Hajdu,
Jan Herzer's friend Bob, Bill Johnson
Gloria Knopp's brother-in-law Dave,
Mike Maiolo (ELPC employee),
Paul Martin's friend Carol and her family,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Jon Nelson's friend Chloe, Mary Jo Pettengill,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,
Janet Pollard's brother Calvin,
Heather Schoenewolf's friend's nephew Jacob,
Nancy Thomas, Al Valentine's son Marc,
and Pat Valoon and her friend Kristen.

Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors..... *Today, 12:30 pm (Session Rm)*
Centennial Fund..... *Monday, 6:00 pm (Session Rm)*
Heritage *Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Heritage Rm)*

End of Life Issues in Pennsylvania – May 15

A spiritual event? A medical event? Or, increasingly, is it a legal event? Many of us in our lifetime become the family member or friend with the responsibility to handle the affairs of a person who dies. Join us Sunday, May 15 at 12:30 pm in Room 234 as Carolyn Russ, Attorney at Law shares what tools are available, your rights and expectations as a decision maker and the paper work you will need in such a situation. Having this knowledge now will provide both you and your loved one or dear friend the preparation time to have those difficult discussions that need to take place before a tragedy or a serious illness changes their lives as well as yours. A light lunch will be served. Sponsored by the ELPC Health Ministries.

Church School Classes

May 8 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “The Inauguration of Jesus’ Ministry” led by Mary Alice Lightle

Journey with Scripture – Acts 16:16–34; Psalm 97; Revelation 21:12–14, 16–17, 20–21; John 17:20–26 led by Lora Bethea

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

Soul Food – A discussion of a meditation by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu

In Our Community

PTS Metro-Urban Institute 25th Anniversary—April 25-30

The anniversary celebration of MUI’s 25 years of service will include chapel services and guest lectures by renowned urban ministry leaders, who will highlight the importance of urban education, partnerships, and ministry under the theme, “Renewed Minds, Transformed Ministries, and New Urban Challenges.” The celebration will culminate in a formal banquet Sat, April 30, 6 pm; featuring the Rev. Dr. Robert M. Franklin Jr., James T. and Berta R. Laney Professor of Moral Leadership at Emory University, director of the religion department of the Chautauqua Institution, and former president of Morehouse College. Individual tickets: \$35 (\$15 for PTS students) and reserved tables with logo advertisements may be purchased for \$500 at www.pts/edu.MUI25.

Double the Impact of your Gift to World Mission

A group of committed *Presbyterian World Mission* donors has pledged to match all gifts sent for mission personnel support, up to \$30,000, through April 30. This means your gift of \$50 today will be matched with another \$50. We urge you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to double the impact of your gift. Please go to the *Presbyterian Mission* website (www.presbyterianmission.org) to make a donation online, being sure to note that it is to be doubled through the “matching gift” program—and if you wish, that it is to support our ELPC Mission Co-Worker Chenoa Stock with her ministry in Bolivia.

Save the Date – May 14 – 4:30-6:30 pm

Every woman in the congregation is invited as we are all a part of Presbyterian Women! Let’s get together, meet, network, socialize, have fun and gather as sisters in Christ Sat, May 14, 4:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Please bring a salad entrée, side or dessert that introduces you. It could be your favorite food, a family favorite dish, a cultural dish, or a dish that has your name in it! Be creative as you would like with this assignment as we celebrate who we are as women and gather for a time of fellowship with one another. Please RSVP with what category of dish you will bring (salad, entrée, side or dessert) to Kelli Booher kjbooher@gmail.com or text/call 405-501-0711 by May 6.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ Club 116 End of the Year
Cookout Food Provider ♦

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