



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)

JUNE 19, 2016 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Beethoven's (1770-1827)
Sonata in C Minor, Opus 10, No. 1 was composed sometime during 1796-1798. All three sonatas in *Opus 10* are dedicated to Anna Margarete von Browne, the wife of one of Beethoven's patrons, a Russian diplomat in Vienna.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:
Holy God, whose healing presence gathers our brokenness together and restores our integrity, move us once more to proclaim to one another how much you have done for us, that no one will question, "Where is your God?" but will sense your reality among us today and every day. And may we ever be your attentive listeners and faithful followers. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Abba is not Hebrew, the language of liturgy, but Aramaic, the language of home and everyday life ... We need to be wary of the suggestion ... that the correct translation of Abba is 'Daddy.' Abba is the intimate word of a family circle where that obedient reverence was at the heart of the relationship, whereas Daddy is the familiar word of a family circle from which all thoughts of reverence and obedience have largely disappeared ... The best English translation of Abba is simply 'Dear Father.' "

— Thomas Allan Smail, *The Forgotten Father*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *pianist*
"Sonata in C Minor, Opus 10, No. 1" Ludwig van Beethoven
II. Adagio molto

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. 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

David Carl

Leader: God is ready for us to seek what is eternal. God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

People: Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water. We cry out for **some evidence of God's presence.**

Leader: God seldom comes as earthquake, wind or fire. Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

People: We come in quiet expectation to this place and time of worship. We enter into the presence of God, hungering to be fed.

Leader: All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ. Here is a place to find healing and promise.

People: Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity. Our help is from God, who is in covenant relationship with us. Let us worship the God of our salvation! Hallelujah and amen!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #317

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"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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BORN ON THIS DATE:
1834 - Charles Spurgeon, English preacher (d. 1892); 1896 – Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor, American divorcee whom British King Edward VIII abdicated his throne to marry, born in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania (d. 1986); 1947 - Salman Rushdie, British Indian novelist (*Midnight's Children*, *Satanic Verses*), born in Mumbai, India; 1978 - Garfield the Cat, animated character "Big fat hairy deal."

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
Slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories (1862); **Father's Day** was celebrated the first time in Spokane, WA (1910); Natives Land Act, Act No. 27, passed in South Africa (it confined Africans to hopelessly overcrowded reserves and deprived them of rights to purchase land outside the native reserves (1913); Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed 73-27.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

The Rev. Callahan

Almighty and sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children and accused you of forgetting us. There are times when our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We have drawn lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. There are times when our zeal for the faith tramples on others, rather than learning to know and recognize them as your beloved too. O God of mercy and grace, change us, strengthen us and forgive us. Amen.

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #654 *(sing 3x; congregation remains seated)*

IN THE LORD

"In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Life up your voices; the Lord is near.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Callahan

Leader: When we acknowledge our sin and want to be helped, God is ready to forgive us and equip us for new life. Wounded spirits are restored to wholeness. Enemies can become friends. We can grow in faith and love. God puts a song on our lips and renewed love in our hearts. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-15a

David Carl

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

There is an Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance.

* HYMN #697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 3:23-29

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"Broken Promises"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SOLO

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Denise Sheffey-Powell

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Callahan

The text can be found on page 35 in the purple Glory to God hymnal.

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

David Schelat composed *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* in June of 2000 for Summer Choir at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Scored for SAB choir and two hand drums, it is a lively modal setting of this well-known text. Since its publication, it has been sung throughout the United States at churches and church music conferences and has sold nearly 15,000 copies.

Bach's (1685-1750) 15 inventions and 15 sinfonias are each arranged in order of ascending key. Both collections include 8 major keys and 7 minor keys.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

David Schelat

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia, gloria!
Saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia, gloria!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia, gloria!
All that see and share God’s love, Alleluia, gloria!
Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia, gloria!
Tell the wonders, sing God’s worth, Alleluia, gloria!
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia, gloria!
Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia, gloria!
Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia, gloria!
Praise the providence and grace, Alleluia, gloria!
All that God for us has done, Alleluia, gloria!
All God sends us through the Son, Alleluia, gloria!

* 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
Carla Depperman

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 all time and places, may these offerings we give reflect confidence, not cowardice; altruism, not egotism; inclusiveness, not exclusiveness. We devote them to bringing all humanity into harmony with your purposes and for your glory. May the ministries of this worshipping community continually build up and strengthen the body of Christ, both among and far beyond us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #300

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

“We Are One in the Spirit”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Sinfonia (3-part Invention) # 15 in B Minor, BWV 801”

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 L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
David Carl
Carla Depperman
Sara Hackett
Musicians: **Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Marcus Kim, *percussion*
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *soloist*
Acolytes: Cameron and Ian Mackey-Piccolo
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Margaret Edgecombe
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time, sponsored by the Justice Committee. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Hubert H. Stone, presented by his son, Dr. Ron Stone.

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.

♦ 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

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

During the summer, we combine our Sunday worship services into a 10 am service in the Sanctuary. During July and August and the first week in September, the service will move into the Courtyard, weather permitting.

July 3 is the first Sunday for anyone interested to gather for Journey Prayer, held from 8:45 – 9:20 am in the Social Hall.

10 am..... Summer Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and a prelude prior to the service.

*June 26 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching his annual story sermon *News from Pittsburgh*.*

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the Children* during the 10 am Summer service, a children's ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

There is only one Extended Session class available in the summer for children who have completed Kindergarten and younger in the Nursery Suite on the first floor near the Highland Ave entrance. It is available every Sunday.



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 a *New Members and Friends Class* on Sunday, June 26 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register, or for more info (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

Pledge to End Gender Violence

You are invited to take the *Pledge to End Gender Violence*, sponsored by the FiSA Foundation. By taking the pledge, (males, in particular) commit to not use violence in any form in relationships, speak up when others are abusive, be an ally to those working to end gender violence, and mentor and teach boys how to not engage in degrading or abusive behavior to girls and women. The form is up front under the pulpit for you to take the pledge!

Prayer and Meditation

In light of recent events in Orlando, ELPC pastors and other leadership staff will be available in the Prayer and Meditation Room both before and after today's worship service. You are invited to come to sit in silent prayer together with others, to offer a brief prayer or to talk with a pastor or staff member about how you are experiencing the aftermath of these tragic events.

Today's Fellowship Time and Letter Writing Campaign

The Justice Committee is sponsoring today's Fellowship Time, and will also be holding a letter writing/petition-signing campaign on *Solitary Confinement*. We are calling on Pennsylvania leadership to work with us to abolish the torture of long term solitary confinement for all incarcerated people in our state and promote humane alternatives that prioritize therapeutic interventions, restoration and recovery. *Pennsylvania Members of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture* will hand deliver our signatures and letters to Governor Wolf this month. Stop by the McKelvy Room after worship to add your name to our petition or write your own letter.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's 10 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

Get Your ELPC Tie-Dyed T-shirt

Don't you just love those colorful tie-dyed ELPC t-shirts created by the LGBTQ Ministry? Purchase your own from the bookstore for \$10. The shirts have the church name on the front and *God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.* on back.

Today's Deacon-On-Duty

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **George Clark**.



Journey Prayer — Begins July 3

Sunday, July 3 is the first Sunday for anyone interested to gather for *Journey Prayer*, held from 8:45 – 9:20 am in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

Calling All Graduates!

We'd like to celebrate the accomplishment of everyone who has graduated from high school or beyond! Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net) with the graduate's name, degree earned, and name of the school from which they have graduated by July 6.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Spend the summer with other young adults exploring the intersections of Christianity with other faith traditions and other cultures. We will be seeking how to interact with and learn from other traditions while concurrently respecting them and honoring our own beliefs. Each event will include time to explore but also time to reflect as a group. Young adults are invited to express interest in a selection of summer programs by RSVPing via the YAM Facebook page (or via Wil if not on Facebook – Wil@coh.net).

YAM Event: Meditation with Buddhists — June 22

The Young Adult Ministry is invited to spend time meditating with Buddhist monks and other young adults at the Pittsburgh Buddhist Center (Natrona Heights) on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 pm. Learn more at PittsburghBuddhistCenter.org. RSVP via the YAM Facebook page, or contact Wil for info (412.260.2554).

Buzzword Perform and Play Event — June 22

The Opera Theater of Pittsburgh will present a performance of *Sabrina Goes to the Moon* (written by Billy Wayne Coakley) for young children, from birth to age 5, and their families from 6-7 pm on Wednesday, June 22. Interactive and child-friendly, this show is short enough to hold the interest of toddlers. Food will be served, and space is limited. RSVP to Linda Addlespurger (HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com).



New Members and Friends Class

Sunday, June 26 • following 10 am worship

Interested in becoming part of the ELPC church family?

Learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology.

RSVP to Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x22).



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

Suzanne Bennett,
Mike Dillon's sister Carol, Cathie Hajdu,
Jan Herzer's friends Bob, Sharon and Francine,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Ashley Parker, Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,
Nancy Thomas, and Pat Valoon's friend Kristen.

Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors..... Today, 11:15 am (Rm 244)
Youth & Young Adults..... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)
Justice..... Next Sunday, 11:15 am (Courtyard)

Happy Father's Day

HAT Co Performs at WYEP Summer Music Festival – June 25

Hope Academy's teen theater company (HAT Co) band will perform original songs and popular covers as part of WYEP's *Summer Music Festival* at Schenley Plaza on Saturday, June 25 from 3-10 pm. HAT Co will perform at 3 pm.

Vacation Church School Volunteer Training – June 26

There will be a training session for all volunteers following the 10 am worship on Sunday, June 26 in Room 234.

Justice Committee Meeting – June 26

On Sunday, June 26, the Justice Committee will meet directly after worship. Please join us to work addressing immigration, refugees, building relationships with Islamic partners, full inclusion of GLBTQIA folk, racism and moving forward with the prison ministry.

Vacation Church School – June 27 to July 1

ELPC's Vacation Church School will be held Monday to Friday, June 27–July 1, from 9 am–3 pm. Our theme will be *Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus*, published by Mennonite Media. Camper registration for VCS is now closed. If you would like to volunteer with VCS, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

♦ VCS Volunteer (last chance!) ♦

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 to learn about other service opportunities.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Elias David Moncado in Concert – July 15

Rising violin star Elias David Moncado will perform at ELPC on Friday, July 15 at 7 pm, as part of a cultural exchange with New Castle's Eintracht Maennerchor and Platin Scala of Wenden, Germany. The 15-year-old phenom is one of the top violinists of his age in the world. Join us in welcoming this incredibly talented young man to America. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for seniors/students; \$5 for children. Visit ELPC.church for details.

Donations to EECM

East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is in need of these donations: lotion, shampoo and conditioner. Their June food-of-the-month is hamburger helper. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.

Youth Car Wash – July 9

ELPC youth will be washing cars at Vento's Pizza (in front of Home Depot on N Highland), on Saturday, July 9 from 9 am–2 pm. Donations in exchange for a clean car will be greatly appreciated, and will help fund the youth mission trip in Pittsburgh this summer. For more info, please email Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Summer Film Series – Begins July 10

ELPC's Mission Board invites you to attend their 2016 Summer Film Series. *Just Eat It. A Food Waste Story* kicks off the series on Sunday, July 10 after the 10 am service. Hosted by the Neighbors Committee, the viewing of this film will show food lovers Jen and Grant diving into the issue of food waste from the farm, through retail, and all the way to the back of their own fridge. The additional films are:

- ♦ *The Canary Effect* — July 17 (host: Justice Committee)
- ♦ *The Imitation Game* — July 24 (host: Justice Committee)
- ♦ *Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA* — July 31 (host: Peace Committee)

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – July 16

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself. Now more than ever we need to stand in loving solidarity with all God's children. *Wear* a rainbow ribbon (found in the pews). *Pray* for your neighbor. *Welcome* a stranger. *Come together* with others. The next LGBTQ Ministry *spiritual gathering* will be on Saturday, July 16 at 4 pm. We will seek understanding, healing and celebrate God's love for all together. To learn more about this gathering or the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

Summer Celebration of Service – Aug 18

Join us for the sixth annual *Summer Celebration of Service and Volunteers* on Thursday, Aug 18 from 6–7:30 pm in the Courtyard.