



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)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST VISITORS' SUNDAY

Thou Shalt Bring Them In is an arrangement for solo organ of an alto aria from Handel's oratorio *Israel in Egypt*. The oratorio is based on texts from the Old Testament, primarily from Exodus and the Psalms. It premiered in London on April 4, 1739.

On September 18, 1895, Booker T. Washington was asked to deliver an address at the Cotton State's Exposition, addressing an audience that would include both white and black Southerners. In his speech he said: "In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress... There is no escape through law of man or God from the inevitable: The laws of changeless justice bind oppressor with oppressed; and close as sin and suffering joined, we march to fate abreast."

TIME OF PREPARATION

"O God, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others; open our ears that we may hear their cries; open our hearts that we may feel their anguish and joy. Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the anger and might of the powerful. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. Amen."

— prayer for refugees from the Sabeel Center, Jerusalem

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Thou Shalt Bring Them In"
"Prelude in C"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
G.F. Handel
David Johnson

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music.

Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Griffin

Leader: We gather as God's people, filled with hope that God might be at work upon us.

People: Gracious God, open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, our hearts to love you, that we may embrace your justice and live into your peace.

Leader: We gather as God's people, filled with hope that God might be at work through us.

People: Faithful God, open our minds to your wisdom and our hands to serve you that others might know your goodness and grace.

Leader: As a people of hope, may we worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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Look with compassion,
O God, upon the people
in this land who live with
injustice, terror, disease,
and death as their
constant companions.
Have mercy upon us.
Help us to eliminate
cruelty to these our
neighbors. Strengthen
those who spend their
lives establishing equal
protection of the law and
equal opportunities for all.
And grant that every one
of us may enjoy a fair
portion of the abundance
of this land; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.
(Book of Common
Worship)

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
President George
Washington laid the
cornerstone of the U.S.
Capitol in a secretive
Masonic ceremony
(1793); Chile declared its
independence from Spain
(1810); Congress passed
the Fugitive Slave Act,
which allowed slave
owners to reclaim slaves
who had escaped to other
states (1850); the film
version of *A Streetcar
Named Desire* opened in
theaters (1951); late-night
talk show host David
Letterman presented his
first *Top Ten List* from the
home office (1985).

CALL TO CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin

Heavenly God, we thank you that you have given us a spirit of power and love, yet we confess that we are often filled with a spirit of fear, and instead of having your peace within us there is anxiety and turmoil. Forgive us for our lack of trust, and help us to be more aware of your presence with us.

— written by the *Women's World Day of Prayer International Executive Committee*,
found in *Women of Prayer*, compiled and edited by Dorothy Stewart

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Barbara Griffin

Leader: God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. God knows our weakness and gives us strength. God knows our fear and gives us courage. God knows our sin and redeems us. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

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

SONG

"My Desire"

The lyrics to this song are projected on the Sanctuary screens, and also printed below.

(refrain) My desire is to please you.
To be more and more like you, Jesus.
Each and every day,
I lift my hands and say,
I want to be more like you. (sing twice)

I give you my life.
Take me in your arms and hold me, Jesus.
I give you my heart.
I know that you can mend these broken pieces.
I'm totally, I'm totally, totally committed to you.

(refrain)
I give you my life.
Take me in your arms and hold me, Jesus.
I give you my heart.
I know that you can mend these broken pieces.

I give you my life, my heart,
My soul, take control.
I love you, I love you,
I love, you, I love you. (repeat 2 times)

I'm totally, I'm totally,
I'm totally, I'm totally,
I'm totally, I'm totally,
Totally committed to you.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 28

Kira Mukogosi

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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 #769

“For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Esther 4:5-14

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

The Rev. Schoenewolf

“TED* Talks: When the Personal is Political”
(* Theologically Edifying Discourse)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #750

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

“Ain’t That Good News”

arr. Moses Hogan

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain’t-a that good news! I’m-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross, gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain’t-a that good news! I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain’t-a that good news! I got a harp up in-a that kingdom, ain’t-a that good news! I got a song up in-a that kingdom, ain’t-a that good news!

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

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. Schoenewolf

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: Bless these gifts, O Lord, from your unfailing care for your people. Let them be a sign of our gladness for all that we have and all that we may offer to others, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #772

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Deo Gracias”

Dr. Moore, *organist*
Aaron David Miller

Moses George Hogan (1957-2003) was born in New Orleans and studied at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Juilliard School of Music. His arrangements, over seventy in number, of spirituals are performed regularly by choirs around the world.

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) is Director of Music/Organist at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. The tune *Deo Gracias*, also known as “The Agincourt Song” is found three times in our *Glory to God* hymnal, #189, 258, 618.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Barbara Griffin
Kira Mukogosi
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Juddson Poeske, *soloist*
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *soloist*
David Jennings Smith, *soloist*
Adrianna Cleveland, *soloist*
Acolytes: Phoebe and Nora Brown
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Lynne Irvin
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for our annual *Church Life Sampler*. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers today are in honor of Bryan and Heather Lawrence's 30th wedding anniversary on August 9.

♦ 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.
Sept 25 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. Church picnic will follow worship in the Social Hall and Courtyard.
Sept 25 — 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 annual *Church Life Sampler* in the Social Hall. 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 Sept 25 and Oct 2 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. 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

Welcome To Our Visitors!

ELPC extends a warm welcome to all our guests on this very special *Visitors Sunday*! Thank you for joining us! Please wear a nametag and join us in the Social Hall following the 11 am service for fellowship and our annual *Church Life Sampler*. More information is detailed in the following article.

Church Life Sampler and Fellowship Time

Our annual *Church Life Sampler* will be held after the 11 am service today in the Social Hall. Come *sample* the various worship and service opportunities that ELPC offers. Meet leaders, ask questions, and jump on board! Lunch will be provided and a special activity will be available for children.

Nametags

Today is *Visitors Sunday* and we ask that everyone wear a nametag so we can greet one another by name. Stick-on nametags are available as you enter worship. Pre-made nametags are either on the hooks in the Narthex or on the staff picture board in the Highland Lobby. Hang yours where it works best for you. If you wish to have one made for you, please sign up on the list in the Narthex. Visitors are encouraged to get a stick-on nametag found in the basket on the Narthex table (where you can also find rainbow stickers for your nametag).

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's 11 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!



New Members and Friends Classes

**Sept 25 and Oct 2
following 11 am worship**

Interested in becoming part of the ELPC church family?

Contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net;
412.441.3800 x22) to learn about
ELPC and Presbyterian theology.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Event

Today is the YAM *Sampler Scavenger Hunt*. First attend the *Church Life Sampler* after worship in the Social Hall (lunch included) where Wil will provide you with your scavenger hunt task. Spend time visiting tables while getting information and making connections. Then gather in the nearby Ground Floor Lounge at 1:30 pm with other young adults to share what you have found out. Prizes awarded!

Today's DODs

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. During the 11 am Sanctuary service, the DOD will be seated in the East Transept wearing a Deacon stole. Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Cami Teacoach**.



2016-2017 Cathedral Concerts Series Brochure Available

The printed Cathedral Concerts 2016-2017 brochure is available throughout the church. It is also available electronically on the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church/worship/cathedral-concerts.

Sewing Group – Sept 19

The Sewing Group will meet tomorrow from 2:30–6 pm in the Sewing Room. Call Diane for info (412.441.6021).

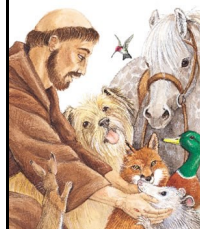
Pittsburgh Promise Coach Training – Sept 22

You are invited to the *Pittsburgh Promise Coach Training* at ELPC on Thursday, Sept 22 from 5:30-7 pm in Room 244 to help area youth and their families understand the opportunity to get a free college education. New *Food 4 Thought* volunteers will be attending this, but all who are interested in knowing more are invited. Please RSVP to Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net) to secure your seat.

Blessing of the Animals Service

Saturday, Sept 24 🐾 4:00 pm

Join us for a *Blessing of the Animals* service on Saturday, Sept 24 at 3 pm on the Penn Ave steps, led by the Rev. Henk Bossers, Gabe D'Abruzzo, Steve Evrard, Diana Armstrong and Judy Roberts.



There will be a time of remembrance for those pets who are no longer with us, and photo-ops by Diana Armstrong.

*Please bring your animal friends
to this special service.*



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

Chloe's family, Loretta,
Dwayne Elliott, Heather Eng, Mike Dillon's sister
Carole and her husband Ken, Karen Fraser,
Mary Beth Gladis, Joe Heckel,
Jan Herzer's friends Francine, Bob and Mick,
Buzz Hutchison, Bill Johnson, Morris Jordan,
Sandy Kalsey, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Jon Nelson's friend Clair, Gail Noden,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise,
Kay Shissler and Marilyn Castle's sister Linda,
Matt Stufft's mother, Jamee Todd, and
Pat Valoon's friends Barbara and Robert.

Our condolences to Erin Sellner on her son's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Youth & Young Adult *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)*
Session *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)*
Peace *Thursday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)*

Join us at the Church Picnic – Sept 25

The Christian Education Ministry Team invites everyone to the annual *Church Picnic* on Sunday, Sept 25 following the 11 am service. Food will be served in the Social Hall, with seating in the Social Hall and Courtyard. Games will be set up in the Gym and Bowling Alley. Fried chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, a light dessert and beverages will be provided, but please bring a side dish or salad to share. Sign up on the sheets outside the East Transept to indicate what food you are bringing. On the day of the event, carts will be available at every entrance before each service so that the food you bring can be refrigerated until the picnic.



Church School Classes

Sept 25 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Quantum Theology” (held in Small Dining Room) led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Journey with Scripture – Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16; 1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31, facilitated by Jan Irvin, Lora Bethea and other members

Seekers – Combined with Contemporaries Class in the Small Dining Room (on the ground floor)

Soul Food – A concluding discussion of chapter two of *The Gift of Being Yourself* by David Benner, led by Vivienne Selia, Steve Evrard and Pam Napier-Barnes

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Free Legal Pro Bono Work

Volunteer attorneys from the Allegheny County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Center, Blank Rome LLP and PNC Bank will offer free legal services to low-income individuals on Monday, Sept 26 from 9 am—1 pm at the Homewood-Brushton YMCA (7140 Bennett St). Attorneys will prepare documents – such as wills, living wills, healthcare powers of attorney and financial powers of attorney – on site. Appointments are required, and clients must meet income eligibility requirements. Call 412.932.2760 for more information. *The event is presented in partnership with Operation Better Block and the YMCA.*

We are no longer accepting or collecting books for the County Jail until further notice. Thank you!

Tai Chi Schedule

Tai Chi classes will tentatively begin on Tuesday, Sept 27 from 10–11 am and 6–7 pm. The cost is \$25 for 10 weeks or \$3/session. Pre-register with Kate (412.441.3800 x16).

Cookies for the Community Sing – Oct 1

We will be serving cookies following the *Community Sing* with Ysaÿe Barnwell on Saturday, Oct 1. If you would like to donate cookies for this fellowship time, please bring them with you that evening and take them to the Social Hall. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to donate cookies, please drop them off at the Highland Ave desk and clearly label them *Community Sing Cookies*. Contact Dr. Ed Moore for info (EdM@coh.net).

Local Mission and Service Opportunities – Oct 1

Please join ELPC youth and other volunteers for an *Intergeneration Workday* with Open Hand Ministries and Garfield Community Farm on Saturday, Oct 1. Sign up in the Social Hall today and next week after the 11 am service, or contact Emily Rosenthal (ejr116@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x30).

YAM CE Class: Bible Study – Begins Oct 2

Young adults are invited to study the Gospel of Mark during a 5-week bible study series on all the Sundays in October (2, 9, 16, 23, 30) from 9:45-10:45 am in the Pastor's Conference Room. See Wil for your study guide booklet which will enhance the experience, but is not necessary to enjoy this series.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Visit the **iSERVE** webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x14).

♦ Food 4 Thought Mentors Still Needed ♦