



# 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)*

## OCTOBER 2, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Composer Dale Wood (1934-2003) won a national hymn-writing contest at the age of 13. He later served as editor for *The Sacred Music Press*.

CHARGE FOR WORLD COMMUNION:  
Live with hope in the steadfast love of God. Proclaim to all the world **that God's mercies never** come to an end. In every circumstance, wait on the Lord who brings salvation.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Faith is to believe what you do not yet see. The reward for this faith is to see what you believe."  
— *St. Augustine*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Let Us Break Bread Together"  
"I Come with Joy"

Dale Wood  
David M. Cherwien

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

Julianne McAdoo

Leader: In all times and places, we wait for God:  
People: **For the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies** never end.  
Leader: In times of war and division, devastation and loss,  
People: We wait for God.  
Leader: In times of change and uncertainty, growth and new beginnings,  
People: We wait for God.  
Leader: On this World Communion Sunday, we join with people of all times and places, gathering at the Lord's Table with expectant hearts,  
People: **For the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies** never end.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #511

LLANFAIR

"Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Merciful God, we confess that the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We misuse the natural resources of the earth through carelessness and greed. By our habits and wrong choices, others are subjected to deprivation or lost to despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste the landscape of creation. Forgive us for causing others to grieve and to wander without rest. We wait for you and hope in you, for you alone can restore all things, even us. Hear our prayers of intercession.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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"Our current politics tell you that should you fall victim to [a police assault] and lose your body, it somehow must be your fault. Trayvon Martin's hoodie got him killed. Jordan Davis' loud music did the same. Kajieme Powell should have known not to be crazy. Should assaulting an officer of the state be a capital offense, rendered without trial, with the officer as judge and executioner?"  
(Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between the World and Me*)

Dr. Ysaÿe Maria Barnwell is a native New Yorker now living in Washington, DC. Dr. Barnwell joined *Sweet Honey in the Rock* in 1979 and retired after 34 years to pursue her other interests. *The Gospel: Wings to Fly* is the fourth movement from a song suite written and composed by Ysaÿe Barnwell in 1992 and titled *Urban Scenes/Creole Dreams*.

### 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!

### \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#### "Joyful, Joyful"

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

*The congregation will sing after the soloist.*

Joyful, joyful, Lord, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, hail Thee as the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Come and join the chorus! The mighty, mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began. The God of love is reigning over us,  
God watches over everything, so we sing:

Joyful, joyful, Lord, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, hail Thee as the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.  
Light of day!

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Lamentations 1:1-6

### 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.*

### COMMUNITY SONG

Dr. Ysaÿe Maria Barnwell

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:5-10

The Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts

*President, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary*

### SERMON

#### "On the Loose"

The Rev. Dr. Roberts

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Rev. Schoenewolf

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in **Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,** born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*Ecumen. Apostles' Creed*)

### OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### "The Gospel: Wings to Fly"

Ysaÿe M. Barnwell

ELPC Chancel Choir

HAT Co (Hope Academy Theater Company)

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

Today is the birthday of the philosopher Aristotle (322 BCE), "Groucho" Marx (1890), novelist Graham Greene (1904), and the comic strip gang of "Peanuts" (1950). It is also the date on which Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African American justice of the Supreme Court (1967).

WORLD  
COMMUNION HYMN:  
Let us break bread  
together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees  
with my face  
to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have  
mercy on me.  
Lasst uns Brot brechen  
und Gott dankbar sein.  
Wenn ich knie und hebe  
den Blick in des Lichtes  
Schein, dann, Herr,  
erbarme dich mein!  
De rodillas partamos hoy  
el pan. De rodillas estoy  
con el rostro al naciente  
sol. Oh Dios,  
apiádate de mí.

David Hegarty is an  
organist/composer based  
in the San Francisco Bay  
Area.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607 OLD HUNDREDTH  
*The communion bread is being presented by members of the Young Adult Ministry.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or  
on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.  
The congregation will be served in their seats.*

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.*

COMMUNION HYMN #515 "I Come With Joy" DOVE OF PEACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION The Rev. Dr. Roberts

God of radiance and glory, you give life to all things and call us to life  
everlasting. We thank you for the gift of this communion meal, and the  
reminder of the fellowship of believers spanning the globe. Be with all your  
children, using us as your ambassadors of peace, justice and reconciliation. In  
**Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #526 LINSTAD  
"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata" David Hegarty

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*  
*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.*

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*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. Paul Roberts  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Julianne McAdoo  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Adrianna Cleveland, *soloist*  
Dr. Ysaye Maria Barnwell  
HAT Co: *(Hope Academy Theater Company)*  
Anna Elder, *Vocal Ensemble Director*  
Esai Aliquo-Varela, Maya Burley  
Raffaella Carattino  
Maya Ginter-Frankovitch  
Emily Khuu, Laela Lumsden  
Kira Mukogosi, Taylor Reese  
Kyra Simmons, Jewel Strothers  
Clara Swanson, Amber Taylor  
Desmond Rucker, *percussion*  
Acolytes: Phoebe and Nora Brown  
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Matt Stufft  
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. All are welcome!

### ♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers today are in honor of the wedding of Todd Goss and Richard Frederick on Saturday, October 1.

### ♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am.....Journey. An energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel.  
*Oct 9* — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir.  
*Oct 9* — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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 a *New Members and Friends Class TODAY* (in Room 244) to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### A Warm Welcome to the Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts

This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. Paul Roberts, president of the Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, Atlanta, as our guest for our World Communion Sunday worship service. Included in your worship bulletin is a special offering envelope for contributions to this historic, majority African American Presbyterian seminary. All gifts will be matched by our ELPC Mission Committee.

### The Peace and Global Witness Offering

The *Peace and Global Witness Offering* will be received today at all services. Thank you for your generosity!

### Justice Committee Meeting

The Justice Committee will meet after today's 11 am service to continue planning ELPC's response to those incarcerated and their families. If interested, please meet in Room 224. For more info, contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com; 724.272.9722).

### Modern Mystic and Symbol of a Century

The biographical facts of Merton's life are an apt metaphor for the 20th century, but his inner life was shaped by a series of remarkable prayer experiences. Join us in the Music Room from 12:30-3 pm today as Bonnie Thurston examines both aspects with a view to what our own lives and prayer might be "saying." A light lunch will be served.

### New Members and Friends Class

If you registered to participate in today's *New Members and Friends* class, please go to Room 244 following the service. If you are interested in becoming an ELPC member or friend, please contact Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x22).

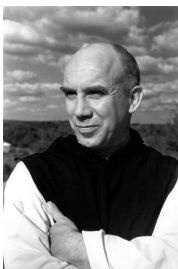
### Today's DODs

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Julia Lewand**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Sonya-Marie Morley**.



### Online Book Study: The Essential Merton

Throughout October, we will be conducting an online Merton Book Study on *Thomas Merton: Essential Writings* (available on Amazon). Check the SLC bulletin board and www.ELPC.church for information on how to participate.



### Live Stream Our Weekly Taizé Service

Our mid-week Taizé service is now available for live streaming. Using your computer or mobile device, visit our church website (www.ELPC.church) at 7 pm on Wednesdays and click on the *Taizé Live Stream* link. You will hear the service and see images of the worship icons.



### PW Bible Study: Who is Jesus? – Oct 3 and 4

Join Presbyterian Women in the 2nd floor Parlor on Monday, Oct 3 at 7 pm or Tuesday, Oct 4 at 10 am as we explore the question, *Who is Jesus?* according to Matthew. There is a potluck lunch following the Tuesday morning study, please bring a salad or dessert to share.

### Tai Chi – Begins Oct 4

Tai Chi classes begin on Tuesday, Oct 4 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).

### Qigong – Begins Oct 6

Qigong means *cultivating energy*. It is a system practiced for health maintenance, healing, and increasing vitality, integrating physical postures, breathing techniques, and focused intention. Linda Harrington will lead a six-week class on the basic Qigong form, beginning on Thursday, Oct 6 at 6 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. The class will continue on Thursdays through Nov 17 (except Nov 10).

### First Friday @ Arsenal Cider House – Oct 7

Young adults will gather at the Arsenal Cider House (300 39th St, 15201) for the *First Friday* event on Oct 7. Bring money to try a house beverage and an engaging question for the group to discuss. *This is a TRAIL young adult event.*

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Oct 8

The next LGBTQ Ministry *spiritual gathering* is on Saturday, Oct 8 at 4 pm. To attend or learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

### Indigenous People's Sunday – Oct 9

In recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day, the Mission Board will present *Indigenous Pittsburgh: Christian Doctrine, Small Pox Blankets, and Native Populations* on Sunday, Oct 9 at 12:15 pm in the Social Hall. This presentation will provide a foundational framework for understanding U.S. policy and how they impacted our local history and treatment of natives. A light lunch will be served.

### Complimentary Tickets for David Higgs Recital – Oct 16

If you would like a complimentary ticket to the David Higgs organ recital at ELPC at 3 pm on Sunday, Oct 16, please see Dr. Ed Moore after worship, or contact him (EdM@coh.net).



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

Carol Bonner's friend Betty,  
Dwayne Elliott,

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,

Sonya-Marie Morley's friend Eileen,

Jon Nelson's friend Clair, Gail Noden,

Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,

Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise, Loretta Shade,

Kay Shissler and Marilyn Castle's sister Linda,

Matt Stufft's mother, Jamee Todd,

Anthony Williams' wife's grandmother, and

Pat Valoon's friends Barbara and Robert.

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

### Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians:

#### A Learning & Discussion Series — Begins Oct 30

All who want to learn how to better support LGBTQ Christians are invited to this three-part learning and discussion series, beginning on Sunday, Oct 30. These stand-alone sessions are designed to be an educational and development series (not debates). A simple lunch will be served. Childcare can be provided with an RSVP at least one week prior to the session you plan to attend. Please RSVP to Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).

- ◆ Understanding Language and LGBTQ Basics—Oct 30  
*Sample Question: "What does the Q mean?"*

Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Betty Hill, executive director of Persad; co-sponsored by the Mission Board

- ◆ The Bible and LGBTQ Inclusion—Nov 6  
*Sample Question: "How do I reply to a family member who asks what the Bible says about homosexuality?"*

Led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf and the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, co-sponsored by Christian Education Committee

- ◆ History, Polity, Theology, Oh My!—Nov 13  
*Sample Question: "How can ELPC be fully inclusive of LGBTQ people and some other Presbyterian churches are not?"*

Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, and Elder Carol Chonoska, co-sponsored by Spiritual Life Committee

### The Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is open for donations, as well as shopping, on Mondays from 10 am to Noon and Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### "Freedom Rising" Rally — TODAY

The recent General Assembly powerfully endorsed an overture to uplift the plight of African American males and for our denomination to pursue concerted efforts on this matter in five cities, including Pittsburgh. A kick-off rally for this initiative will be held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Hicks Chapel today at 6 pm. The event's title of *Freedom Rising* is to honor the ministry legacy of Eugene "Freedom" Blackwell, who was a pastor in Homewood and the overture advocate for this issue at General Assembly. All are welcome!

### Mendelssohn Choir: The Music of Downton Abbey — Oct 8

The Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh will perform *The Music of Downton Abbey* on Saturday, Oct 8 at 7:30 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary. To purchase tickets (ranging from \$28-\$40), please visit [www.themendelssohn.org](http://www.themendelssohn.org), or call 412.926.2488.

### Donations to EECM

East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is in need of donations of toothpaste, foot powder, deodorant. Their October food-of-the-month is stuffing mix. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.

### Committee Meetings This Week

Justice..... Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 224)

Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?

**iSERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

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

### ◆ Food 4 Thought Mentors Still Needed ASAP ◆

## Church School Classes

Oct 9 ◆ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** — "Paul Tillich: The Pittsburgh Dialogues — Philosophy and Theology" led by Dr. Ron Stone

**Journey with Scripture** — Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19, facilitated by Jan Irvin, Lora Bethea and other members

**Seekers** — Combined with Contemporaries Class in Room 234

**Soul Food** — A discussion of the first part of chapter two of *The Gift of Being Yourself* led by Michele Bossers, Sel Whitaker and Shirley Fair

**YAM** — "The Gospel of Mark: Jesus as a Wonder Worker" facilitated by Wil Forrest