



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 9, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The *Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541* shows the influence on Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) from Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Composed in Weimar around 1715, this is one of the few works for which a "clean" copy of the manuscript exists. Bach's son, Wilhelm Friedemann (1710-1784), used this copy in 1733 for an audition at St. Sophia's Church in Dresden. He got the job!

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Many people today agree that we need to reduce violence in our society. If we are truly serious about this, we must deal with the roots of violence, particularly those that exist within each of us. We need to embrace 'inner disarmament,' reducing our own emotions of suspicion, hatred and hostility toward our brothers and sisters."

— *Dalai Lama XIV*

"Without community, there is no liberation...but community must not mean a shedding of our differences, nor the pathetic pretense that these differences do not exist."

— *Audre Lorde*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639" Johann Sebastian Bach
(*I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*)

"Prelude in G, BWV 541" Johann Sebastian Bach

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 (from Psalm 66)

Pamela Napier-Barnes

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing your praise to the glory of God's name.

People: Great and awesome are the works of God. The whole universe **sings of God's power.**

Leader: Gather to remember all that God has revealed. Come to discover what God is doing among us.

People: God is faithful and just in all things; the promises of God are trustworthy and true.

Leader: **Present your best selves for God's approval. Work and witness without shame or pretense.**

People: Bless God, all people, and let our praise be heard. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Let us worship and praise God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #656

THIS FAR BY FAITH

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
Leif Ericson discovers
"Vinland" (possibly L'Anse
aux Meadows, Canada)
reputedly becoming the
first European to reach
North America (1000);
religious dissident,
theologian and founder of
the first Baptist Church,
Roger Williams, is
banished from Mass Bay
Colony, leading him to
found a refuge for
religious minorities in the
colony of Providence
Plantation (1635); slavery
is abolished in Costa Rica
(1824); Rome is
incorporated into Italy by
royal decree (1870);
first transcontinental flight
completed by a woman,
Laura Ingalls (1930);
Hurricane Flora ravages
Cuba and Haiti killing
6000 people (1963);
race riots in Boston due to
"bussing" (1974); and
women's rights and
education activist Malala
Yousafzai is shot three
times by a Taliban
gunman as she tried to
board her school bus in
Swat district of northwest
Pakistan (2012).

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Forgiving God, once more we seek your pardon and protection. We find ourselves in exile from the best we know. We have focused so much of our attention on our own concerns that we have neglected the welfare of our community. We see our own hardships more readily than we feel the vast suffering around us. We commiserate in what we lack, and fail to remember **those who don't have the necessities in life. We forget the mercy we have received.** We are angry when we should be grateful. Forgive us, Lord God, and restore us to covenant faithfulness, we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: We are healed and forgiven by a trustworthy God whose righteousness endures forever. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Remember the resurrection of Jesus and accept the opportunity to be raised to new life in Jesus Christ. 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

"You Are Good"

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

Lord, you are good and your mercy endureth forever.
Lord, you are good and your mercy endureth forever.
People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation,
We worship you. Hallelujah, hallelujah!
We worship you for who you are.
We worship you. Hallelujah, hallelujah!
We worship you for who you are and you are good. *(repeat all)*

You are good all the time. All the time you are good.
You are good all the time. All the time you are good.
You are good all the time. All the time you are good.
You are good all the time. All the time you are good.

People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation,
We worship you. Hallelujah, hallelujah!
We worship you for who you are.
We worship you. Hallelujah, hallelujah!
We worship for who you are,
We worship for who you are,
We worship for who you are,
And you are good!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

Pamela Napier-Barnes

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 #378

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

MERLE'S TUNE

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Dr. Keith Hampton (b. 1957) is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Chicago Community Chorus. A specialist in the field of Gospel Music, he is classically trained as an organist and conductor and has served in several churches. Since its publication in 1998, *Praise His Holy Name* has become a standard part of the repertoire for choirs around the world.

William Bolcom (b. 1938) composed 12 *Gospel Preludes* between 1979-1984, divided into four books of three each. No. 11, *Sweet Hour of Prayer* is the second prelude in book four. Bolcom was professor of composition at the University of Michigan from 1973-2008. His compositions and performances have earned him the Pulitzer Prize, the National Medal of Arts, and two Grammy Awards.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-9	The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
SERMON	“Seek Peace”	The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
ANTHEM	“Praise His Holy Name”	Keith Hampton
<i>Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!</i> <i>Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!</i> <i>Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!</i> <i>Hallelujah! Praise His Name! Let us praise His Name, Hallelujah, Lord! Praise His Name! Praise His Holy Name! Praise Him!</i>		
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER		The Rev. Dr. Bush
<i>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.</i>		
STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION		Jon and Jackie Walker
OFFERING INVITATION		Jon and Jackie Walker
<i>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.</i>		
OFFERTORY	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	William Bolcom
* 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:	We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Gracious God, accept our gifts as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your faithful service. In Jesus' name. Amen.	
* RECESSIONAL HYMN #765		ARGENTINA
“May the God of Hope Go with Us”		
* CHARGE & BENEDICTION		The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
POSTLUDE	“Fugue in G Major, BWV 541”	Johann Sebastian Bach

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◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Pamela Napier-Barnes
Jon and Jackie Walker
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Charlotte Brake-Hoffman and
Zaida Collins
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush
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!

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

The Chancel flowers today are in loving memory of Miss H. Cornelia McCombs and Mrs. Anna L. Dickey.

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 energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel.
Oct 16 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir.
Oct 16 — 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 a *New Members and Friends Class* on Nov 27 and Dec 4 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.

TODAY AT ELPC

Indigenous People's Sunday

In recognition of Indigenous People's Day, the Mission Board will present *Indigenous Pittsburgh: Christian Doctrine, Small Pox Blankets, and Native Populations* at 12:15 pm today 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.

Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off!

This year's Stewardship Campaign will kick-off today with a few words in worship. Our hope is to increase our congregation's giving by 6.5 percent through higher pledges and new pledges. These added funds will allow us to maintain the staff, programming, and ministries at the heart of ELPC's active Christian service. A letter will be mailed to the entire church later this month, and the campaign will culminate on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 13.

ONC Needs Your Suggestions

The Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is looking for members of the congregation committed to our church's mission who are willing to be considered for the office of Deacon or Elder. The ONC will present the slate of candidates for election at the congregation's annual meeting in February. You can help us develop a slate of candidates who are dedicated and representative of our congregation. The best suggestion you can make may be yourself! *Candidate Suggestions for ELPC Boards* forms are available in the church office now.

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



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 Spiritual Life 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.

Qigong – Thursdays

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 this six-week class on the basic Qigong form on Thursdays at 6 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor through Nov 17 (except Nov 10).

Children's Sabbath Sunday – Oct 16

On Sunday, Oct 16, we will celebrate the National Observance of Children's Sabbath's *Children of Promise: Closing Opportunity Gaps*, as we strive to close opportunity gaps that exist as a result of poverty, and lack of access to high-quality early childhood development and a high-quality education so that every child can reach their God-given potential. As people of faith we stand tall and push our nation to keep our promises of love, justice, equality, and dignity for all—especially our children.

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).



Buzzword Pittsburgh Perform & Play – Oct 18

Join *Buzzword Pittsburgh* for their first (in a new series) live performance and workshop for young children, from 0 to 5, and their families at ELPC on Tuesday, Oct 18 from 6 to 7 pm. Interactive and child-friendly, these shows are short enough to hold the interest of toddlers, and engaging enough for their older brothers and sisters. Food will be served and fun will be had! Space is limited, so reserve your spot for each session by emailing HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com.



Church Tour

Sunday, October 16
following 11 am worship service

Enjoy the details of the stunning Gothic architecture in ELPC's Sanctuary and Chapel on Sunday, Oct 16 after our 11 am worship service. Join your tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service.

Please allow 45 minutes for the walking tour and wear comfortable shoes!



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

Sherry Anderson, Linda Benedict,
Carol Bonner's friend Betty, Kate Carlson's cousin Jack
and friends Patsy and Tom, Dwayne Elliott, Mike Dillon's
sister Carole and her husband Ken, Karen Fraser,
Jan Herzer's friends Francine, Bob and Mick,
Buzz Hutchison, Ida Joiner, Morris Jordan,
Sandy Kalsey, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen, Lee Lewand,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Sonya-Marie Morley's friend Eileen and her family,
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.

YAM Event: Autumnal Splendor – Oct 22

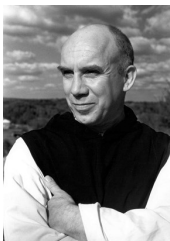
The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will go out leaf peeping, enjoying fresh cider and who knows what else as we enjoy the autumnal splendor on Saturday, Oct 22, departing ELPC at 10 am and returning before dinner. Contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net).

Educational Session on Homelessness – Oct 22

On Saturday, Oct 22 from 9-11 am, join the Mission Board and Mission Committees as we learn about homelessness in our community, the new referral process for shelter assistance by Allegheny County, and the national move to the "Housing First" model. Our guests will include Abigail Horn from the Allegheny County Department of Human Service.

Writing as a Spiritual Practice – Oct 23

Thomas Merton's first—and arguably his most famous—book is his spiritual autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*. Since his death, many books have been published as compilations of, or based upon, the volumes of journals that he left behind. Join us in the Music Room on Sunday, Oct 23 from 12:30-3 pm as ELPC member Dr. Brent House explores with us this practice of spiritual journaling and memoir writing as a way to draw nearer to ourselves and to God. A light lunch will be served.



Looking for a way to put your love in action?



Visit the iSERVE webpage at 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 ◆

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Better Choices, Better Health Online Workshop

Vintage is a nonprofit agency that conducts *Better Choices, Better Health* workshops, a 6-week, on-line series designed for adults with chronic conditions (like arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, depression, etc.). Vintage is offering a \$50 Giant Eagle gift card for all individuals who complete the on-line class (participate in at least 4 of the 6 sessions). To register, visit <https://restartliving.selfmanage.org/BetterHealth/SignUp?page=Vintage>, or call Michael Smith (412.361.5003).

Committee Meetings This Week

The church building is closed until 7 pm tomorrow in observance of Indigenous People's Day.

Neighbors Today, 12:30 pm (Session Rm)
Personnel Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)
Deacons Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)

Follow-up to Conversations on Gun Ownership – Oct 23

Join us on Sunday, Oct 23 after the 11 am service as we follow-up our faithful discussion on gun ownership and control by educating ourselves on the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and local laws. We will be joined by a Zone 5 Pittsburgh police officer and Bruce Ledewitz, professor at Duquesne University School of Law. A light lunch will be served.

Tween Campfire – Oct 28

Twins in grades 4-6 are invited to join us in the Courtyard for games, dinner, s'mores, and more on Friday, Oct 28 from 6-8 pm! Email Sara Hackett to participate (SaraH@coh.net).

Full Inclusion Sunday – Oct 30

We welcome The Renaissance City Choir as our special musical guests for 11 am worship on *Full Inclusion Sunday*, Oct 30. Then, everyone is invited to attend Part 1 of discussion series *Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians* in the Social Hall.

Church School Classes

Oct 16 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries and Seekers — "Paul Tillich: *The Pittsburgh Dialogues: Philosophy of Life*" led by Dr. Ron Stone in Room 234

Journey with Scripture — Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119: 97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8 facilitated by Jan Irvin, Lora Bethea and other members

Soul Food — A concluding discussion of chapter two of *The Gift of Being Yourself*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Vivienne Selia

YAM — "The Gospel of Mark: Jesus the Prophet" facilitated by Wil Forrest