



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 16, 2016 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Children really brighten
up a household — they
never turn the lights off.
(Roseanne Barr)

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN:
Great God, guard the
laughter of children.
Bring them safely
through injury and illness
so they may live the
promises you give. Do
not let us be so
preoccupied with our
purposes that we fail to
hear their voices, or pay
attention to their special
vision of the truth. Keep
us with them, ready to
listen and to love, even
as in Jesus Christ you
have loved us, your
grown-up, wayward
children. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Children are God’s apostles, day by day sent forth to preach of love, and hope, and peace.”
— James Russell Lowell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Grave and Adagio”
(Sonata II)

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Talent Show

Members of Christian Education

* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Joshua Odom and Chloe Ferrante

Leader: We gather, young, old and in-between, each made in God’s image, full of promise.

People: **We gather, trusting in Christ’s promise of new life.**

Leader: We gather, empowered by the Spirit to seek justice so that all may live out the lives for which they were created.

People: **Come, let us worship God on this Children’s Sabbath day.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #366

HYFRYDOL

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kiara Rockymore

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kiara Rockymore

God of all and not just some, we confess that when some have too much and others too little, we have not proclaimed your justice. When some have been surrounded by love and others excluded, we have not reached out with your radical inclusion. When some have been set on easy paths forward and others left to stumble over obstacles, we have not cleared the way as Jesus admonished. Forgive us, we pray, for the ways we have not lived up to the scope of your vision, the depth of your love, the breadth of your embrace. Help us to embody your love and speak your justice until every child may live into the fullness of the promise for which you created them. We pray this in the name of Christ, who came for all and not just some. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Noah Webster, creator of an American English dictionary, was born (1758); abolitionist John Brown led his raid on Harper's Ferry (1859); President Teddy Roosevelt risked criticism by inviting his friend Booker T. Washington to the White House (1901); the College of Cardinals elected Karol Wojtyla to be the new pope, who took the name John Paul II (1978).

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION:
We pray for our nation at a time when it is easier to make promises than to keep them, to give lip service to justice rather than life service to creating the change that you, O God, intend. Help us to look for leaders – and urge them on – who will close opportunity gaps so that all have the nurturing start, great education, and secure livelihood to grow and thrive and realize their full potential. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Chloe Ferrante

Leader: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord. 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 “Just a Little Talk With Jesus”

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

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in,
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul;
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above,
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

(Chorus) Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, tell him all about our troubles,
He will hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by;
Feel a little prayer wheel turning, know a little fire is burning;
Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night.
I go to Him in prayer, He knows my every care,
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.
(Chorus)

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 71:1-6, 17-21

Sharron Boddy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*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.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Members: Harvey Adams Jr., Yodit Betru, Grace and Megan Confer-Hammond
Gerald and Beth Fazio, Patricia Fountain, Misia Goodson
Harold McDonald, Anthony Richardson
Friends: Karen Bancroft, Alysha Carroll

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Presentation of Grace Confer-Hammond
Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing*

* HYMN #44 “Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”

AUSTIN

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

“Listening to Who’s Talking”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*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.*

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Isaiah Wilson

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

We Shall Overcome is recognized as the unofficial anthem of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. It was popular with folk singers, including Pete Seeger. Joan Baez led a crowd of 300,000 in singing *We Shall Overcome* at the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recited the words to the hymn in Memphis on Sunday, March 31, 1968 during his final sermon before being assassinated the following week.

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy was commissioned to compose a set of voluntaries by the English publishers Coventry and Hollier. Mendelssohn composed several voluntaries and then decided to extend them and organize them into a set of six sonatas. The use of the term *sonata* does not refer to the classical sonata form, but rather as it had been used by Bach, as a suite of varying pieces. **Mendelssohn's six sonatas**, his opus 65, were published in 1845.

OFFERING INVITATION

Isaiah Wilson

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

"We Shall Overcome"

arr. Tom Trenney

We shall overcome. We shall overcome.

We shall overcome someday.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

that we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand...

We shall live in peace...

We are not afraid...

God will see us through...

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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.

Leader: Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers, whether we are young or old, rich or poor, confident or doubting. Receive these gifts and the offerings of our hearts, so that all your children may grow and thrive and live into the full image of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #691

LAND OF REST

"Lord, When I Came into 'This Life'"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Allegro maestoso e vivace" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
(Sonata II)

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. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Sharron Boddy
Chloe Ferrante
Sara Hackett
Joshua Odom
Kiara Rockymore
Isaiah Wilson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Abby Langhorst, *percussion*
Acolyte: Lydia Delp
Beadle: Matt Stufft
Crucifer: Jazmier Branch
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for a reception to welcome our congregation's new members, sponsored by YAYA and the Membership and Outreach Committee.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Norma J. Noden, presented by her family.

♦ 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.
Oct 23 — 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.
Oct 23 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 or to register (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 We Celebrate Children's Sabbath Sunday

During this morning's worship service 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.

Church Tour

Enjoy the details of the stunning Gothic architecture in ELPC's Sanctuary and Chapel after our 11 am worship service today. 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!

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.

Complimentary Tickets for David Higgs Recital

If you would like a complimentary ticket to the David Higgs organ recital this afternoon at 3 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary, please see Dr. Ed Moore after worship.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

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

Today's DODs

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Mary Evrard**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Karen Beasley**.



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.



Buzzword Pittsburgh Perform & Play – Oct 18

Join *Buzzword Pittsburgh* for a live performance and workshop for young children, from 0 to 5, and their families at ELPC on Tuesday, Oct 18 from 6-7 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 by emailing HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com.

YAM Event: Autumnal Splendor – Oct 22

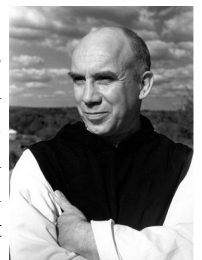
The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will go out leaf peeping, enjoying fresh cider and who knows what else as we enjoy the autumnal splendor on Saturday, Oct 22, departing ELPC at 10 am and returning before dinner. Contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net).

Educational Session on Homelessness – Oct 22

On Saturday, Oct 22 from 9-11 am in the 2nd floor Parlor, 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.



Follow-up to Conversations on Gun Ownership – Oct 23

Join us on Sunday, Oct 23 after the 11 am service in Room 234 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

Tweens 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! Contact Sara Hackett to participate (SaraH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x20).



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,
Mike Dillon's sister Carole and her husband Ken,
Sharon Geibel,
Jan Herzer and her 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 and Deborah Marx's cousin Eileen and her family,
Jon Nelson's friend Clair, Gail Noden,
Jack Phillips, Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise,
Kay Shissler and Marilyn Castle's sister Linda,
Jamee Todd, Anthony Williams' wife's grandmother,
and Pat Valoon's friend Robert.

Our condolences to John Bavaro on his niece's grandson's passing.

Our condolences to Pat Valoon on her friend's passing.

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

Committee Meetings This Week

Health Ministry Tuesday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)
Youth & Young Adult Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)
Session Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)

Tulip Planting and Fall Cleanup – Oct 29

If you would like to help plant tulips and do some yard cleanup at ELPC, please join us on Saturday, Oct 29 from 9 am—Noon. Contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447) for more info.

Visit to Slippery Rock University – Oct 29

Youth in high school are invited to attend a Slippery Rock University (SRU) Showcase on Saturday, Oct 29. Contact Anthony Williams to attend or for info (412.292.7935).

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.

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

Design Discussion: East Liberty's Gateway Area – Oct 18

ELDI and CMU School of Architecture invite you to take part in a discussion of designs for the future of East Liberty's western gateway area on Tuesday, Oct 18 here at ELPC from 6-8 pm. We will have a conversation about three projects that explore different possibilities for development in the area between East Liberty's historic core and the neighborhoods to the west and north, and how to make better connections, more diversity, and greater livability. The discussion will provide guidance for the student design teams, who will complete their projects and present them at a December community meeting.

Musicians of the PSO Present A Brass Spectacular – Oct 23

Musicians of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the Philadelphia Orchestra Brass Sections (*with members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra*) will present *A Brass Spectacular* at ELPC on Sunday, Oct 23 at 6 pm. A free event!

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 a 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. RSVP to Wil (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?"

◆ 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?"

Church School Classes

Oct 23 ◆ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries and Seekers — "Paul Tillich: *The Pittsburgh Dialogues: Psychiatry and Theology*" led by Dr. Ron Stone in 2nd floor Parlor

Journey with Scripture — Joel 2:23–32; Psalm 65:1–13; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14 facilitated by Jan Irvin, Lora Bethea and other members

Soul Food — A discussion of the first part of chapter three of *The Gift of Being Yourself*, led by Steve Evrard, Judy Roberts, and Shirley Fair

YAM — "The Gospel of Mark: The End of Jesus' Public Ministry" facilitated by Wil Forrest