



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 23, 2016 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Frank Bridge (1879-1941) was an English composer, violist, and conductor. Benjamin Britten studied composition privately with Bridge. The *Adagio in E* is the second of a set of three pieces for organ composed in 1905, and is one of his most frequently performed organ compositions.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
(Book of Common Worship)

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.,

A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Adagio in E”

Frank Bridge

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

MINUTE FOR MISSION

LGBTQ Learning and Discussion Series

Wil Forrest

* 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

David Carl

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, for you are the God of our salvation.

People: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Leader: By your strength you established the mountains.

People: You silence the roaring of the seas and the tumult of the people.

Leader: All the ends of the earth are awed by your acts.

People: You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for you.

Leader: Let us worship our awesome God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #755

WEISSE FLAGGEN

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When our transgressions overwhelm us, you forgive us. When the brokenness in the world causes us suffering, you care for us. With gratitude we trust in your mercy and we place our hope in you. By your grace, heal the wounds we have caused and the wounds that afflict us. Transform us and this whole world, that we might be a new creation, and that through us your love and justice and peace may abound.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Much of Europe experienced a great meteor shower that left parts of meteors on the ground (1366); twenty-five thousand woman, known as suffragettes, marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote (1915); The United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time (1946); Boris Pasternak was named winner of the Nobel Prize in literature – however, Soviet authorities pressured Pasternak into relinquishing the award (1958); President Nixon agreed to turn White House tape recordings requested by the Watergate special prosecutor over to Judge John J. Sirica (1973).

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.
(Mother Teresa)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the news is so good that we can scarcely believe it: God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power, share the good news in word and deed! 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

"Complete"

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

Here, I am, O God. I bring this sacrifice, my open heart.
I offer up my life. I look to you, Lord.
Your love that never ends, restores me again.

So I lift my eyes to you, Lord.
In your strength will I break through, Lord.
Touch me now, let your love fall down on me.
I know your love dispels all my fears.
Through the storm I will hold on, Lord.
And by faith I will walk on, Lord.
Then I'll see beyond my Calvary one day, and I will be complete in you. *(repeat all)*
I look to you, Lord. Your love that never ends, restores me again.

So I lift my eyes to you, Lord.
In your strength will I break through, Lord.
Touch me now, let your love fall down on me.
I know your love dispels all my fears.
Through the storm I will hold on, Lord.
And by faith I will walk on, Lord.
Then I'll see beyond my Calvary one day.
And I will be complete in, I will be complete in, I will be complete — in you.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

David Carl

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of: Marcus James Karns, son of Jason and Julia Karns
Lucia Ann Iona Slate, daughter of Nico Slate and Emily Mohn-Slate

Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #373

"O Day of Peace"

JERUSALEM

GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:1-11

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Climate Change"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.
(Albert Einstein)

Johannes Brahms'
(1833-1897) *A German Requiem* (Ein Deutsches Requiem) was composed between 1865 and 1868. It differs from traditional liturgical Requiems in that the text is taken from passages in the German Luther Bible instead of the Roman Catholic Requiem Mass and the text is in German instead of Latin. The work comprises seven movements and is **Brahms' longest** composition.

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély
(1817-1869) was a prolific composer and virtuosic organist. He was very influential in the development of the French symphonic organ, but his compositions never gained the prominence as those of his contemporaries, such as César Franck.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
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

Laura Ristau

OFFERING INVITATION

Laura Ristau

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 "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

Johannes Brahms
text from Psalm 84:1, 2, 4

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. O blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 creation, you water the earth and send forth food; you shower us with grace and feed us with your love. Accept these gifts, humble though they may be, and use them to spread your goodness throughout the earth; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #435

IN BABILONE

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"March"

Louis Lefébure-Wély
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
David Carl
Wil Forrest
Laura Ristau
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: David Bellin and Hallie Mattila
Beadle: Mike Dillon
Crucifer: Josh Bellin
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 Jack and Margaret Coontz, presented by Phyllis Coontz, Elaine, Josh and David Bellin.

◆ 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 30 — Sharron Boddy, seminary intern from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
Oct 30 — 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 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

Mission Month Offering:

Follow-up to Conversations on Gun Ownership

Join us 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.

Writing as a Spiritual Practice

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 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.

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. *Candidate Suggestions for ELPC Boards* forms are available in the church office now.

Today's DODs

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

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.



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).

Tulip Planting and Fall Cleanup — Oct 29

If you would like to help plant tulips and do some grounds 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).

Thanksgiving Food Drive — Bags Distributed Oct 30

Share the abundance in your life with others this Thanksgiving. The ELPC Neighbors and Christian Education Committees invite you to donate Thanksgiving meal items for the EECM Food Pantry. Shopping bags with a grocery list will be distributed at worship on Sundays, Oct 30 and Nov 6. Bags filled with food donations are due back on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 13. For more info, contact Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x30).

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. We will also have a sign language interpreter at the service, and bagpipes!

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. **If you need childcare, or would like to attend, please 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*
- ◆ History, Polity, Theology, Oh My!—*Nov 13*

The Knitting Group — Nov 1

The Knitting Group will meet on Tuesday, Nov 1 in Room 244 from 1–3 pm. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021).

Local Mission and Service Opportunities — Begins Nov 1

Looking for a way to connect with mission and fellowship at ELPC? Serve with the Neighbors Committee this fall.

- ◆ The OHM Circles Dinner—*Tuesday, Nov 1*
Help prepare and/or serve dinner to Open Hand Ministries' families. Contact Allison Freeman (sneezemd@comcast.net) to help.
- ◆ OHM and GCF Workday—*Saturday, Nov 5*
We will begin a home rehab in East Liberty and harvest at the farm from 9 am—3 pm. For details or to sign up, contact Emily Rosenthal (412.963.0139).
- ◆ The Holy Spirit Breakfast Team—*Sundays, Nov 13+27*
Cook and serve breakfast to residents at EECM Community House. For details, email Jim Eng (james.eng@sru.edu).



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,
Mike Dillon's sister Carole and her husband Ken,
Rob Gallaway, 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,
Paul Martin's cousin Jeff, Eric McCarty's friend Chris,
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 Jonathan Brown on his father's passing.

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

Taizé All-Saints Procession — Nov 2

Join us at a special Taizé service on Wednesday, Nov 2 at 7 pm as we remember those saints in our lives who have gone before us. We will have a candlelight processional into the Sanctuary and Trinity Chapel, where prayers will be spoken and sung. Join us and share in this moving remembrance service.

Young Adults First Friday TRAIL Event — Nov 4

Spend your Friday night playing games with friends at the *First Friday @ Game Night* TRAIL young adult event on Nov 4 at 7 pm at Quaker Meeting House (4836 Ellsworth Ave, Shadyside, 15213). Bring a board game to share.

All-Church Talent Show — Nov 5

Join us on Saturday, Nov 5 for an evening of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the talents of church members of all ages. Gather in the Social Hall for a potluck dinner at 5 pm. The Christian Education Committee will provide chili and rice, but please bring a side dish to share. All talents are welcome, but please keep your act to less than three minutes. If you'd like to perform, email Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net), RSVP on the ELPC Facebook page, or sign up on the 2nd floor CE bulletin board.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

iSERVE
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).

♦ **Volunteers Needed for Thanksgiving Feast on Nov 20** ♦



of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

present

A Brass Spectacular!

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* in the ELPC Sanctuary TODAY at 6 pm.

All are welcome to attend this free event!

#musiciansofsteel

#themusicwontstop

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach.....*Today, 12 Noon (Rm 244)*

Centennial Fund.....*Monday, 6:00 pm (Session Rm)*

Officer Nominating.....*Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)*

Explore the Story: ELPC's Glass — Nov 6

Join Elder Steve Evrard on Sunday, Nov 6 for a 45-minute study of the stained glass in ELPC's Sanctuary and Chapel. The tour will begin immediately after our 11 am worship service. Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary.

Reiki Training — Nov 20 and Dec 4

If you would like to be attuned and learn to use Reiki, a spiritual healing art and form of complementary medicine, register for our two-part (*Reiki 1 and 2*) training on Sundays, Nov 20 and Dec 4 from 9 am-1pm, led by Douglas James. The cost is \$60 and scholarships are available. Forms are online and on the SLC bulletin board.

Church School Classes

Oct 30 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

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

Journey with Scripture — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10 facilitated by Jan Irvin, Lora Bethea and other members

Soul Food — A concluding discussion of chapter three of *The Gift of Being Yourself* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Pam Napier-Barnes, and Michele Bossers

YAM — "The Gospel of Mark: The End of the Gospel?" *Mark 15:1-16:8*, facilitated by Wil Forrest