



# 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 30, 2016 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FULL INCLUSION SUNDAY

George Shearing (1919-2011), the famed blind jazz pianist, recorded himself improvising several of his favorite hymns at the piano. These recordings were then transcribed from tape to paper and, with the help of organist Dale Wood, arranged and published for the organ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
God of blessing, thank you for a new day to live for you. In the company of all the saints in heaven and on earth, I rise to sing your praise. Make me a worthy companion of my ancestors in faith, and let me love others as I have been loved. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

“Grant unto us, O Lord, the gift of modesty. When we speak, teach us to give our opinion quietly and sincerely. When we do well in work or play, give us a sense of proportion, that we be neither unduly elated nor foolishly self-deprecatory. Help us in success to realize what we owe to thee and to the efforts of others; in failure, to avoid dejection; and in all ways to be simple and natural, quiet in manner and lowly in thought; through Christ.”  
— Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

George Shearing

Selection of Hymns for Bagpipes

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice 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

Ashley Birt and Emily DeTar

Leader: We have gathered today in search of reformation.

People: We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.

Leader: We stand fearless at the edge of change.

People: For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.

Leader: We are one body, serving the incarnate God in Christ Jesus, enlived by the Holy Spirit.

People: **Let all we do be a celebration of praise and an expression of God’s justice.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #275 “A Mighty Fortress”

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### PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Leader: Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory. On this day, we remember and give thanks for all who have completed their earthly pilgrimage and now are at rest in your heavenly keeping:

Dilworth “Dee” Alcorn, Terrence “Terry” Bonsteel, Alvona Boozer

Brent Clark, James “Moon” Johnson, Sandy Kalsey, Vivian Martz, Marvin May

*Other loved ones who have died and are named on our hearts are remembered as well.*

Leader: Lord, give us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtue and righteousness so that we may come into the promised future joys and feast with you at your heavenly table; we pray this through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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Rather than treating racism as a societal problem, the text of *O God, We Bear the Imprint* considers the issue from a theological point of view. When we distance ourselves from other people merely because of the color of their skin, we fail to honor their God-likeness and to **see Christ's image in them.**

This passage from I Corinthians 10 is not included in the three-year lectionary cycle of Sunday readings. It highlights how sharing the communion cup and bread allows believers to be constituted into a diverse body rooted in **God's own unity. It is a "common-union" meal** connecting people both on a horizontal (interpersonal) and a vertical (spiritual) level.

The hymn *Siyahamba* comes from a Zulu/Xhosa freedom song that originated in a Methodist **church young men's** group in South Africa. It has since become popular around the globe and in many languages.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you call your people into one beloved community, the body of Christ. You teach us the way of peace through life together and fill us with visions of your eternal reign. We now celebrate the communion of saints and the lives of those who have gone before us. Pour into our hearts the healing, guiding, and sustaining power of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Bush

ANTHEM

**"O God, We Bear the Imprint"**

Shirley Erena Murray/Margaret R. Tucker

*The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #759.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 (please see music insert)

**"From Outside the Stained Glass Windows"**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 10:15-21, 31-33

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

**"Body Problems"**

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

Dee Flaherty

OFFERING INVITATION

Dee Flaherty

*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

**"Siyahamba"**

South African Freedom Song

*The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #853.*

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

Today is the birthday of U.S. President John Adams (1735) and poet John Keats (1795), and the date Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility* was published (1811). It is also the date of Orson Welles' disturbing radio dramatization of *The War of the Worlds* (1938) and the triumphant knockout victory of Muhammad Ali over George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire (1974).

As human alone, Jesus could not have saved us; as God alone, he would not. Incarnate, he could and he did. (Malcolm Muggeridge)

Highland Cathedral has been a popular bagpipe tune since it was composed by German musicians Ulrich Roever and Michael Korbin in 1982 for a Highland games in Germany.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* 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:	Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love? You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope. You have given us your very self for our life together and for the life of the world. In gratitude we bring these gifts, for the sake of those you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #767 "Together We Serve"

SAN ANSELMO

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

BAGPIPE RECESSIONAL "Highland Cathedral"

arr. James Wetherald

*Our worship concludes with the recessional. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the recessional, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until it has concluded.*



*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  
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Ashley Birt and Emily DeTar  
Dee Flaherty  
Jessica Mock, *sign language interpreter*  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Marcus Kim, *percussion*  
Renaissance City Choirs  
Dr. Jeffry Blake Johnson,  
*Artistic Director*  
Nicholas Hudson, *bagpiper*  
Acolytes: Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz  
Beadle: Lenore Williams  
Crucifer: Youth  
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 loving memory of LaRoux Hopper, 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.  
*Nov 6* — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
*Nov 6* — 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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Full Inclusion Sunday

We welcome The Renaissance City Choir as our special musical guests for today's 11 am worship service as we celebrate *Full Inclusion Sunday*. We also thank Jessica Mock for being our sign language interpreter at this service, and Nicholas Hudson for providing bagpipe music.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive Bags Distributed

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 today and next Sunday, 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).

### Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians: A Learning & Discussion Series — Begins TODAY!

All who want to learn how to better support LGBTQ Christians are invited to a three-part learning and discussion series, beginning today. 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).**

Today's discussion in the Social Hall is *Understanding Language and LGBTQ Basics*, led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and Betty Hill, executive director of Persad; co-sponsored by the Mission Board. Our sample question is *What does the Q mean?* The series continues the next two Sundays with the following topics:

- ✦ 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

### 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 **Tucker Ferda**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.

### 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.



### 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 to help (sneezemd@comcast.net).
- ✦ 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).

### PW Bible Study: Who is Jesus? — Nov 1 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women as they explore the theme *Who is Jesus?*, according to *Luke* on Tuesday, Nov 1 at 10 am and Monday, Nov 7 at 7 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. Childcare is available by request. Following the Tuesday lesson, we will elect and install our leadership team for 2016–17. A potluck lunch will follow the Tuesday Bible Study; please bring a salad or snack to share; soup and beverages will be provided.

### 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.





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

Yodit Betru, Sharron Boddy's sister,  
Carol Bonner's friend Betty, Kate Carlson's cousin Jack,  
Mike Dillon's sister Carole and her husband Ken,  
Mary Evrard's godmother Ginny, Rob Galloway,  
Jan Herzer and her friends Francine, Bob and Mick,  
Ida Joiner, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen, Lee Lewand,  
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,  
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Sonya-Marie and Nate Morley's brother-in-law Matty,  
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, Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,  
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise,  
Kay Shissler and Marilyn Castle's sister Linda,  
and Pat Valoon's friend Robert.

*Our condolences to Renee Clark on her husband's passing.  
Brent's funeral will be held on Wednesday at 11 am at ELPC.*

*Our condolences to the family of Sandy Kalsey on her passing.*

#### Notes of Thanks....

Sherry Anderson and Jan Herzer would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, love and support during their recent surgeries.

#### Committee Meetings This Week

CE Adult Teachers..... Tuesday, 4:30 pm (Rm 244)  
Christian Ed..... Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 244)  
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)

#### 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.

#### "The Earth Shaker Tour" Concert Tickets – Nov 4

If you are interested in attending *The Earth Shaker Tour* concert (K-LOVE 98.3 music) on Friday, Nov 4 in Youngstown, Ohio, Jan Herzer is selling her tickets. Please contact her at 412.231.3819.

#### Explore the Story: ELPC's Stained Glass – Nov 6

Join Elder Steve Evrard on Sunday, Nov 6 after the 11 am service for a 45-minute study of the stained glass in the Sanctuary and Chapel. Meet in front of the Sanctuary.

#### Looking for a way to put your 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).

♦ Not Sure How You Can Serve? Contact Wil to find out ♦

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### URA Meeting at ELPC – Nov 1

The Urban Redevelopment Authority is seeking neighborhood feedback regarding plans to convert Station St and Euclid Ave to two-way traffic again. The meeting will be held in the Social Hall from 6-8 pm on Tuesday, Nov 1. All are welcome to share their input.

#### 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) or RSVP on the ELPC Facebook page.

#### Holiday Shopping in the Name of Love – Nov 10

If you shop at Thousand Villages (5824 Forbes Ave.) on Thursday, Nov 10 from 6-8 pm, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the ELPC Thanksgiving Food Ministry. This event offers a great opportunity to support these artisans far away, while also supporting those in our midst who are most in need this Thanksgiving season. Call ELPC Deacon Tucker Ferda for info (406.249.9811).

#### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Nov 12

The next LGBTQ Ministry *spiritual gathering* is on Saturday, Nov 12 at 4 pm. To attend or learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

#### 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 1-5 pm, led by Douglas James. The cost is \$60 and scholarships are available. Forms are online and on the SLC bulletin board.



## Church School Classes

Nov 6 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – "How Does Faith Inform the Presidential Campaign?" led by Mark Roth and Pastor Heather Schoenewolf

**Seekers** – "How the Electoral College Elects our President" led by historian Greg Yoest

**Journey with Scripture** – Haggai 1:15b–2:9; Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17; Luke 20:27–38 facilitated by Jan Irvin and Lora Bethea

**Soul Food** – A discussion of the first part of chapter four of *The Gift of Being Yourself* led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Steve Evrard, and Sel Whitaker