



# 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)*

## NOVEMBER 6, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Rejoicing is an arrangement of the fourth movement from Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks, a wind band suite completed in 1749.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Holy God, you have commanded us not to be afraid. In the midst of trials and joys, sorrows and dreams, may we know your presence and rejoice. Grant us courage, O God, to take delight in your spirit in all times and places. Grant us faith, O God, to see the myriad ways you give life. Grant us hope, O God, to participate in your economy of grace in the world. Grant us love, O God, to welcome, respond, and act with compassion in all we say and do. **In Christ's name.**  
Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"The ideas of economists and political philosophers, both when they are right and when they are wrong, are more powerful than is commonly understood. Indeed, the world is ruled by little else."  
— John Maynard Keynes

"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."  
— Isaiah 55:1

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Rejoicing"

G.F. Handel

"Jesus, Lead Thou On (Seelenbräutigam)"

arr. Paul Manz

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kathy Kiewra

Deacon's Ten Thousand Villages Shopping

### \* 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 (from 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader: God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

People: God called us through our proclamation of the good news, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by word of mouth or by our witness.

People: May the Lord Jesus Christ comfort our hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Leader: Together let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #714

ITALIAN HYMN

"God of the Fertile Fields"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

God of the covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation, you have made us members of the body of Christ; yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, our unjust economics, and our neglect. Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace in all our dealings one with another. Listen now as we offer our prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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This day in history is the birthday of bandmaster John Philip Sousa (1854), Polish patriot and pianist Ignace Jan Paderewski (1860), and the death anniversary of composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Also, on this day Mohandas Gandhi was arrested for leading a march of Indian miners in South Africa, prior to taking his movement of non-violent resistance to India (1913).

Economy is the art of making the most of life. The love of economy is the root of all virtue. (George Bernard Shaw)

Composer Allen Pote (b. 1945) was a Fulbright Scholar in Brussels, Belgium and did further advanced study at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

# 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 #699

## "Fill My Cup"

FILL MY CUP

*The congregation will remain seated and sing the refrain with the soloists.*

Refrain: Fill my cup, let it overflow;  
Fill my cup, let it overflow;  
Fill my cup, let it overflow;  
Let it overflow with love.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:20-26, 31

Damon and Lora Bethea

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. 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.*

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Proverbs 19 (selected verses)

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

"T.E.D. Talks (Theologically Edifying Discourse): Economic Wisdom"

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. Dr. Bush

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"I Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Allen Pote

text adapted from Psalm 121

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by the Irvin family.*

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.

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

A proverb is one man's  
wit and all men's  
wisdom.  
(Lord John Russell)

A proverb is no proverb  
to you till life has  
illustrated it.  
(John Keats)

Charles-Marie Widor was  
born in Lyon, France on  
February 21, 1944. In  
1870, at the age of 26,  
Widor was appointed  
temporary organist of  
Saint-Sulpice in Paris, a  
post he held for 64  
years, having never been  
given the official title of  
titular! Premiered by the  
composer during a recital  
at the Trocadéro on  
Saturday, August 24,  
1878, Widor's sixth  
symphony for organ  
showcases both the  
organ and organist and,  
next to the famous  
Toccata from the fifth  
symphony, has become  
one of his more popular  
organ compositions.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Patrice 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.

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. Fowler-Searcy and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward 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, and/or the laying on of hands.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Solo

"Eternal Life"

Olive Dungan

text: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Hymn #692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Holy God, all that we have comes from you. As you have fed us, so may we  
feed others according to their need and our ability. Help us to travel the path  
of faith in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior. Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #100 (verses 1-3 only)

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Finale-Vivace from Symphony VI"

Charles-Marie Widor

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.*

*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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Damon and Lora Bethea  
Kathy Kiewra  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Kathy Benninger, *flute*  
Laura Ristau, *violin*  
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *soloist*  
Acolytes: David Bellin and Duncan Rieger  
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Matt Stuftt  
Crucifer: Ian 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 Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Hall, mother and father of Mrs. Daniel E. Yates.

◆ 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 13 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
Stewardship Sunday.  
Nov 13 — 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

### Thanksgiving Food Drive Bags Distributed

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. Bags filled with food donations are due back on Nov 13, Stewardship Sunday. For more info, please contact Pastor Patrice (412.441.3800 x30).

### Explore the Story: ELPC's Stained Glass Tour

Join Elder Steve Evrard after today's 11 am service for a 45-minute study of the stained glass in the Sanctuary and Chapel. Meet in front of the Sanctuary.

### Understanding and Speaking Up for LGBTQ Christians: A Learning & Discussion Series

All who want to learn how to better support LGBTQ Christians are invited to the remaining sessions in a three-part learning and discussion series. 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 *The Bible and LGBTQ Inclusion* led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf and the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, co-sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. The sample question is *How do I reply to a family member who asks what the Bible says about homosexuality?*

The series concludes Sunday, Nov 13 with the topic *History, Polity, Theology, Oh My!* The sample question is *How can ELPC be fully inclusive of LGBTQ people and some other Presbyterian churches are not?* led by Pastor Randy Bush, the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, and Elder Carol Chonoska, co-sponsored by Spiritual Life Committee.

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN THE NAME OF LOVE



TEN THOUSAND  
VILLAGES™

**Thursday, Nov 10 • 6 to 8 pm**

If you shop at Thousand Villages (5824 Forbes Ave) on Thursday, Nov 10 from 6 to 8 pm, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the ELPC Thanksgiving Food Ministry.

Call ELPC  
Deacon Tucker  
Ferda for info  
406.249.9811.

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.

### 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 **Beth Minnigh**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Paul Miller**.



### PW Bible Study: Who is Jesus? – Nov 7

Join Presbyterian Women as they explore the theme *Who is Jesus?*, according to *Luke* on Monday, Nov 7 at 7 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. Childcare is available by request.

### 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).

### Special Postlude – Nov 13

Stay after worship next Sunday as Pastor Randy Bush and Dr. Ed Moore perform the first movement of Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No. 2*.

### Stewardship Sunday – Nov 13

Bring your pledge card to worship on *Stewardship Sunday*, Nov 13. Build up yourself, body, and soul by re-committing your time and treasures to the ministries we do today, and helping to meet the needs of East Liberty tomorrow!



### Youth Day of Thanks and Giving – Nov 13

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to explore the theme of *Thankfulness* through fun, lunch, giving, mission, and Bible study with youth from Sixth Presbyterian Church and Shadyside Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Nov 13 from 12:15-3 pm. Please contact Sara Hackett to participate (SaraH@coh.net).

### Local Mission and Service Opportunity – Nov 13 and 27

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

✦ 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).

### Middle School Retreat – Nov 18 to 20

Youth in grades 6–8 are invited to a retreat at Crestfield Camp from Nov 18 to 20. Contact Sara Hackett for permission slips and details (SaraH@coh.net).



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

Yodit Betru, Sharron Boddy's sister,  
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,  
Paul Martin's cousin Jeff, Eric McCarty's friend Chris,  
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,  
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 and his family.

*Our condolences to Sharron Boddy on her aunt's passing.*

*Our condolences to Anthony Williams on his wife's grandmother's passing.*

#### **YAM Event: Something Fun — Nov 19**

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will have a group choice *Something Fun* event on Saturday, Nov 19. Those who show up at 10 am at ELPC will be presented with 3 choices for a fun day (group majority will rule). We will leave at 10 am, and return in the early evening.

#### **Hope Academy Teaching Artists in Concert — Nov 19**

Our *Cathedral Concerts* season continues in the Chapel on Saturday, Nov 19 at 5 pm, featuring teaching artists from Hope Academy of Music and the Arts! These artists give private instruction to students, and now it is their turn to take the stage as performers. The performance is free and open to the public, but a freewill offering will be received.

#### **Annual Thanksgiving Feast — Nov 20**

Join us in the Social Hall after the 11 am service on Sunday, Nov 20 for a turkey luncheon! Bring a side dish or dessert to share (sign up outside the East Transept today).

### **Church School Classes**

**Nov 13 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am**

**Contemporaries** — “Syria—Geopolitics, Revolution, and War” led by Bob Ross

**Seekers** — “Hospice Care” led by the Rev. Dr. Darrell Knopp

**Journey with Scripture** — Isaiah 65:17–25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–19 facilitated by Jan Irvin and Lora Bethea

**Soul Food** — A concluding discussion of chapter four of *The Gift of Being Yourself*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Shirley Fair, and Judy Roberts

## **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

### **Thinking BIG Fundraiser — Nov 10**

Dr. Jennifer Arnold, television personality of TLC's *The Little Couple*, will be welcomed by Family Hospice and Palliative Care for their fundraising event on Thursday, Nov 10 at Rodef Shalom (Oakland). The evening begins with a VIP reception at 6 pm, followed by Dr. Arnold's presentation, Q&A and a book signing. Purchase tickets at [www.FamilyHospicePA.org](http://www.FamilyHospicePA.org).

### **Holiday Festival and Auction — Nov 12**

Waverly Presbyterian Church (Braddock and Forbes Aves) will have its annual *Holiday Festival and Grand Auction* on Saturday, Nov 12 at 7 pm. Call 412.242.0643 for info.

## **Committee Meetings This Week**

*The building will be closed on Friday, Nov 11 in observance of Veterans' Day. We thank those who serve our country.*

Justice ..... Tuesday, 5:15 pm (Session Rm)  
Personnel ..... Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)  
Deacons ..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)  
Renovations ..... Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)  
Mission Board ..... Thursday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)

### **Children of Abraham Service — Nov 27**

The three major world religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—all share a common foundation in the life of the patriarch Abraham. God's covenant with Abraham and his wife Sarah included the promise that their children will prosper and become the 12 tribes of ancient Israel. God's promise of protection was given to Abraham's servant Hagar, who bore a son, Ishmael, to whom the Islamic faith traces its roots back to Abraham. And Christianity saw in the promises given to Abraham and Sarah a precursor to the covenant of grace and life made known in the incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ.

At our 11 am Sanctuary service on Sunday, Nov 27, Pastor Randy will be joined by Rabbi Jamie Gibson (Temple Sinai) and Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid (Islamic Center of Pittsburgh) to explore our common faith heritage grounded in Abraham's story. Please join us for this interfaith celebration of God's covenants that span centuries and continue to inspire people of faith the world over.

### **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).

♦ Sign up in the hall outside the East Transept to help with the Thanksgiving Feast on Nov 20 ♦