



# 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 20, 2016 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

God of power and love,  
you raised Jesus from  
death to life, resplendent  
in glory to rule over all  
creation. Free the world  
to rejoice in his peace, to  
glory in his justice, and to  
live in his love. Unite all  
humankind in Jesus  
Christ your Son, who  
lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one  
God forever and ever.  
Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"I have wanted you to see out of my eyes so many times."

— Elizabeth Berg, *The Pull of The Moon*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Brass Roots

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Giving Tree

Kathy Kiewra

### \* 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

Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han

Leader: The Lord is a great God who says: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Day and night around the throne of grace they never stop singing:

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Leader: Let us worship the living God — a God who reigns in power, in justice, in peace and in love, now and forevermore!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12

ST. DENIO

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han

Righteous God, we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been bold to demand generosity, mercy and forgiveness, yet slow to do the same. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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ON THIS DATE  
IN HISTORY:  
Peregrine White, the son  
of William and Susanna  
White, was the first child  
to be born on the  
Mayflower (1620); New  
Jersey became the first  
state to ratify the Bill of  
Rights (1789); Howard  
University was founded  
(1865); revolution broke  
out in Mexico, led by  
Francisco I. Madero  
(1910); two dozen Nazi  
leaders went on trial  
before an international  
war crimes tribunal in  
Nuremberg, Germany  
(1945); and  
discrimination was  
outlawed in federally-  
aided housing (1962).

How proper it is that  
Christmas should follow  
Advent. For him who  
looks toward the future,  
the manger is situated on  
Golgotha, and the cross  
has already been raised  
in Bethlehem.  
(Dag Hammarskjöld)

# ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han

Leader: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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 "Here I Am to Worship"

*The lyrics to this song are printed below.*

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you  
Hope of a life spent with you

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth you created  
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

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## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20

Marilyn Fitzgerald and Jon Han

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. 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:* Christopher Hughes-Ihonde, son of Aidevo Ihonde and Deborah Hughes  
*Profession of Faith*  
*Act of Baptizing*

## \* HYMN #625

"How Great Thou Art"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## SERMON

"The View"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

## 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.*

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

*God Is Our Refuge* was commissioned in 1986 by Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Sergei Rachmaninoff's** (1873-1943) second piano concerto was composed in 1900-1901.

The concerto is dedicated to Nikolai Dahl, a physician who helped Rachmaninoff in his recovery from clinical depression. The completed concerto was premiered on November 9, 1901, with Rachmaninoff as soloist and his cousin, Alexander Siloti, conducting.

# OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*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

"God Is Our Refuge"

Allen Pote

text from Psalm 46

# \* 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: Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity and love. You have granted favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

# \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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# \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

# POSTLUDE

"Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor"

Sergei Rachmaninoff

*First Movement: Moderato*

The Rev. Dr. Bush, *piano*

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgy: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jon and Grace Han  
Kathy Kiewra  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
The Brass Roots:  
Matt McCormack, *trumpet*  
Justin Kohan, *trumpet*  
Rana Jurjus, *horn*  
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*  
Will Hammer, *tuba*  
Acolytes: David and Josh Bellin  
Beadle: Mike Dillon  
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for our annual Thanksgiving Feast luncheon. All are welcome!

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in honor of Bryan Lawrence's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, presented by his family—Heather, Josh, Ben and Susannah, and Michael and Anna.

◆ 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 27* — 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.  
*Children of Abraham* service.  
*Nov 27* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush with guests Rabbi James Gibson and Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid 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 annual Thanksgiving Feast in the Social Hall. 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 Luncheon Feast

Join us in the Social Hall (basement level) after the 11 am service for ELPC's annual Thanksgiving luncheon celebration. All are welcome! Members of the Renovations Committee will be available to share updates on when construction will begin in 2017.

### Reiki Training — Today + 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 today and next Sunday, Dec 4 from 1-5 pm, led by Douglas James. See the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan immediately after the service if you are interested in participating.

### 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 **Judy Roberts**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.



### Young Adult Ministry (YAM):

#### An Awesome Abrahamic Event — Nov 27

One patriarch and three religions come together at ELPC for an awesome Abrahamic event as we welcome our siblings in faith from local Muslim and Jewish congregations on Sunday, Nov 27 from 9:45 am-2 pm. YAMs start at the church school class (9:45-10:45 am in the Pastor's Conference Room), then experience a combined worship service (11 am-12:15 pm), before the young adults spend some time over lunch and conversation in the 2nd floor Parlor (12:30-2 pm).

### Local Mission and Service Opportunity — Nov 27

Looking for a way to connect with mission and fellowship at ELPC? Serve with the Neighbors Committee as part of the Holy Spirit Breakfast Team on Sunday, Nov 27 to cook and serve breakfast to residents at EECM Community House. For details, email Jim Eng (james.eng@sru.edu).

### Hanging of the Greens — Nov 27



You're invited to help with our annual holiday decorating on Sunday, Nov 27 following the 11 am service. We'll have a variety of activities, from sorting ornaments to hanging wreaths. No experience is necessary! All are welcome to come help the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee ready our worship space for the season.

### 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, and the tribes descended from Ishmael.

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.

Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid will also lead the Seekers Sunday School class at 9:45 am next week.



### The Giving Tree

### The Christmas Giving Tree — Nov 27 + Dec 4

Every year, the Deacons organize the *Christmas Giving Tree* to benefit children and families from East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), as well as our ELPC ministries.

The *Giving Tree* will be set up near the Information Desk before and after our Journey and Sanctuary services on Sundays, Nov 27 and Dec 4, and our Taizé services on Wednesdays, Nov 30 and Dec 7. Stop by and pick up a tag!

Wrapped gifts with tags are due in the church office by noon on Sunday, Dec 11. To make a monetary donation, make your check payable to *ELPC Giving Tree* and deliver it to the church office.

### Justice Committee Meeting — Nov 27

The Justice Committee will meet next Sunday, Nov 27 after the 11 am service in Room 224. If you are interested in participating in the work of this committee, please contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

### Presbyterian Women Thank Offering — Dec 4

Presbyterian Women will honor the women of ELPC by receiving the Presbyterian Women *Thank Offering* on Sunday, Dec 4. The *Thank Offering* supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, and lift up the lives of women and children throughout the world. Last year, your generosity helped fund 14 projects in the United States and 8 abroad!



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

Sharron Boddy's sister,  
Carol Bonner's cousin Mary Kay,  
Jim Cover, Kate Carlson's cousin Jack,  
Mary Evrard's godmother Ginny,  
Leigh Halverson's stepfather Brian,  
Jan Herzer and her friends Francine, Bob and Mick,  
Pam Kimmel's niece Jen, Lee Lewand,  
Paul Martin's cousin Jeff,  
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, Rhonda Perroz,  
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,  
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia,  
Betty Rieley, Emily Rosenthal,  
Bob Ross' mother Anne,  
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise,  
and Andrew Wilkinson's mother Leslie.

*Congratulations to Elmer Harkema on the birth of his grandson.*

*Our condolences to Diane Jackson on her mother'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.

### No Committee Meetings This Week

Your ELPC family wishes you a blessed Thanksgiving!

*Please note the church building will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of the holiday.*



**New Members and  
Friends Classes  
Sundays  
Nov 27 and Dec 4  
12:30 to 2:30 pm**

Join us for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please call Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x22) to register or for info.

#### The Chapel Market Accepts Winter Outerwear Only

The  
Chapel  
Market

During November and December, *The Chapel Market* can accept **only** donations of winter outerwear (coats, jackets, gloves, scarves, hats, boots). Due to very limited storage space, no other clothing items please until after the Christmas holidays.

*Thank you for your generosity and your interest.*

IN OUR

## COMMUNITY



### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Nov 22

An *Interfaith Thanksgiving Service* will be held on Tuesday, Nov 22 at 7:30 pm at Church of the Redeemer (Forbes Ave, Squirrel Hill). The speaker is County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. Our host is the Rev. Michael Foley, Rector of Church of the Redeemer.

### EECM Food of the Month

Instant mashed potatoes is the *EECM Food-of-the-Month*.

#### 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).

♦ **THANKS to all who are volunteering today to make the Thanksgiving Feast happen!** ♦

### LGBTQ Ministry Gathering – Dec 10

The next LGBTQ Ministry *gathering* is on Saturday, Dec 10 at 7:30 pm for the Renaissance City Choir concert, and going out after it is over. To attend or learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

### Christmas Day Celebration – Dec 25

All are invited to celebrate Christmas together as a church family after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec 25, in the McKelvy Room. Our time together will include brunch, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554) by Sunday, Dec 18.

### Church School Classes

Nov 27 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “Hospitality and the Stranger: Immigration” led by Mark Roth and Old Testament Scholar the Rev. Steven Tuell

**Seekers** – “The Life of Abraham, from an Islamic Perspective” led by Imam Mufti Abdul Wajid from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh

**Journey with Scripture** – Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122; Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12 facilitated by Jan Irvin and Lora Bethea

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

**YAM** – “An Awesome Abrahamic Event” facilitated by Wil Forrest