



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)

JANUARY 1, 2017 — 11 AM SANTUARY WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier, BWV 731”
(Blessed Jesus, We Are Here)
“Simple Gifts”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jon Spong

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* 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.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:22-23

Jean Kennedy

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

* HYMN #155

“Raise a Song of Gladness”

JUBILATE DEO

OUR PAST

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

A READING FROM ST. AUGUSTINE

“Late Have I Loved You”

(in unison)

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside myself, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me far from you; yet if they had not had their existence in you they would not have existed at all. You called and cried out loud, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in my breath and now I pant after you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:9-10

Nancy Fultz

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

HYMN #139 (vs. 1-3)

“That Boy Child of Mary”

BLANTYRE

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

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WORDS BY BROTHER ROGER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Jesus Christ, Love of all loving, you were always in me and I did not know it. You were there, and I kept on forgetting you. You were in my heart of hearts and I was looking elsewhere. Even when I remained far from you, you kept on waiting for me.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

HYMN #139 (vs. 4-6)

“That Boy Child of Mary”

BLANTYRE

OUR PRESENT

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 14

Jon Nelson

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

SCRIPTURE

John 17:20-23

Kathy Glass

I (Jesus) ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

There is no Extended Session program today. Children are invited to worship with their families.

HYMN #121 (vs. 1-2)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

WORDS BY BROTHER ROGER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

In each person there is a portion of solitude which no human intimacy can ever fill. Yet you are never alone. Let yourself be plumbed to the depths and you will see that, in your heart of hearts, in the place where no two people are alike, Christ is waiting for you. And what you never dared hope for springs to life.

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 in the Glory to God hymnal.

HYMN #121 (vs. 3-4)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

OUR FUTURE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

Gina Anderson

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and

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

search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

* **HYMN #151 (vs. 1-4)**

“We Three Kings”

KINGS OF ORIENT

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERTORY

“Prelude for the Introit of Epiphany”

Maurice Duruflé

WORDS BY BROTHER ROGER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Living in the Present Moment

Jesus the Christ does not invite you to be preoccupied with yourself, but to a humble repentance of heart. What does that mean? It is that movement of trust whereby you cast your faults on him. And there you are, released, even liberated, ready to live the present moment intensely, never discouraged because always forgiven. You know that Jesus the Christ came for all, not just for a few. Risen, he is united with every human being without exception. Although you may sense no echo of it, Christ’s mysterious presence never forsakes you. the impression of doubt can at times seem to exist within you, but there is above all the miracle of his continual presence. Will you let an inner life grow within you, one which has neither beginning nor end? There, you stand at the threshold of the Gospel’s joy, where human solidarities plunge their roots.

SILENCE

* **HYMN #151 (vs. 5)**

“We Three Kings”

KINGS OF ORIENT

* **CLOSING WORDS BY BROTHER ROGER**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Will you keep setting off anew, drawn by the One who walks quietly beside you, never imposing himself? The Risen Christ is present within you, and goes before you on the way. Will you let him place a source of refreshment in the hollow of your being?

* **CLOSING PRAYER (in unison)**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Christ, Savior of every life, you come to us always. Welcoming you in the peace of our nights, in the silence of our days, in the beauty of creation, in the hours of intense inner combat, welcoming you means knowing that you will be with us in every situation, always.

* **HYMN #152**

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

In the silence of your heart, he whispers, “Don’t be afraid; I am here.” Recognized or not, the Risen Christ remains close to every person, even those unaware of him. He is there in secret. A fire burning in the human heart, a light in the darkness, he loves you as if you were his sole concern. He has given his life for you. That is his secret.

* **HYMN (insert)**

“Glory to God”

POSTLUDE

“In Dir ist Freude, BWV 615”
(*In You is Gladness*)

Johann Sebastian Bach



Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

♦ **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Clergy: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf,
Associate Pastor

Liturgist: Gina Anderson
Nancy Fultz
Kathy Glass
Jean Kennedy
Jon Nelson

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Marcus Kim, *cantor*
Judd Poeske, *cantor*
Mariko Reid, *cantor*
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *cantor*

Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

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 flowers today are in commemoration of Nancy and Bill Latshaw's 64th wedding anniversary.

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x11). The cost is \$100 a Sunday.

♦ **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:45 am **Journey.** An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jan 8 — 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.

Jan 8 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

We will not have an Extended Session program today.

♦ **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 listen for the still, small voice of God. 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 an Inquirers' Class on **February 5 and 12** for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.





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Church Events and Announcements

January 1, 2017 • New Year's Day



TODAY AT ELPC

Today's DOD

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is George Clark.



New Christmas in East Liberty Concert CD Available

The Brass Roots and Dr. Ed Moore have recorded a new Christmas CD, *Christmas in East Liberty*. Copies are available for purchase for \$12. The CD is also available as a digital download for \$10. Please see Dr. Moore for the website address, or if you wish to purchase a CD.

PW Bible Study – Jan 3 and 9

Join Presbyterian Women (PW) to explore the lesson *Who is Jesus according to Paul?* on Tuesday, Jan 3 at 10 am, or on Monday, Jan 9 at 7 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. A potluck lunch will follow the Tuesday Bible Study. Participants are encouraged to bring their own table setting, including a soup bowl, along with a side to share. Soup and beverages will be provided.

Feeling Crafty? – Jan 3, 9, 11 and 25

New helpers are always welcomed in the following groups. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021; dnjcks@verizon.net).

- ✦ *Knitting Group* — Tuesday, Jan 3, 1–3 pm
- ✦ *Sewing Group* — Monday, Jan 9, 2:30–6 pm
- ✦ *Toymakers* — Wednesdays, Jan 11 and 25, 9 am–12 pm

First Friday Event: Anti-Violence Vigil – Jan 6

Part worship, part mission, all TRAIL....We will help host the Gay Christian Network Conference's Vigil Against Violence directed at LGBTQ people at 7 pm on Friday, Jan 6 at the Pittsburgh Convention Center. Come help the event happen with other TRAIL folks and help promote this important cause as over a thousand conference participants come to Pittsburgh that weekend. All who help at the Vigil get free admission to the Everyday Sunday and Bobby Jo Valentine concert that evening at 8:30 pm! Visit www.gaychristian.net for more details. This is a TRAIL young adult event.

We will gather on the 3rd floor for an intergenerational *Winter Rally Day* celebration from 9:45-10:45 am. Explore the scriptures through

Winter Rally Day January 8



multi-sensory activity stations, which will re-appear at the 11 am service. Join us for a continental breakfast and time of fellowship as we begin the new year. The Christian Ed Committee will provide fruit and bagels, but please bring a breakfast bread or pastry to share.

Healing Communities Training – Jan 7

The Justice Committee encourages members interested in helping our church discern a call for ELPC to support those in our community returning from incarceration to attend the *Healing Communities* training from 1-6 pm on Saturday, Jan 7 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave). Our goal, after this training, is to evaluate whether (and explore how) ELPC might become a *Station of Hope* for those returning from incarceration. One recent study determined the most important determinant of the future success of such individuals is the community of loving support they find upon returning from incarceration. The cost is \$20. Contact John Buckley for scholarships (412.963.0139; mrjohnbuckley@gmail.com). To register, please contact Scilla Wahrhaftig (Scillahw@gmail.com; 412.361.1581).

Club One Sixteen – Returns Jan 11

Club One Sixteen is our Wednesday night (3:30-7:30 pm) youth group for children and youth in grades 1–12. Students enjoy fellowship and recreation, dinner, a craft or special activity, and an interactive Bible study. This program will resume on Wednesday, Jan 11.

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering – Jan 15

The next LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering will be on Sunday, Jan 15 after the 11 am service. To learn more or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

Contemplative Prayer – Wednesdays after Taizé

Following the 7 pm Taizé prayer service each Wednesday, you are invited to the front of the Chapel, where we will sit together in silence for 20 minutes. If you have never practiced Centering Prayer, someone will be there to help get you started. Meditation cushions and back jacks will be provided, or you can sit in the front pew.



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

Ray Anthony, Diana Armstrong,
John Bavaro, Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny,
Patricia Fountain and her daughter Summer,
Patrice Fowler-Searcy's mother JoAnn,
Sharon Geibel, Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Maria Elena Hernandez,
Jan Herzer and her friends Francine, Bob and Mick,
Tom Johnson, Eric Kalsey, Pam Kimmel's niece Jen,
Kathy Kierwa, Nancy Latshaw, Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory,
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,
Sonya-Marie Morley's cousin's boyfriend,
Sandra Owen's son-in-law Russell,
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise,
Pat Valoon and her friend Robert,
and Andrew Wilkinson's mother Leslie.

*Our condolences to Charma Dudley and Yvette
Dudley-Morrissey on the passing of their mother
ELPC member Louise B. Dudley.*

Our condolences to Tim Englehardt on his grandfather's passing.

Our condolences to Leigh Halverson on her stepfather's passing.

Our condolences to Bill Nace on his mother's passing.

Our condolences to Tony Richardson on his grandfather's passing.

A Note of Thanks...

Justin, Florence and Bill Johnson would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, and cards over their loss of their brother-in-law, Ricardo Gutzmer.

Silent Retreat – Jan 20 to 22

In the midst of winter, it is easier to see the beautiful and intricate pattern of the trees and, in the silence of retreat, it is easier to see the beautiful and intricate pattern of God's presence in our lives. Share the silence with others and begin to trace that pattern for yourself at a *Silent Retreat* from Friday–Sunday, Jan 20–22. The retreat will be held at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center on the Northside. We will gather for dinner on Friday evening, and depart after brunch on Sunday. Registration is required and includes an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. The cost is \$120 (scholarships available). Registration forms are on the Spiritual Life bulletin board.

Committee Meetings This Week

*The church building will be closed on Monday, Jan 2
for the New Year's holiday.*

Winter Rally Day Planning..... Tuesday, 5 pm (Room 244)

Christian Education..... Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Room 244)

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



"Rhythm of Justice" Lecture – Jan 14

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS) is hosting the 3rd Annual Lecture and Community Conversation on Race and Faith and The Kelso Lecture titled *Rhythm of Justice*. This lecture and community conversation will be held at PTS (616 N Highland Ave) on Saturday, Jan 14 at 2 pm. For more info about this free event, visit www.pts.edu/Race_and_Faith_2017, or call 412.924.1345.

EECM Food of the Month

Rice-A-Roni is the *EECM Food-of-the-Month* item.

Experience a Choral Fantasy – Jan 29

Join us on Sunday, Jan 29 at 3 pm as the Duquesne University Choirs, directed by Dr. Caron Daley, perform with The Arsenal Duo (*Nathan Carterette on the piano and Dr. Edward Alan Moore on the organ*) for the next Cathedral Concert in the Sanctuary. The performance is free, but a freewill offering will be received.



i SERVE
LOVE IN ACTION

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Each week there will be a revolving set of service opportunities for you to consider printed in the bulletin and on the iSERVE bulletin board and website. Please review the descriptions and consider the fit for you.

◆ **weSERVEList (in a pinch helpers)** ◆

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14). Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities.

PW Diaper Drive for 'Burgh Babies

Presbyterian Women is hosting a Diaper Drive for the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank. They partner with local organizations to distribute free diapers to families in need. Diapers collected at our drive will go to families in our community. Please drop donations in the box in the front office marked *PW Diaper Drive*.