



# 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 15, 2015 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy was commissioned to compose a set of voluntaries by the English publishers Coventry and Hollier. Mendelssohn composed several voluntaries and then decided to extend them and organize them into a set of six sonatas. The use of the term *sonata* does not refer to the classical sonata form, but rather as it had been used by Bach, as a suite of varying pieces. Mendelssohn's six sonatas, his opus 65, were published in 1845.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Holy God, you have inclined your ear and heard my cry, and lifted me when I was low. Strengthen me for service this day, as I carry your light in the world. Lord Jesus, fill me with your peace, that I may run my race with perseverance and ever find my rest in you. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"The burden is always equal to the horse's strength." — *The Talmud*  
"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." — *Matthew 11:30*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Grave and Adagio" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
(Sonata II)

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### \* 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

Emily Rosenthal

Leader: I waited patiently upon you, O Lord; you stooped to me and heard my cry.  
People: You set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.  
Leader: You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
People: Many shall see and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.  
Leader: Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
People: There is none who can be compared with you. Alleluia!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #687

ST. ANNE

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Sharron Boddy

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sharron Boddy

Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity. In too many ways, we have labored in vain. Deliver us from our sins and forgive our self-centeredness, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream and bearers of your light. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

### TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

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"Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life ... When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism."  
*Confession of 1967*

Composed in 1840, Felix Mendelssohn's (1809-1847) *Lobegesang* (Hymn of Praise), Op. 52 is a "Symphony-Cantata on Words of the Holy Bible, for Soloists, Chorus and Orchestra."  
Mendelssohn's harmonization of *Now Thank We All God*, found in most modern hymnals, first appeared in *Lobegesang*. *I Waited for the Lord* is written for two soloists and chorus, with the text based on verses from Psalm 40.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Sharron Boddy

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!**

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:35-42

John Buckley

## 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: Don Manuel (Manny) Robert Figueroa, son of Jason and Dana Figueroa

Reaffirmation of Faith

Act of Baptizing

## \* HYMN #488

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

WATERLIFE

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-6

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## SERMON

"Potentials and Possibilities"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*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.*

## OFFERING INVITATION

Sharron Boddy

*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


"I Waited for the Lord"

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
text from Psalm 40:1, 4

*I waited for the Lord, God inclined unto me,  
God heard my complaint.  
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.*

## \* 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.

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

The call in Isaiah 49 is both to the prophet alone and to the nation of Israel. Both have been chosen to be instruments of God's purpose, mediators of God's word, and lamps of God's light shining forth in all the world.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY Elizabeth I was crowned queen of England and immediately restored Protestantism under the sponsorship of the Crown (1559); the rules of the game of basketball, composed by Dr. James Naismith, were published for the first time in Springfield, MA (1892); Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, GA (1928); and the first Super Bowl was played in which the Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs (1967).

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

Sharron Boddy

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 our salvation, receive these gifts we offer so that in time eyes may see your kingdom, ears may hear the call of Jesus, and hearts may know the joy of your eternal love. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #39**

FAITHFULNESS

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**\* POSTLUDE**

“Allegro maestoso e vivace” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
(Sonata II) 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. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Liturgists: Sharron Boddy  
John Buckley  
Emily Rosenthal  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Carly Noel Black, soloist  
Gail Mosites, soloist  
Acolytes: Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz  
Beadle: Mike Dillon  
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

*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.*

#### ♦ 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.  
*Jan 22 — 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.  
*Jan 22 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 **February 5 and 12** to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch is 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

### Nametags

We ask that folks wear a nametag so we can greet one another by name. Pre-made nametags are on the hooks in the Narthex or on the staff picture board in the Highland Lobby. *Don't have a nametag yet?* Please sign up on the list on the Narthex table. Print your name clearly and expect your nametag to be hung on the holders in about two weeks. Visitors are encouraged to get a stick-on nametag found in the basket on the Narthex table (*where you can also find rainbow stickers for your nametag*).

### LGBTQ Ministry Gathering – Today

The next LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering will be today after the 11 am service. To learn more or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

### Youth Lunch and Movie – Today

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited for lunch and the movie *Hidden Figures*, rated PG, after the 11 am service. Please bring \$10 to cover costs. RSVP to Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

### 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* and *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.



### The Chapel Market

The Chapel Market will be closed and not be accepting clothing donations until further notice in order to identify a new leadership team. We want to thank Fran Wilson for her vision, facilitation and hard work of organizing and operating The Chapel Market since its inception. More information to come.

### East Liberty & Justice For All – Jan 20

Join us Friday for a Celebration of Diversity on the Eve of the Women's March on Washington. Social Justice Art-Making and Organizing along with Blue Sparrow Food Truck Tacos and Bake Sale, 5:30-7 pm. Chatham University's Words Without Walls, poetry partnership with the Allegheny County Jail, State Correctional Institution and Sojourner House, 6-7 pm. Followed by a Solidarity on the Square March beginning at the Whitfield entrance from 7-7:30 pm. End this celebration with Peace, Love & All that Jazz performances ... Anqwenique Wingfield and Kinetic Gizelxanath and Ben Barson with the Afro-Yaqui Music Collective. All are welcome! *Donations will be accepted to support the work of our artists and social justice partner organizations: The ACLU and Thomas Merton Center.*

### 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 at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center (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.

### Feeling Crafty? – Jan 25

Join *Toymakers* from 9am-12pm. Contact Diane Jackson for more info (412.441.6021; dnjcks@verizon.net).

### Tween Bowling – Jan 27

Youth in grades 4–6 are invited to a night of bowling, pizza, trophies, and fun on Friday, Jan 27 from 6-8 pm. Please bring a beverage or snack to share, and your friends! Contact Sara Hackett to participate (SaraH@coh.net).

### 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.



## Experience a Choral Fantasy

**Sunday, Jan 29 ♦ 3 pm**

Join us on Sunday, Jan 29 at 3pm 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.*







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

Ray Anthony,  
John Bavaro,  
Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny,  
Patricia Fountain and her daughter Summer,  
Sharon Geibel, Barbara Goodwin's husband John,  
Joe Hajdu, Jan Herzer's friends Francine, Bob and Mick,  
Eric Kalsey, Nancy Latshaw,  
Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,  
Lee Lewand, Pen Lytle's friend Kelly, 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,  
Jan Pressman's daughter Caryn,  
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise, and  
Pat Valoon and her friends Robert, Steven and David.

*Our condolences to Libby and Tucker Ferda  
on Libby's mother's passing.*

*Our condolences to Kelli and Ryan Booher  
on Kelli's uncle's passing.*

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

*Our condolences to Pam Napier-Barnes on her mother's passing.*

*Our condolences to Martha DeMarzi on her friend  
Janie Rocco's passing.*

## Committee Meetings This Week

*Please note the church building will be closed all day  
on Monday, January 16 in observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

YAYA..... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Room 244)  
Session..... Tuesday, 7 pm (Room 234)

**i SERVE**  
LOVE IN ACTION

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### ♦ Volunteering at East Liberty & Justice For All ♦

Friday, January 20

### 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/iserive-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2) to learn about other service opportunities.

IN OUR

## COMMUNITY



### "Martin Luther King Celebration" – Jan 15

EECM's 33rd Annual Martin Luther King Celebration will be held Sunday, January 15, 2017. The speaker is Dr. William Glaze of Bethany Baptist Church in Homewood. Music begins at 3:30 pm and the service starts at 4:00 pm. Presented at the PTS Chapel, 616 N Highland Ave 15206. Following the service refreshments will be served. Donations of nonperishable goods for the EECM food pantry is encouraged.

### Solarize Allegheny – Feb 2

Help us build a bridge to the new energy future. Be a part of the climate solution-Go Solar! Join us for a solar seminar at ELPC in Room 234 on Thursday, Feb 2 from 6:30-8:30 pm. This event is sponsored by Solarize Allegheny (advocates for solar) and by 350 Pittsburgh (climate action group). For more info or to register, please visit [www.solarizeallegheny.org](http://www.solarizeallegheny.org), or call Sharon Pillar (412.215.5995). Registration is required to attend this free event.



### EECM Food of the Month

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

### Young Adult Peace Retreat – Feb 3-5

All TRAIL young adults are invited to join us from 6 pm on Friday until 2 pm on Sunday at Camp Crestfield. Our time will be spent in our cozy cottage with wonderful people, meditations, nature galore, games, plenty-o-snacks, worship and much more. The focus will be finding peace in a turbulent world. There will be a \$50 fee that includes everything. Limited scholarships available. Final **RSVP** by **January 22** to Wil at [wil@coh.net](mailto:wil@coh.net) or 412-441-3800 x14.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Jan 22 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – "Luke-Acts: the Early Church (part 1)" led by Tucker Ferda

**Journey with Scripture** – Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10–18; Matthew 4:12–23 led by Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – "The Prophet Amos" led by the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

**Soul Food** – A discussion of Biblical texts focused on the theme *Feminine Strength—Human and Divine*, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michelle Bard and Steve Evrard