



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 29, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Beethoven's (1770-1827) second piano sonata was published in 1796 and dedicated to Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). Musicologist Donald Tovey said of the **second movement**: "The slow movement shows a thrilling solemnity that immediately proves the identity of the pupil of Haydn with the creator of the 9th symphony."

O Lord, who has taught us that to gain the whole world and to lose our souls is great folly, grant us the grace so to lose ourselves that we may truly find ourselves anew in the life of grace, and so to forget ourselves that we may be remembered in your kingdom.
(Reinhold Niebuhr)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Doubt is part of all religion. All the religious thinkers were doubters."

— Isaac Bashevis Singer

"A faith which does not doubt is a dead faith."

— Miguel de Unamuno

"Faith and doubt both are needed — not as antagonists but working side by side — to take us around the unknown curve."

— Lillian Smith

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Piano Sonata Op. 2, No. 2"
II. Largo appassionato

Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *pianist*
Ludwig van Beethoven

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40) Caterina Rosano, Enrico, Cecilia and Samuele Novelli

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; God bent down to me and heard my cry.

People: God drew me up from the desolate pit and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Leader: God has put a new song on my lips, a new song of praise I will offer to our God.

People: Many will see and worship, and put their trust in the Lord.

Leader: Happy are those who make the Lord their God their trust. Let us worship God together!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #667

LAUDES DOMINI

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Caterina Rosano, Enrico, Cecilia and Samuele Novelli

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caterina Rosano, Enrico, Cecilia and Samuele Novelli

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been prideful in desires and quarrelsome in relationships. We have been guided by fear and crippled by doubts, finding ourselves separated from you and our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our hearts. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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What Does the Lord Require? was commissioned by East Liberty Presbyterian Church on the occasion of Pittsburgh hosting the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It was premiered during worship at ELPC on July 1, 2012. Composer David Schelat is Minister of Music at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE.

The inclusive version of the Doxology in *Glory to God* (#607) modifies the word "creatures" to read "people." We have changed it back to the original "creatures" to be inclusive of all God's creation.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Caterina Rosano, Enrico, Cecilia and Samuele Novelli

Leader: Trust in God, who breaks the bonds of all oppression and leads us forward by faith. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-2

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.

* HYMN #238

"Thine Is The Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:9-17

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prelude, op. 17 no. 6

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Admitting Doubt"

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.

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

"What Does the Lord Require?"

David Schelat
text from I Corinthians 12:4-7
and Micah 6:8

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
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.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Henry Clay introduced a
compromise bill on
slavery, which admitted
California into the Union
as a free state (1850);
Kansas became the 34th
state of the Union
(1861); W. C. Fields was
born (1879) as was
Oprah Winfrey (1954);
poet Robert Frost died in
Boston (1963); and the
first members of the
Baseball Hall of Fame
were elected, including
Ty Cobb and
Babe Ruth (1936).

Thirteen of
Hal H. Hopson's
(b. 1933) compositions
and arrangements are
included in our *Glory to
God Hymnal*.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Lord Jesus, you call me
to be a faithful disciple,
knowing my doubts and
my certainties. Enable
me to hear your voice
above the distractions of
this day, to see each
challenge as an
opportunity for faithful
witness, and to offer
myself in obedient
service in all I do. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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: We thank you, O God, that you have blessed us with abundant gifts,
inquisitive minds, and trusting hearts. May this offering of our life and
from our labors show forth your love here amid your beloved creation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #252

"Day of Arising"

RAABE

The choir will sing verse 1 and the congregation will join beginning on verse 2.

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"Processional of Joy"

Hal H. Hopson

*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
Caterina Rosano, Enrico, Cecilia and
Samuele Novelli
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolyte: Brianna Allison
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Margaret Edgecombe
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join the Neighbors Committee for today's Fellowship Time in the McKelvy Room as we recognize and honor Fran Wilson for her vision, opening and running *The Chapel Market* since its inception. She is stepping back to pursue other interests, but we are thankful for her faithful service. We also invite you to browse the mission tables to learn about the work of this Committee and how you can be involved. An opportunity to write Congress about the need to provide adequate funding for childhood nutrition programs will also be available.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Huber and Mr. Harry M. Huber.

◆ 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.
Feb 5 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
Feb 5 — 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 Sundays, Feb 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.

TODAY AT ELPC

Neighbors Committee Mission Fellowship Time

Please join the Neighbors Committee after today's 11 am Sanctuary service in the McKelvy Room for a special Fellowship Time as we recognize and honor Fran Wilson for her vision, opening and running *The Chapel Market* since its inception. Fran has worked tirelessly to outfit, organize and manage *The Chapel Market*, as well as its volunteers. She is stepping back to pursue other interests, but we are thankful for her faithful service. We also invite you to learn about the Committee's work and how you can become involved by providing meals, working on housing rehab projects, and participating in other community development activities. There also will be opportunities to write letters to Congress, focusing on providing adequate funding for childhood nutrition programs in 2017 and protecting health care for all. Information and materials about each issue will be available at the letter writing tables.



Experience a Choral Fantasy

Join us at 3 pm today in the Sanctuary 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.



The performance is free, but a freewill offering will be received.

Today's DODs

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Matt Stuftt**.



Young Adult Peace Retreat – Feb 3 to 5

All TRAIL young adults are invited to join us from 6 pm on Friday, Feb 3 until 2 pm on Sunday, Feb 5 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 are available). The RSVP deadline was last week, but contact Wil Forrest about possibly attending (Wil@coh.net).

Youth Ministry Workday with OHM and GCF – Feb 4

Students in middle and high school are welcome to spend time working on projects with Open Hand Ministries and Garfield Community Farm from 9 am-3 pm (or for part of the day) on Saturday, Feb 4. Please contact Sara Hackett for details or to participate (SaraH@coh.net).

Nervous System's Role in Spiritual Growth – Begins Feb 6

Our personality becomes hardwired into our nervous system as a survival strategy, setting patterns of thinking, feeling, and behavior. Learn about your individual patterns using the Enneagram as a map, and how to work with the nervous system to expand your capacity for spiritual growth. This class will be taught in two five-week terms:

♦ Term 1: Mondays, Feb 6–Mar 6, from 7–9 pm

Will focus on understanding the nervous system and the Enneagram (suggested donation is \$35).

♦ Term 2: Mondays, Mar 13–Apr 10, from 6:30–9 pm

Will continue the learning, but will add an experiential element to the academic teaching. You must have completed *Term 1* to take *Term 2* (suggested donation is \$50).

The required book is *The Enneagram: Understanding Yourself and the Others In Your Life* by Helen Palmer (available on Amazon). The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan has a limited number of used copies for \$10 or by scholarship if requested. Stop by the Spiritual Life Committee's bulletin board for a registration form and information on the instructor, Kerry O'Donnell.

PW Bible Study: Who is Jesus? – Feb 6 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women as they explore the lesson *Who is Jesus?* on Monday, Feb 6 at 7 pm, or on Tuesday, Feb 7 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor. A potluck lunch follows the study on Tuesday (bring a side dish to share); and childcare is available by request for Tuesday only.

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering – Feb 11

The next LGBTQ Ministry *spiritual gathering* will be on Saturday, Feb 11 starting at noon with a progressive meal and discussion. To learn more or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

A Celebration of Black Song – Feb 12

Join us on Sunday, Feb 12 at 3 pm for an uplifting afternoon of song in honor of Black History Month, featuring musicians from the ELPC Music Ministry. This performance is free and open to the public. 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's husband Stan,
Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny,
Kate Carlson's brother-in-law Ray,
Patricia Fountain and her daughter Summer,
Sharon Geibel,
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Joe Hajdu, Joe Heckel,
Jan Herzer's friends
Merrel, Frankie, Francine, Bob and Mick,
Buzz Hutchison's sister-in-law Elaine,
Justin Johnson,
Gloria Knopp's nephew Mark,
Nancy Latshaw, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
Lee Lewand, 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,
David Schoenewolf's co-worker Maureen,
Heather Schoenewolf's cousin Louise, and
Pat Valoon and her friends Robert, Steven and David.

Committee Meeting This Week

Centennial Fund Monday, 6:00 pm (Session Rm)

Hope Academy Students Compete: Shakespeare – Feb 13

Hope Academy students will present their Shakespeare monologues and scenes on Monday, Feb 13 at 3 pm at the Pittsburgh Public Theater (O'Reilly Theater) for the 2017 Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest. The Showcase of Finalists will be on Monday, Feb 20 at 7 pm at the Pittsburgh Public Theater.

Support Our Youth and an Important Cause – Feb 19 and 26

Youth will be raising money and awareness for their upcoming *30-Hour Famine* before and after Sanctuary worship on Sundays, Feb 19 and 26. Money raised will support Church World Service's work in relocating Syrian refugees in Europe and the U.S. The *30-Hour Famine* will take place March 4 to 5, at ELPC. Youth who wish to participate should contact Sara Hackett or Anthony Williams to RSVP or ask questions (SaraH@coh.net).

Looking for a way to put your love in action?



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

◆ weSERVEList (Periodic emails to help in a pinch) ◆

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



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, or call Sharon Pillar (412.215.5995). Registration is required to attend this free event.

NBPC Annual Celebration of Joy Event – Feb 11

The Pittsburgh Chapter of NBPC (National Black Presbyterian Caucus) will hold the annual *Celebration of Joy* event on Saturday, Feb 11 in Knox Hall at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206). The program begins at 2 pm, and will highlight a history of African Americans in the Presbyterian Church. Performers include former Coleman/Patrick Scholarship recipients. A small donation in support of the Coleman/Patrick Scholarship Fund is requested.

Tween Snow Tubing – Feb 17

Tweens in grades 4–6 will spend an evening snow tubing on Friday, Feb 17 from 6:30-9:15 pm at Boyce Park. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of the event. RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). *A permission slip is required.*

Congregational Meeting – Feb 26

All congregation members of ELPC are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* following worship on Sunday, Feb 26 in the Social Hall. Lunch will be provided prior to the meeting in which reports and financial budgets will be reviewed. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers (elders, deacons, Centennial Fund member) also will be voted on. Copies of the *Annual Report* will be available on Sundays, Feb 19 and 26.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feb 5 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Jesus Christ as Encountered by the Apostle Paul (part 1)” led by Adam Clever

Journey with Scripture – Isaiah 58:1–12; Psalm 112:1–10; 1 Corinthians 2:1–16; Matthew 5:13–20 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers – “The Story of Harriet Tubman” led by Kimberly Gonxhe

Soul Food – A discussion of Week 1 of *The Door of Our Heart* led by Vivienne Selia, Shirley Fair and David Carl