



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)

FEBRUARY 5, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), the famed blind organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, composed six symphonies for organ. He dedicated the third symphony to fellow organist and composer Marcel Dupré. Vierne died while seated at the organ console of Notre-Dame as he was playing an organ recital.

Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret.
(Ambrose Bierce)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"A person who does not know how to be angry does not know how to be good."

— Henry Ward Beecher, *Proverbs from a Plymouth Pulpit*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Adagio from Symphonie III, Op. 28"

Louis Vierne

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 (from Psalm 112)

The Rev. Tony Richardson

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who worship God and greatly delight in **God's commandments.**

People: They will rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously with others, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Leader: As our hearts are steady and secure in the Lord, let us boldly gather to worship God today!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

You are the light of the world, O Christ, yet we do not reflect that light. You give wisdom and call us to be reconciled with our enemies, yet we follow the whims of the world and give in to the temptations of angry spirits. Forgive us this day, and set us right by your Holy Spirit. Listen as we offer now our prayers of intercession for those around us, both here and throughout the world.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: **The promise of our faith is trustworthy and true. Christ's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.**

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY:
Lord, if I have lived this
day in the knowledge
that perishes, correct my
thoughts, rectify my
judgments, and mend my
foolish ways. Give me
the mind of Christ that I
may see the world rightly
and discern the
blessings you bestow.
Amen.

Korean composer
Dr. Hyun Kook is a
medical doctor
specializing in
pharmacology. He
started composing music
in 2005. His
compositions, both
sacred and secular, are
published by major
publishers in Korea and
in the United States.

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #469 (please remain seated; sing 2 times)

CHILDREN PRAYING

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace!

RESPONSIVE HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Psalms 30

Leader: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

People: O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Leader: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

People: Sing to the Lord, you faithful servants; give thanks for the **remembrance of God’s holiness.**

Leader: For God’s wrath lasts but the twinkling of an eye, God’s favor endures for a lifetime.

People: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

People: Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

Leader: I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

People: **“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”**

Leader: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.

People: You turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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 #444

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

DETROIT

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-26

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Words from the Mount — Ripples of Anger”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* 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

“Come to the Feast”

Hyun Kook

text by Carol McClure

Come in to the feast that our Lord has provided, brothers and sisters, who gather in this place; come savor this meal as you savor this moment; come giving thanks as you meet him face to face. Come offering your hearts to be bathed in his mercy, humble and open to follow after Christ; come, laying aside all your strife and your anger. Come in repentance to the One who offers life. Bread of

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island, arrived in America (1631); Giuseppe Verdi, at the age of 74, produced his operatic masterpiece *Otello* (1887); baseball great Hank Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama (1934); and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told the Communist Party it had to give up its unchallenged right to rule (1989).

redemption, cup of salvation, served by our Savior, this sweet celebration; glory and honor, praise, adoration unto our Lord, for his table set with grace. Partake of this bread, for you it is broken; come drink this wine: for you, it has been poured. Then, brothers and sisters, who meet at his table; go out to serve in the name of our Lord.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is being presented by Ted Cmarada and Susan Spangler.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Callahan

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 HYMN #503

O QUANTA QUALIA

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Lord, you open our eyes to see the world through your compassion. You open our minds to understand the world through your wisdom. And you feed our bodies and souls that we might go out into the world showing forth your love.

For all these things, we offer you our praise and gratitude. In Christ’s name.
Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #435

IN BABILONE

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Final from Symphonie III, Op. 28”

Louis Vierne

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
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Tony Richardson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Lydia Delp and Brianna Allison
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Matt Stuftt
Crucifer: Ian Bush
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the McKelvy Room after worship for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome to attend.

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

We would like to extend a special *thank you!* to ELPC member Suzan Krauland and her business partner Carolyn Walker from *bloom brigade* for preparing the Sanctuary flowers to enhance our worship space.

♦ 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 12 — 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.
Feb 12 — 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* TODAY and next Sunday, Feb 12 in Room 244 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please see Dr. Bush immediately after today's service if you would like to attend the sessions.

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

TODAY AT ELPC

New Members and Friends

A *New Members and Friends Class* will be held today after the 11 am worship service in Room 244. If you are interested in attending, please see the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush immediately after the service. Another class will be held next Sunday, Feb 12 after the Sanctuary service. If you would like to register for that class, please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Today's DODs

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Judy Roberts**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Cami Teacoach**.



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

Learn about the role our nervous system plays in our spiritual growth over two five-week terms, beginning on Monday, Feb 6. Registration is required.

♦ *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. 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 the progressive meal and discussion on Saturday, Feb 11. We will begin with appetizers at ELPC at Noon, and make stops for each next course on the Northside, then Morningside, and finally at Wilkinsburg. To learn more or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

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.

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.*

YAM Event: An Afternoon of Loving-Kindness — Feb 18

Spend Saturday, Feb 18 from 1–4 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor with friends as we seek to live into the principles of loving-kindness toward others and toward ourselves at this young adult ministry event. Dress comfortably and expect to meditate, be affirmed, stretch, laugh, breathe deeply, share and more. An RSVP via the YAM Facebook page is appreciated.

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).

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.



*A freewill offering
will be received.*

A CELEBRATION OF BLACK SONG Sunday, Feb 12 ♦ 3 pm

Join us for an uplifting afternoon of song in honor of Black History Month, featuring musicians from ELPC's Music Ministry. This performance is free and open to the public.



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

Ray Anthony,
John Bavaro's husband Stan,
Kate Carlson's brother-in-law Ray,
Patricia Fountain and her daughter Summer,
Sharon Geibel, Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Joe Heckel, Jan Herzer's friends
Merrel, Frankie, Francine, Bob and Mick,
Buzz Hutchison's sister-in-law Elaine,
Justin Johnson, Ida Joiner,
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,
Tim Sergi's mother Jean, Herma Stewart's mother Edith,
Cami Teacoach's husband's brother-in-law Gerry,
and Pat Valoon and her friends Robert and Steven.

Our condolences to Steve and Mary Evrard on a dear family member's passing.

Our condolences to Hope Academy student Emily Khuu and her family on her father's passing.

DG2! Youth Ministry Event: Empty Bowls Baking – Feb 26

Doing Good Together! (DG2!)—a partnership between the youth of Rodef Shalom and ELPC—will be baking cookies for the upcoming *Empty Bowls* fundraiser on Sunday, Feb 26 from Noon-3:30 pm. *Empty Bowls* serves a simple meal as a reminder that too many people throughout our region are facing hunger, and benefits the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Just Harvest. Youth in grades 4–12 should RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). A permission slip is required.

Interfaith Panel – March 5

Following the 11 am worship service on Sunday, March 5, the Spiritual Life Committee will present an *Interfaith Panel* addressing the question *What is our Place (as human beings) in the Universe?* Join us in the Social Hall as we listen to responses and discuss the role of humankind from diverse religious perspectives. A light lunch will be served.

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



OHM Circles Film “Front Line: Poor Kids” – Feb 7

Join Open Hands Ministry's Circles group on Tuesday, Feb 7 from 6-8 pm to view *Front Line: Poor Kids* at Eastminster Presbyterian Church (250 N Highland Ave, 15206). Learn more at www.circlespgh.org.

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.

Urban League Sunday – Feb 12

Urban League Sunday will be celebrated from 4-6 pm on Sunday, Feb 12 at Destiny of Faith Church (3737 Brighton Rd, 15212). The Rev. Dr. Ronald Peters will be the keynote speaker at this free event. A reception will follow. A copy of the *President Obama Inauguration Edition* of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* will be given to the first 100 attendees.

A Mime Ministry Festival – Feb 18

The Fine Arts Ministry of Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ (6300 East Liberty Blvd) will present *A Mime Ministry Festival* on Saturday, Feb 18 at 4 pm. A freewill offering is suggested.

Committee Meetings This Week

Adult Ed Teachers..... Tuesday, 5:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)
Christian Ed..... Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 244)
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feb 12 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Jesus Christ as Encountered by the Apostle Paul (part 2)” led by Adam Clever

Journey with Scripture – Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 119:1–8; 1 Corinthians 3:1–9; Matthew 5:21–37 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers – “Meet Hanie Megginson—A Real-life Miss Jane Pittman” led by Jean Kennedy

Soul Food – A concluding discussion of Week 1 of *Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Sel Whitaker and Liz Gonda