



# 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 12, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The *Prelude and Fugue in C Minor* is believed to have been composed at two separate times in **Bach's life**. The fugue was probably composed **during Bach's years in Weimar (1708-1717)** and later paired with the prelude, written in Leipzig around 1730. Together they create a powerful pair.

The text for *Great God of Every Blessing* was written for the 500th anniversary of **John Calvin's birth, ending each verse with Calvin's motto "I offer you my heart."** The tune is familiar to our ears as the music for the hymn *The Church's One Foundation*.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"Truth is given, not to be contemplated, but to be done. Life is an action, not a thought."  
— F. W. Robertson, *Sermons*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546"

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music.*

*Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

### 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 62)

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

Leader: For God alone my soul in silence waits; from God comes our salvation.

People: God alone is our rock and our salvation, our stronghold, so that we shall not be greatly shaken.

Leader: Put your trust in God always, O people; pour out your hearts before God, who is our refuge.

People: Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay all people according to their deeds.

Leader: Let us gather to worship the God of truth, of life, and of hope.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #694

AURELIA

"Great God of Every Blessing"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Almighty God, we are slow to acknowledge the sin in our own lives, or to name the ways we inflict harm by words and deeds. We have prayed for an end to the suffering in our world, but have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become a source of quarreling rather than a testimony of your grace. Lead us in the ways of your truth. Give us integrity of heart and soul, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into Christ, who is the head... (Ephesians 4:14-15)

Christ likes us to prefer truth to him because, before being Christ, he is truth. If one turns aside from him to go towards the truth, one will not go far before falling into his arms. (Simone Weil)

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989) was a prolific 20th century African-American composer. She was a graduate of Fisk University and the Juilliard School of Music. Her oratorio on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Scenes from the Life of a Martyr*, was premiered at Carnegie Hall and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

# ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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!

## SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #451 (verse 1 only; please remain seated)

OPEN MY EYES

### "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

Psalms 119:105-114

## 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 #456

### "Listen, God Is Calling"

NENO LAKE MUNGU

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:33-37

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## SERMON

### "Words from the Mount — To Tell the Truth"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

## 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

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*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

### "I Believe This Is Jesus"

Undine Smith Moore

*I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.*

*Oh, come and see.*

*The Light of God shines in his face, oh, come and see.*

*He offers all his pardoning grace; come and see, come and see.*

*Oh, I believe this is Jesus, yes, Lord, come and see, come and see.*

\* 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.

\* 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.

This day is the birthday of Charles Darwin (1809) and Abraham Lincoln (1809), and the founding of the NAACP (1909). Today also marks the founding of the state of Georgia (1733), the premiere of *Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue* (1924), and the death of Charles Schulz, creator of the *Peanuts* comic strip (2000).

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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, we offer you these gifts with thanks. May they be seeds of your new world, watered by your grace and brought to harvest by your Holy Spirit. Guided by the truth of your gospel, send us forth into the fields to do your bidding this day and always. In Christ's name. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #175

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, *organist*

“Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Holy God, I greet this day with thanks and the determination to choose the good. Help me to walk with you in blessing. Let my “yes” be yes, and my “no” be no, as I share the light of Christ. Amen.

*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. Heather Schoenewolf  
Barbara Griffin  
Kira Mukogosi  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Marcus Kim, percussion  
Acolytes: Zaida Collins and Samuele Novelli  
Beadle: Michele Bossers  
Crucifer: Cecilia Novelli  
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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving thanksgiving for the ELPC church family and staff, presented by Harold and Linda Deiss.

♦ 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 19* — 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.  
*Feb 19* — 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* TODAY in Room 244 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please see the Rev. **Heather Schoenewolf** immediately after today's service if you would like to attend.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://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, see the Rev. Schoenewolf after the service.

### Today's DODs

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Mary Evrard**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.

### Support Neighborhood Mission: Allies and Just Run

Stop by the McKelvy Room after the 11 am service to find out how you can support families working with Open Hand Ministries by becoming one of their allies in the Family Development Program, or volunteering to support OHM's *Just Run* in the Pittsburgh Marathon. Contact Emily Rosenthal or John Buckley (ejr116@gmail.com).

### A Celebration of Black Song Concert

Please join us for another free performance in our *Cathedral Concerts* series today at 3 pm. Details are below.



### 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 there also.

### 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. RSVP via the YAM Facebook page.

### 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.

### 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).



### 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.

### Grief Support Group – Begins March 6

ELPC will host a *Grief Support Group* on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm, March 6 through April 10. The group will be facilitated by Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada, licensed psychotherapists, and is open to anyone in the community who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants should plan to attend all six sessions. This group is offered free of charge. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Ted (240.446.4937) or Susan (240.285.6507).



### A CELEBRATION OF BLACK SONG TODAY ♦ 3 pm

Join us for an uplifting  
afternoon of song in honor  
of Black History Month,  
featuring musicians from  
ELPC's Music Ministry.  
Free performance!

*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,  
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 ELPC employee  
Rob Brown on his cousin's passing.*

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

*Our condolences to Emma Johnson on  
her brother-in-law's passing.*

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

## Committee Meetings This Week

Deacons ..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)  
Renovations..... Friday, 7:30 am (Pastor's Conf Rm)

## LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering – March 12

LGBTQ Ministry's next *spiritual gathering* will be on Sunday, March 12 after the 11 am worship service. During this monthly meeting we will share food, fellowship and our stories. To learn more or to get involved please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114). All people are welcome!

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?



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

### ♦ Want to Join a Committee? ♦

*(talk to Wil Forrest or a specific committee chair)*

IN OUR

## COMMUNITY



### Urban League Sunday – TODAY

Urban League Sunday will be celebrated from 4-6 pm today 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.

### Documentary Viewing: “Reinhold Niebuhr Story” – Feb 17

Join Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave) on Friday, Feb 17 from 7-9:30 pm for *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story*, a new PBS documentary film on the life and influence of Niebuhr, a 20th-century American Protestant theologian, ethicist, and commentator on politics and public affairs. A panel discussion will follow, with community leaders reflecting on the relevance of Niebuhr's work to current issues. Panelists include Dana Gold, Chief Operating Officer at Jewish Family and Children's Service of Pittsburgh; Tony Norman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette journalist, Dave Swanson, Pittsburgh Mennonite Church Pastor; John Welch, Vice President for Student Services and Community Engagement and Dean of Students at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This event is free to all, but please register at [www.pts.edu/Niebuhr\\_Film\\_2017](http://www.pts.edu/Niebuhr_Film_2017).

### Interfaith Worship Service for Immigrants – Feb 20

An interfaith support, lament and thanksgiving worship service will be held at 10 am on Monday, Feb 20 at St. Benedict the Moor Roman Catholic Church (Lower Hill District). The service will focus on all immigrants, including the undocumented. If you would like to help, please attend the meeting on Monday, Feb 13 at 1:30 pm in the Small Dining Room at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to finalize the program and plan publicity efforts. Contact the Rev. Liddy Barlow for details (412.688.9070).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feb 19 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “Seeing Jesus in John's Gospel: Tabernacle” facilitated by Mary Alice Lightle

**Journey with Scripture** – Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18; Psalm 119:33–40; 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23; Matthew 5:38–48 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – “Little Known Amazing African History” led by Kimberly Gonxhe

**Soul Food** – A beginning discussion of *Week 2 of Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Pam Napier-Barnes and Linda Harrington