



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 26, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) was a Venetian composer and teacher. *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* describes his music as “characterized by imagination and a fine technique and includes both counterpoint and progressive, gallant features.”

God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

Ad majorem Dei gloriam. To the greater glory of God.

— *Motto of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)*

O quam cito transit Gloria mundi! How swiftly passes the glory of the world!

— *Thomas á Kempis*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Brass Quintet No. 1, Op. 5”

Victor Ewald

II. Adagio non troppo lento

“Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”

Benedetto Marcello

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 99)

Tim VanFleet

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; the Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

People: Let us confess the name of the Lord, which is great and awesome; the Lord is the Holy One.

Leader: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God. We have called upon you, O Lord, and you answered us.

People: O Lord God, you have answered indeed; you are a God who forgives and is worthy to be worshiped for all your glory, grace and mercy.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet. Yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Reveal yourself once more to us, even as you forgive us, heal us, and lead us forward. May we ever walk in your ways and be happy in your keeping. To you be all glory and honor, in Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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Charlotte Elliott wrote the text for the beloved hymn *Just As I Am* in 1834. Although an invalid, the words helped Charlotte remember her infinite worth in God's eyes as a child of faith.

God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!" is the same God who made light shine in our hearts to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ. (2 Cor 4:6)

Handel's oratorio *Messiah* was first performed in Dublin on April 13, 1742 and in London the following year. The librettist Charles Jennens arranged the text of the oratorio to follow the liturgical year.

TIME OF SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #442 (please remain seated; verses 3 and 4 only)

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

Tim VanFleet

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 #189

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

DEO GRACIAS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 33:12-23

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Glorious Freedom"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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

"And the Glory of the Lord" (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

text: Isaiah 40:5

* 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.

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The glory of great
[people] should always
be measured by the
means they have used
to acquire it.
(François, Duc de la
Rochefoucauld)

Aaron David Miller
(b. 1972) is Director of
Music/Organist at The
House of Hope
Presbyterian Church in
St. Paul, Minnesota. The
tune *Deo Gracias*, also
known as *The Agincourt
Song* is found three
times in our *Glory to
God* hymnal; #189,
258, 618.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
John Chrysostom
became bishop of
Constantinople (398) –
he is one of the figures
carved on the ELPC
pulpit; New York City's
first subway line was
opened (1870);
Congress established
the Grand Canyon
national park (1919);
"Fats" Domino (1928)
and Johnny Cash (1932)
were born; and Cassius
Clay became
Muhammad Ali (1964).

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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.

Leader: God of mountaintops and deep valleys, whether our vision of you be
clouded or brilliantly clear, we dedicate these gifts to you today. Bless our
lives and these offerings that they may be transfigured and sanctified for
your work in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #12

ST. DENIO

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
Aaron David Miller

"Deo Gracias"

*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
Tim VanFleet
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
The Brass Roots:
Carloz Gil, Matt McCormack, *trumpets*
Rana Jurjus, *horn*
Mike Ross, *trombone*
Will Hammer, *tuba*
Acolytes: David Bellin
Charlotte Brake-Hoffman
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Margaret Edgecombe
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. A light lunch is provided. All are welcome to attend.

◆ 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 x111). The cost is \$150 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.
March 5 — 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.
March 5 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching *My Country Right or Wrong* (part of the Lenten sermon series *Unfaithful Words*).

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 *Congregational Meeting* in the Social Hall. 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* to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more information, or to register for a future class (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Congregational Meeting

All congregation members of ELPC are encouraged to attend our annual *Congregational Meeting* following worship today 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.

Today's DODs

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Beth Minnigh**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **George Clark**.

Support Our Youth with 30-Hour Famine

Youth will be raising money and awareness for their upcoming *30-Hour Famine* before and after Sanctuary worship today. 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).



On Wednesday, March 1, the season of Lent will begin with our Ash Wednesday service featuring the imposition of ashes in the Chapel at 12 pm, led by Pastor Patrice.



Following the service, we will welcome Dr. David Esterline, president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, as our guest speaker in Room 234, who will present "Following Jesus This Lent." A simple lunch will be provided.

Later in the evening, all are welcome to attend a special Taizé prayer service with the imposition of ashes, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan.

DG2! Youth Ministry Event: Empty Bowls Baking

Doing Good Together! (DG2!)—a partnership between the youth of Rodef Shalom and ELPC—will be baking cookies for the upcoming *Empty Bowls* fundraiser from Noon-3 pm today. *Empty Bowls* serves a simple meal as a reminder that people throughout our region are facing hunger, and benefits the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Just Harvest. Youth in grades 4–12 are asked to see Sara Hackett after the service if interested.

Annual Report Available

Copies of the 2016 *Annual Report* will be available today in the front office and Social Hall at the *Congregational Meeting*. We ask that you only take one copy per family.

Lenten Devotionals are Now Available

As we begin our Lenten journey together on Ash Wednesday, Christian Education (CE) is offering Lenten devotionals for people of all ages. Devotionals can be picked up on the table outside of the East Transept and on the 2nd floor CE table.



Get Your ELPC T-Shirt — Order by March 12

It's time again to order ELPC tie-dyed shirts! Pre-orders will be taken through March 12 by contacting Amy Bialek (412.758.1600; amyebialek@gmail.com). All shirts are just \$10. *East Liberty Presbyterian Church* is printed on the front and *God Created You. God Loves You. Be Yourself.* is printed on the back.

YAM Event: First Friday @ Drum Circle — March 3

Drumming is a great way to throw off the stresses of your day, connect to the spirit and center into community. Young adults are invited to a drumming circle TRAIL event on Friday, March 3 at 7 pm at First United Methodist Church (5401 Centre Ave, Shadyside). Bring your own drum if you have one.

Neighborhood Mission Opportunity — March 4

Join us as we support our partner, Open Hand Ministries, for *Saturday Work Day* on March 4 to rehab an East Liberty house. Support OHM's *Just Run* in the Pittsburgh Marathon (help with the ELPC Relay Team, cheer squad or pasta party). For more info contact Emily Rosenthal or John Buckley (ejr116@gmail.com; 412.963.0139).

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 (human) role in the universe?* Join us in the Social Hall as we listen to responses from diverse religious perspectives. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net).



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

Elizabeth Alcorn, Ray Anthony,
Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny and friend Dean,
Rick Frederick, Sharon Geibel,
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Jan Herzer's friends
Merrel, Frankie, Francine, Bob and Mick,
Buzz Hutchison's sister-in-law Elaine,
Nancy Latshaw, Heather Lawrence's sister Christine,
Lee Lewand, Kathleen Mahin's friend Jesse,
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,
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia,
David Schoenewolf's co-worker Maureen,
Tim Sergi's mother Jean, Herma Stewart's mother Edith,
and Pat Valoon and her friend Robert.

*Our condolences to Carol Chonoska
on her father's passing.*

*Our condolences to Mary Beth Gladis-Johnson on
her stepfather's passing.*

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

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and visits during my hospital stay.
— Justin Johnson

Exploring ELPC's Architecture – March 5

Marvel at the beauty of ELPC's stunning Gothic architecture as Elder Stephen Evrard takes us on a tour of our Sanctuary and Chapel on Sunday, March 5 after our 11 am service. Gather at the front of the Sanctuary. Allow 45 minutes for the tour and wear comfortable shoes.

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).

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).

♦ Be a New Member Host (please contact Wil Forrest) ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



RCC Cabaret: The Power of Pop – March 4, 11 and 12

Renaissance City Choir will present their Cabaret *The Power of Pop* in the ELPC Social Hall at 7:30 pm on Saturdays, March 4 and 11, and on Sunday, March 12 at 3 pm. They will present music to uplift and encourage the LGBTQA community in a continuing struggle for equality, freedom, and respect, drawn from the artistry of Lady Gaga, Melissa Ethridge, Paul Simon, the Beatles, Kelly Clarkson, Queen, Matt Alber, Joe Stevens, and more. The performance will be directed by Alexandra Vansuch, choreographed by Kaitlin Mausser, with RCC Music Director Jeffry Blake Johnson. For tickets, please call 1.800.838.3006, or visit www.rccpittsburgh.com.

Committee Meeting This Week

Journey Planning.....Tuesday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)

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

Join PW to continue the study *Who is Jesus according to the Non-canonical Gospels?* on Monday, March 6 at 7 pm, or Tuesday, March 7 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor. A potluck lunch follows the Tuesday study, with soup and beverages provided. Please bring your own table setting and soup bowl, as well as a side to share. Childcare is available by request for the Tuesday study.

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).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

March 5 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Bread of Life” led by Sharron Boddy

Journey with Scripture – Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers – “Meeting Lazarus” led by the Rev. Jim Davidson

Soul Food – A beginning discussion of *Week 3 of Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by Steve Evrard, Shirley Fair and Vivienne Selia

YAMs – “Discussion & Prayer Series throughout Lent” facilitated by Wil Forrest