



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

116 South Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206 412.441.3800 www.ELPC.church

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)

MARCH 12, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847) was born into a prominent Jewish family and later baptized as a Christian. He revived interest in the music of Johann Sebastian Bach with a performance of **Bach's St. Matthew Passion** in 1829.

O God, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(Book of Common Worship)

TIME OF PREPARATION

“Jesus, as an infant you fled to Egypt with your mother Mary and Joseph. You were a vulnerable family in a foreign land, looking for shelter and sustenance. Help us to welcome those like you who cross our borders today. Give us hearts of compassion, humane response, and laws that respect the dignity of all immigrants. Amen.”

— Adapted from *Education for Justice*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

“Andante with Variations in D”

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women

Sherry Anderson

* 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

Isaac, Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz

Leader: Dear Jesus, our journey through life is long and hard.

People: We cannot make this trip alone; we must walk together on the journey.

Leader: You promised to send us a helper, your Spirit.

People: Help us to see your Spirit in those you send to journey with us.

Leader: In the refugee family, seeking safety from violence,

People: Let us see your Spirit.

Leader: In the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables,

People: Let us see your Spirit.

Leader: In the asylum - seeker, seeking justice for himself and his family,

People: Let us see your Spirit.

Leader: In the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world,

People: Let us see your Spirit.

Leader: Teach us to recognize that as we walk with each other, you are present.

People: Teach us to welcome not only the strangers in our midst but the gifts they bring as well: the invitation to conversion, communion, and solidarity.

Leader: This is the help you have sent: we are not alone.

People: We are together on the journey, and for this we give you thanks.

Leader: Together, let us worship the Living God!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

When we stand
gazing upwards,
bring us down to earth:
with the love of a friend,
through the songs
of the sorrowing,
in the faces of the
hungry.

When we look to you for
action, demand some
work from us:
by your touch of fire,
your glare of reproof,
your fearful longing.

As ruler over all:
love us into action;
fire us with your zeal;
enrich us with your grace
to make us willing
subjects of your rule.
(Janet Nightingale)

West Side Story
premiered on Broadway
in 1957 and was inspired
by Shakespeare's
Romeo and Juliet. The
story, a rivalry between
two teenage gangs of
different ethnic
backgrounds, is set in
the Upper West Side of
New York City
in the mid 1950s.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #301

TWO OAKS

"Let Us Build a House"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Gracious God, hear our prayer. You have created us as a human family, but too often we neglect this call. We live into perceived limits rather than our hope in what is possible through you. We too often approach those who are different from us from a place of fear rather than with a spirit of acceptance. We desire to welcome all in your name, but too often grow weary or complacent, excluding others by what we have left undone. Open our hearts so that we might honor the dignity of all your people. Open our ears to hear your call. Grant us the courage to work toward justice and reconciliation in our lives and in our world, so that all may know your goodness and love.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 121

Setting by Hal H. Hopson

Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain as directed.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 47:1-6

Isaiah Wilson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"America" (from *West Side Story*)

Leonard Bernstein

Lyrics: Stephen Sondheim

I like to be in America! O.K. by me in America! Ev'rything free in America, for a small fee in America! I like the city of San Juan. I know a boat you can get on. Hundreds of flowers in full bloom. Hundreds of people in each room! Automobile in America, chromium steel in America, wire spoke wheel in America, very big deal in America! I'll drive a Buick through San Juan. If there's a road you can drive on. I'll give my cousins a free ride. How you fit all of them inside? Immigrant goes to America, many hellos in America; nobody knows in America, Puerto Rico's in America! When I will go back to San Juan. When you will shut up and get gone? I'll give them new washing machine. What have they got there to keep clean? I like the shores of America! Comfort is yours in America! Knobs on the doors in America, wall-to-wall floors in America! I'll bring a TV to San Juan. If there's a current to turn on! Everyone there will give big cheer! Everyone there will have moved here!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) wrote the tune ST. HELENA to accompany Frederick William Faber's (1814-1863) text *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*. Hampton was organist and choirmaster of Calvary Episcopal Church, Gramercy Park, New York City and an active composer, having been dubbed by Eric Routley as "the greatest living composer of hymn tunes."

ON THIS DATE
IN HISTORY:

William Kitchen, a slave, received an Army paycheck (1770); the U.S. Post Office was established (1789); Coca-Cola was first served in bottles (1894); President Franklin Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats" (1933); the Anschluss began as German troops entered Austria to enact Hitler's plan to unite the entire German-speaking world under his Third Reich (1938); *Wonder Woman* premiered on TV (1974); Janet Reno was sworn in as the first female U.S. Attorney General (1993); and the Church of England ordained the first 33 women priests (1994).

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 #322 (sing 2x)

"We Are One in Christ Jesus"

SOMOS UNO

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Unfaithful Phrases: I Got Here First"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

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. Callahan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Calvin Hampton

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in the blood. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
and Aura S. Jirau

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 give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. In him you have made us one, conquered divisions among us, and called us to love. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #317

McKEE

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"Little Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555"

attr. J. S. Bach

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Some prayers or liturgy were reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, copyright 2012.

◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Sherry Anderson
Isaac, Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz
Aura S. Jirau
Isaiah Wilson
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Laura Ristau, *violin*
Acolyte: Nadine Mazingi
Beadle: Matt Stufft
Crucifer: Margaret Edgecombe
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.

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Anna Barabara Negley Brick, Miss Georgina G. Negley, Miss Alice Negley and Miss Sarah J. M. Negley.

◆ 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 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.
March 19 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching *I Can't Make a Difference* (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 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* 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

Today's DODs

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Henry Petrilli**.

Lenten Devotionals are Now Available

As we begin our Lenten journey together, 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.

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering

LGBTQ Ministry's *spiritual gathering* will be held today 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!

The Disease of Addiction

Gordon Jenkins, Drug and Alcohol Coordinator of East Liberty Family Health Care Center, will speak today after the 11 am worship service in Room 234. His subject, *The Disease of Addiction*, will cover the stages of addiction as well as the spiritual, mental and physical aspects of the disease. Light refreshments will be served.

Get Your ELPC T-Shirt – Final Day to Today

It's time again to order ELPC tie-dyed shirts! Pre-orders will be taken through today 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.



Grief Support Group – Mondays

ELPC will host a *Grief Support Group* on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm through April 10. The group is 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. This group is offered free of charge. If you have questions or want more information, contact Ted (240.446.4937) or Susan (240.285.6507).

Church Family Baby Shower for Pastor Heather – March 19

Presbyterian Women invites everyone to a baby shower for Pastor Heather Schoenewolf in the Social Hall on Sunday, March 19 from 1–4 pm.



The main course and cake will be provided for the potluck lunch. Please sign up to bring food on the bulletin board in the S Highland Ave hallway. Diapers will be collected and donated to the Presbytery Diaper Drive in honor of Heather and David's baby (raffle tickets will be awarded for each diaper package donated).

If you would like to contribute to the church's gift to the baby (but this isn't necessary, nor are bringing diapers necessary!), email cameronteacoach@gmail.com or hairdorn@gmail.com.

Book and Video Study – March 23

All are welcome to a study series sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee beginning Thursday, March 23 from 6:30-8 pm as we read and discuss Teilhard de Chardin's *Mysticism: Seeing the Inner Face of Evolution* (Orbis Books, 2014), and watch several videos by other scholars on cosmology and theology. Join the conversation, which will continue on Thursdays, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, and June 1.

Tween Game Night – March 24

Youth in grades 4–6 and their friends are invited to come have dinner and play gym and board games at ELPC on Friday, March 24. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info, times, or to register (SaraH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x120).

OHM Circles Dinner – March 28

Four times a year, ELPC provides dinner for OHM (Open Hand Ministries) families who are working hard on improving their financial situation and reaching their goals. Consider helping them along the way by donating food and/or serving dinner on Tuesday, March 28. The dinner is a simple, yet impactful way to get to know the families. Email Carol Bonner (lobonner@gmail.com) to help or with any questions.

PW Spring Retreat – March 31 to April 1

Please see the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the Highland Ave hallway for brochures and registration forms for the PW Retreat *Unnamed Women of the Bible* with Sara Hackett from March 31 to April 1 at Camp Crestfield. For more info, please contact Kay Shissler (412.681.2047; kshissler@juno.com).



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,
David Carl's co-worker Linda and her grandson Kain,
Kate Carlson's brother-in-law Ray,
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Lee Lewand,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Deborah Marx's cousin Eileen and her family,
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia,
Tim Sergi's mother Jean,
and Pat Valoon and her friend Robert.

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

Our condolences to Jan Irvin on his mother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Officer Training..... *Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 244)*
Personnel..... *Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)*
Deacons..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)*
Worship, Music & Arts..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 244)*

Register for our All-Church Retreat – May 5 to 7

Everyone is welcome to join us at our *All-Church Retreat* at Crestfield Camp from Friday–Sunday, May 5–7 (Pittsburgh Marathon weekend). Our theme is *Road Trip: Our Journey Together*. Registration is now open and rooms will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Please note that all are welcome.

Transportation and partial scholarships are available upon request. Visit www.ELPC.church for details.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

March 19 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Resurrection and Life” led by Charles Nordquist

Journey with Scripture – Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–11; John 4:5–42, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers – “Daring to Doubt (part 1)” led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Soul Food – A beginning discussion of *Week 4 of Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, and Michelle Bard

YAMS – “YAM-led discussion and Prayer Series throughout Lent” facilitated by Wil Forrest

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



RCC Cabaret: The Power of Pop – TODAY

Renaissance City Choir will present the final performance of their Cabaret *The Power of Pop* in the ELPC Social Hall today 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 Etheridge, 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.

“Walk On By” Exhibit – Begins March 24

View homelessness as seen through the eyes of local artists at the exhibit *Walk On By* beginning on Friday, March 24 from 6-9 pm at Future Tenant Gallery (819 Penn Ave, Cultural District, downtown) at the opening reception. On Thursday, March 23 from 6-8 pm, a panel discussion about the intersection between homelessness and the lack of affordable housing will take place at the gallery. Admission is free for these two events, and there will be free admission weekends from March 24-April 2. For more info, visit www.ncmin.org.

Annual Women and Biking Forum – April 1

On Saturday, April 1 from 10 am-3 pm, *BikePGH* will host the 4th annual *Women and Biking Forum* presented by Dollar Bank. The forum will be held at the Ace Hotel, and will feature keynote speaker Victoria Robinson, Black Girls Do Bike's first “Shero.” Women of all ages and skill levels will have a choice of a variety of workshops, ranging from learning the basics of bike mechanics, getting around town comfortably, methods to access athletic bike events, and becoming a stronger advocate for safe cycling.

Forum registration includes the workshops, keynote speaker presentation, lunch, and a post-forum celebratory bike ride. *BikePGH* will also be offering a women's-only City Cycling class the following day.

To register for the event, please visit *BikePGH*'s online event page (<http://bikepgh.org/forum>) or call the *BikePGH* office (412.325.4334). Save 20% on the registration with discount code COMMUNITYBIKES.

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) ♦