



# 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)*

## MARCH 19, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Composer and organist Harold Darke (1888-1976) was born in London and died in Cambridge. One of his best-known compositions is a choral setting of Christina Rossetti's *In the Bleak Midwinter*.

PRAYER FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:  
O God, living and true, look upon your people, whose hearts are dry and stony, and who are parched with thirst. Unseal the living water of your Spirit; let it become within us an ever-flowing spring, leaping up to eternal life. Thus may we worship you in spirit and truth through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result."

— Mahatma Gandhi

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"Meditation on Brother James' Air"

Harold Darke

*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 86)

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

People: Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may ever walk in your truth.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #494

QUEBEC

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Lovingly, you offer us the gift of living water. Graciously, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us our sins, O Lord, and give us this living and merciful water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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The translation of Psalm 86 was published in 1963 by the *Ladies of the Grail*, an ecumenical community first started in 1921 by a Dutch Jesuit priest. The community has grown to include women from all continents, and describes themselves as “an ecumenical movement, open to the ways of other religious traditions and to expressions of genuine spiritual search which are consistent with its identity and integrity of purpose.”

The unnamed Samaritan woman at the well is one of at least 20 women who play significant roles in the gospels but are never named, such as the woman with an issue of blood, Herodias' daughter, the Syro-Phoenician woman, and Pilate's wife.

*Mister Cellophane* is sung by the character Amos in the 1975 Broadway musical, *Chicago*, and later in the 2002 film version.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Henry and Lisa Petrilli

Leader: Once we were lost and dead, but now Christ has become our life and salvation. 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

John 4:3-14, 15-26

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 86:1-7

Dr. Moore

*Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain as directed.*



## 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 #479

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

JACOB'S WELL

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:27-29, 39-42

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mister Cellophane”

John Kander  
Lyrics: Fred Ebb

*If someone stood up in a crowd and raised his voice up way out loud and waved his arm and shook his leg you'd notice him. If someone in the movie show yelled, "Fire in the second row, this whole place is a powder keg" you'd notice him. And even without clucking like a hen everyone gets noticed, now and then unless, of course, that person it should be invisible, inconsequential me. Cellophane, Mister Cellophane should have been my name, Mister Cellophane. 'Cause you can look right through me, walk right by me and never know I'm there. I tell ya, Cellophane, Mister Cellophane should have been my name, Mister Cellophane. 'Cause you can look right through me, walk right by me and never know I'm there. Suppose you was a little cat residin' in a person's flat who fed you fish and scratched your ears? You'd notice him. Suppose you was a woman wed and sleepin' in a double bed beside one man for seven years? You'd notice him. A human being's made of more than air with all that bulk, you're bound to see him there. Unless that human being next to you is unimpressive, undistinguished, you know who. Should have been my name, Mister Cellophane, 'cause you can look right through me, walk right by me and never know I'm there. I tell ya, Cellophane, Mister Cellophane should have been my name, Mister Cellophane. 'Cause you can look right through me, walk right by me and never know I'm there. Never even know I'm there. I hope I haven't taken too much of your time.*

\* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Howard Goodall (b. 1958) is an award-winning composer of choral music, stage musicals, film and TV scores. His setting of Psalm 23 gained prominence in the 1990s as the theme music to the BBC TV series *The Vicar of Dibley*.

Today is the birthday of missionary David Livingstone (1813), politician William Jennings Bryan (1860), theologian Hans Küng (1928), and actors Glenn Close (1947) and Bruce Willis (1955). Around this date in 1965, the Montgomery Bus Boycott finally ended (March 14) and later Dr. King led the march from Selma to Montgomery for voting rights (March 21).

SERMON “Unfaithful Phrases: I Can’t Make a Difference” The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER The Rev. 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Howard Goodall  
 Text from Psalm 23

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607 OLD HUNDREDTH



\* 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:	Loving God, from your goodness we have received so much. Receive our time, talents and resources and use them as you will for the sake of those in need around us and to the glory of your eternal realm. In Christ’s name. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #708 SCHUMANN  
 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

\* CHARGE & BLESSING The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE “Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558”  
 attr. 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.*

*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  
Henry and Lisa Petrilli  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Juddson Poeske, *soloist*  
Acolytes: Brianna Allison and Lydia Delp  
Beadle: Liz Hopkins  
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 x118).*

♦ 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 26 — 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 26 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching You Can't Teach Me a Thing (part of the Lenten sermon series Unfaithful Phrases).*

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](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's 11 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

### 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 **Mary Evrard**. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Sonya-Marie Morley**.

### Church Family Baby Shower for Pastor Heather

Presbyterian Women invites everyone to a baby shower for Pastor Heather Schoenewolf in the Social Hall today from 1–4 pm.

The main course and cake will be provided for the potluck lunch. 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). Please note that donating diapers isn't necessary!



### ELPC Hospitality

Our church strives to be hospitable to all who gather for worship or special events. This hospitality extends to our restrooms, which people may use according to their own sexual identity preferences. Because of concerns around this topic (raised by laws in Texas and NC) and the positive reality of having transgender people participating in our church programs and ministry, it was deemed important by the staff to place explanatory signs related to this form of hospitality by our restroom doors. If you have questions about this, please seek out one of the pastors.

### Book and Video Study – March 23

All are welcome to a study series sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee from 6:30–8 pm beginning Thursday, March 23 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 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 from 6–8 pm. Please contact Sara Hackett to register (SaraH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x120).

### OHM Circles Dinner – March 28

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, a simple, impactful way to get to know the families. Contact 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. Contact Kay Shissler (412.681.2047) for info.

### Gifts of Women Sunday – April 2

On Sunday, April 2, our 11 am worship service will include a special celebration of the *Gifts of Women*. The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf will preach and her sermon will be titled *Unfaithful Phrases: You're Unlovable*. Our service will include women liturgists, ushers and greeters, as well as music from *The Color Purple*, a Tony Award winning musical.

### DG2! Event – April 2

ELPC and Rodef Shalom youth in grades 4–12 will be showing acts of loving kindness for DG2! (*Doing Good Together*) by assisting in the coordination of a “Classic Hollywood” themed Senior Prom for the residents of Charles Morris Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Sunday, April 2. Meet at ELPC in the Harambe Room for lunch immediately following the 11 am worship service and we will return to the church for pick up at 3:15 pm.

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Received April 2 and 9

ELPC will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* on Sundays, April 2 and 9 (Palm Sunday).

### PW Bible Study – April 3 and 4

Join Presbyterian Women to continue the study *Who is Jesus according to the Other Abrahamic Faiths?* on Monday, April 3 at 7 pm or Tuesday, April 4 at 10 am. 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.

### TRAIL Young Adult Event – April 7

Spend the evening of Friday, April 7 playing games with friends at the TRAIL young adult event *First Friday@Games with Friends* at 7 pm at the Quaker Meeting House (4836 Ellsworth Ave, Shadyside 15213). Bring a board game to share. Contact Wil for info (Wil@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,  
David Carl's co-worker Linda and her grandson Kain,  
Kate Carlson's brother-in-law Ray,  
Doris Dick's mother Mary,  
Ruth Donalson, Steve Evrard's mother,  
Barbara Goodwin's husband John, Lee Lewand,  
Judy Mancini's sisters June and Joan,  
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris  
and her cousin Eileen and her family,  
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia,  
Tim Sergi's mother Jean,  
and Pat Valoon and her friend Robert.

*Our condolences to William Nicholson on his mother's passing.*

There are **Prayer Boxes**, with cards for prayer requests, available on the tables in the Narthex and East Transept entrances to the Sanctuary.

### Committee Meetings This Week

Officer Training..... *Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 234)*  
Chapel Market Planning..... *Wednesday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)*  
Peace..... *Thursday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)*  
Session..... *Thursday, 6:30 pm (Zelienople)*

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – April 9

LGBTQ Ministry's next *spiritual gathering* will be on Sunday, April 9 after the 11 am service. During this monthly meeting we will share food, fellowship and our stories as we welcome local college students and plan for summer events. To learn more or to get involved, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114). All people are welcome!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

March 26 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “Passover Offering” led by Adam Cleaver

**Journey with Scripture** – 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – “Daring to Doubt (part 2)” led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**Soul Food** – A concluding discussion of *Week 4 of Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Liz Gonda and David Carl

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

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### City of Pittsburgh Job Announcements

The City of Pittsburgh has released new employment opportunities available within the city, including positions for a police officer, recreation leader, paramedic, staff engineer and equipment repair specialist. For application requirements, please visit [www.pghjobs.net](http://www.pghjobs.net).

### “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](http://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 at the Ace Hotel, featuring keynote speaker Victoria Robinson, Black Girls Do Bike's first “Shero.” Workshop choices include learning the basics of bike mechanics, getting around town comfortably, methods to access athletic bike events, and becoming a stronger advocate for safe cycling.

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.

### African American Heritage Day at Kennywood – June 15

Spend the day at Kennywood Park with your church family and fellowship with other congregations on Thursday, June 15. Lenore Williams, a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, will be collecting money for discounted admission tickets through April 23 (\$20 for seniors, \$30 for others). Regular priced ticket (\$45) will be available after that date. The Caucus will have a pavilion, and all are welcome.

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



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

### ♦ Vacation Church School Volunteers Needed ♦

*(teens and adults)*