



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 26, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Franz Schubert (1797-1828) composed his *Piano Sonata in A Major* in the summer of 1819. It is sometimes called the *Little A Major Sonata* to distinguish it from a much larger work in the same key composed in 1828.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Thank you, Lord, for this new day. Stay with me, I pray, shepherding me through all that the future will hold. Improve the eyes of my faith so that I can see you more clearly in the comings and goings of this day. Help me ever to recognize that my cup is filled with your goodness and mercy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Self-love or pride is a sin when, instead of leading you to share with others the self you love, it leads you to keep your self in perpetual safe-deposit. You not only don't accrue any interest that way, but become less and less interesting every day."

— Frederick Buechner

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Sonata in A Major, Op. 120"
II. Andante

Gabriel D'Abruzzo, pianist
Franz Schubert

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music.
Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* 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 (from Psalm 23)

Mario Seneca

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

People: **God guides us in proper pathways for the sake of God's good name.**

Leader: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full that it spills over!

People: **Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will accompany me all the days of my life.**

Leader: Let us worship our loving God together.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #649

AMAZING GRACE

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Gracious God, we are people who love darkness rather than light. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly beside those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Raise us up from the deadness of sin and open our blind eyes to your **loving grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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The long story in John 9 includes a miracle healing of a blind man followed by a controversy over who Jesus was. Both the man and his parents were interrogated by Jewish leaders, who were angry about the healing occurring on a Sabbath and the authority Jesus was manifesting in their midst. In the end, the blind saw but some of those with good sight remained blind.

Anything You Can Do was composed by Irving Berling (1888-1989) for the 1946 musical *Annie Get Your Gun*. It is sung in the show by Annie (Ethel Merman) and Frank (Ray Middleton).

Thomas Tallis'
(c. 1505-1585) famous *Canon* dates to around 1561, when it was used as a setting for Psalm 67.

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 18-21

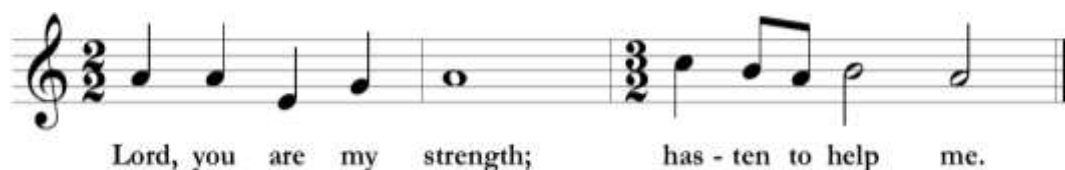
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Schoenewolf

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10

Carly Noel Black, *cantor*

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Child: Brynn Allison Beth Barker, daughter of Taylor E. Goodson
Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

* HYMN #807

“When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”

PROSPECT

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:24-34

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Anything You Can Do”

Irving Berlin

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

“Unfaithful Phrases: You Can’t Teach Me A Thing”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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. Schoenewolf

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“He Healed the Darkness of My Mind”

Thomas Tallis
Text: Fred Pratt Green

*He healed the darkness of my mind the day he gave my sight to me:
It was not sin that made me blind; it was no sinner made me see.*

*Let others call my faith a lie, or try to stir up doubt in me:
Look at me now! None can deny I once was blind and now I see!*

*Ask me not how! But I know who has opened up new worlds to me:
This Jesus does what none can do — I once was blind, and now I see.*

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

It was pride that
changed angels into
devils; it is humility
that makes people
as angels.
(St. Augustine)

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
Massachusetts
abolished the practice of
slave trading (1788), the
composer Ludwig van
Beethoven died in
Vienna (1827), African-
American inventor
Thomas Martin received
the patent for the fire
extinguisher (1872), the
Camp David peace
treaty was signed by
President Jimmy Carter,
Menachem Begin and
Anwar Sadat (1979),
and the groundbreaking
ceremony occurred for
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial (1982).

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* 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:	O Lord, for all you have done for us, we offer our thanks and praise. Continue to open our eyes, unburden our spirits, and empty our hands that we might be vessels filled with your light, compassion, humility, and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.	

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #182

KINGSFOLD

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

“Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556”

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
Mario Seneca
Musicians: **Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Carly Noel Black, *cantor*
Soloists: Carly Noel Black, Todd Farwell
Mary Randolph
Denise Sheffey-Powell
Acolyte: Julian Valencheck
Beadle: Mike Dillon
Crucifer: Isaiah Wilson
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.
April 2 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
April 2 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching *You're Unloveable* (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* on Sundays, April 23 and 30 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more information, or to register (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

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Judy Roberts**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Doug Cooper**.

Dr. Ed Moore in Concert in Chambersburg

Dr. Ed is playing a concert with The Arsenal Duo this afternoon at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA. He will be back in the office on Tuesday.



Building Renovation Needs

As ELPC moves forward with its renovation work, it is important to utilize a racially and gender diverse workforce. If you know of tradespeople interested in working on our project or exploring apprenticeships in construction fields, please contact Pamela Kimmel (PamelaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118) who will pass on this information to our general contractor.

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. Please 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).

PALM SUNDAY

April 9 | 8:45 and 11 am

Distribution of eco-palms at both services.

TAIZÉ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 12 | 7 pm

Journey through the stations of the cross with sung prayers, a time of silence, spoken and silent prayers.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13 | 7 pm

Communion service in the Sanctuary with Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 14 | 12 Noon and 7 pm

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf will preach at Noon.
Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will lead worship at 7 pm.

SATURDAY VIGIL

April 15 | 7 pm

Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will lead this procession communion service.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16 | 8:45 and 11 am

Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy will preach at the 8:45 am Journey service in the Social Hall. Rev. Dr. Bush will preach at the 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary.





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

Elizabeth Alcorn, Ray Anthony,
Lora Bethea's friend Carla, Amy Bialek's cousin Kelly,
Kathy Callahan's mother Ginny,
David Carl's co-worker Linda and her grandson Kain,
Kate Carlson's brother-in-law Ray,
Gloria Clark's daughter Judith, Doris Dick's mother Mary,
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,
Cameron Teacoach's friend Brittany and her family,
and Pat Valoon and her friend Robert.

Our condolences to Tim Englehardt on his grandmother's passing.

Our condolences to Steve Evrard on his mother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach *Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 244)*

Adult Ed Retreat..... *Monday, 9:00 am (2nd fl Parlor)*

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; bring 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).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

April 2 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “What it Means to be Free in Christ” led by Dr. John Burgess

Journey with Scripture – Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6–11; John 11:1–45, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers – “Lazarus and the Miracle of Resurrections” led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Soul Food – A beginning discussion of *Week 5 of Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Judy Roberts, and Pam Napier-Barnes

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

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Panel Discussion: From Ignorance to Action – March 27

Monroeville Public Library (4000 Gateway Campus Blvd, 15146) will host a panel discussion *From Ignorance to Action: Learning from and Supporting our Muslim and Refugee Neighbors*, from the Pittsburgh Muslim and refugee communities, and gain greater understanding about how changing current events and policies are affecting our community. This free program will be held on Monday, March 27 from 7-8:30 pm. For more info, please call 412.372.0500 x4.

Reflection on African American Male Needs – March 29

Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church (1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, 15219) is presenting a 2017 Lenten series on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. The next program on March 29 will focus on *Black Men and Law Enforcement Goals*. The panel includes Police Chief Scott Schubert, District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala, The Honorable Dwayne D. Woodruff, and moderator Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe.

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). All welcome!

Youth Ministry: Mission Overnight – April 21 to 22

Youth in grades 8–12 who are interested in attending the Sr. High Mission Trip to New York City this summer are required to attend this *Mission Overnight*. Beginning at 7 pm on Friday, April 21, we will learn about mission. On Saturday, April 22 we will complete mission work. Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) for info.

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.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Visit the iSERVE webpage at 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)