



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)

APRIL 9, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY

Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914) was a French operatic baritone and composer of songs. One of his most famous songs, *Les Rameaux* (*The Palms*) was included in several hymnals in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Heard in an arrangement for organ this morning, the original song was made popular and recorded by Enrico Caruso, among others.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:
I rise, O God, awakened
by your Word to live
another day following
you. Lead me in your
path. Show me the steps
to take toward greater
faith. Hold me in your
care as I move through
this Holy Week where the
shadows deepen even in
the daylight. Hosanna!
Save me now, O Lord
our God. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"We, the people, recognize that we have responsibilities as well as rights; that our destinies are bound together; that a freedom which only asks what's in it for me, a freedom without a commitment to others, a freedom without love or charity or duty or patriotism, is unworthy of our founding ideals, and those who died in their defense."
— Barack Obama

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Les Rameaux (The Palms)"

Jean-Baptiste Faure

*Join all and sing his name declare, let every voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord! Bless him, who cometh to bring us salvation!*

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

Lenore Williams

Leader: Friends, awake to the day of triumph for our Savior, Christ the Lord!

People: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross and an empty tomb.

Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs of praise! Shout Hosanna!

People: Fill the air with welcome, for blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

#197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

#199

"Filled With Excitement"

HOSANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness to us even in your dying, and comforted by your compassion toward all people, we ask for mercy and forgiveness this day. You have given everything, but we have been fearful and hesitant. You have created this world and called it good, while we have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from this creation, our Earth, the care they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build us into a people of righteousness here and now. Forgive our sins. Heal what we have broken.

Lead us forward by faith that we may know your perfect peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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The hymn to Christ found in Philippians 2 may well have been composed prior to when the apostle Paul included it in his letter. It speaks of the humiliation and exaltation of Christ in surprisingly formal terms even though only a few decades had elapsed since Jesus' death and resurrection. In Christ we see a perfected humanity combined with the majesty of the Lord.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
Richard Allen became the first African-American bishop when the African Methodist Episcopal church was established (1816); Samuel Clemens (aka Mark Twain) was licensed as a pilot of Mississippi steamboats (1859); Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant to end the Civil War (1865); and Marian Anderson, after being denied a concert venue by the D.A.R., performed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial (1939).

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!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mack Griffith and Meghan McClain

Philippians 2:1-11

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *cantor*

Psalm 118:19-26

Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain as directed.

The musical notation is for a 3/4 time signature. The first line is for the Cantor, singing 'Fling wide the gates!'. The second line is for the Congregation, singing 'Fling wide the gates!'. The third line is for the Cantor, singing 'Wel - come the king!'. The fourth line is for the Congregation, singing 'Wel - come the king!'. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children. Children who are in first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time (infants and toddlers up to age 3 to the first floor Nursery; pre-school age through grade to Room 151).

* HYMN #618 (verses 1, 2 and 5 only)

DEO GRACIAS

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Joining the Crowd”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #203

CHERE PONI

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

The refrain is sung at the beginning and after verses 2 and 4.

Refrain - Verse 1 - Verse 2 - Refrain

Verse 3 - Verse 4 - Refrain

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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Johann Rist (1607-1667) was a German poet and hymn writer. *Arise, the Kingdom Is at Hand* was translated to English by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) in 1858 for inclusion in various hymnals.

We believe that Christian unity is both a gift and obligation for the church... and that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and anything that threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.
(from *The Confession of Belhar*)

The hymn tune ELLACOMBE was first published in a chapel hymnal for the Duke of Württemberg (located in the present-day German state of Baden-Württemberg) in 1784. Ellacombe is the name of a village in Devonshire, England. In addition to *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (#197) the tune is found in the *Glory to God* hymnal with two other texts, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (#32) and *Come Sing to God* (#805).

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Arise the Kingdom Is at Hand”

Philip M. Young
Text: Johann Rist

Arise, the kingdom is at hand, the King is drawing nigh; arise with joy, O faithful band, to meet the Lord most high! The King is very near; look up, you drooping hearts, today O cast your griefs and fears away, for, lo, your help is here! Look up, ye souls weighed down with care, salvation is not far; look up, faint hearts, from your despair, behold the Morning Star. The Lord is with us now, who shall the sinking spirit feed with strength and comfort at its need, to whom e'en death shall bow. Arise, the kingdom is at hand, foretold in ages past; arise with joy, O faithful band, the King has come at last. For this to God alone we raise on high a gladsome voice, and evermore with thanks rejoice before God's glorious throne.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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| 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: | Lord, you are the giver of all good gifts. May what we offer lead to nourishment for those who have no food this day. May what we share build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May we join with the multitudes in deeds of peace, service and compassion. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. | |

* CLOSING HYMN #198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

ST. DROSTANE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

J. Wayne Kerr

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

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Mack Griffith and Meghan McClain,
Students from Grove City College
Lenore Williams
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Sonia Degenholtz and Aveion LaVert
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Tyrese Williams
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

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. Porter Corwin.

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 ON EASTER SUNDAY

Please see a complete listing of our Holy Week worship services in today's bulletin announcements.

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
April 16 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir. Special music prior to the service begins at 10:45 am.
April 16 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush 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 (*Special Holy Week Hours*)

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Monday through Friday, 9 am-9 pm

Saturday, 9 am-1 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.

April 9, 2017 • Palm Sunday

TODAY AT ELPC

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

ELPC will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* today. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering

LGBTQ Ministry's next *spiritual gathering* will be today after the 11 am service in Room 234. 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!

Neighbors Committee Meeting

The Neighbors Committee will meet today at 12:30 pm in the Session Room.

Today's Deacons on Duty

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Karen Beasley**.



Pastor Randy's Preaching Invitation – April 14

On Friday, April 14, Pastor Randy will join with the congregation of St. James AME Church (444 Lincoln Ave) for their Good Friday service from 12–3 pm. He will preach on the second word Jesus spoke from the cross.

INVITE A FRIEND TO EASTER WORSHIP!

Make Easter a truly joyous event!

Bring a friend to church!

Come early to find a good parking spot! We will also have a special Fellowship Time from 9:45-10:45 am, so you can introduce your friend/s to your church family while you enjoy a light breakfast.



Book and Video Study – April 20, May 4 and 18, June 1

Join us for an ongoing conversation on Thursday, April 20 from 6:30-8 pm to explore the connections between science and religion while we read Teilhard's *Mysticism: Seeing the Inner Face of Evolution* by Kathleen Duffy and watch videos by Ilia Delio and Brian Swimme. This Spiritual Life offering continues on May 4, 18 and June 1.

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. Contact Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

Worship with a Touch of Jazz – April 23

Mike Tomaro returns with his jazz combo to lead worship at our Sanctuary worship service on April 23. Joining the combo on vocals will be Mike's daughter, Natalie Tomaro. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

LABYRINTH PRAYER WALK

Monday through Friday | 9 am-9 pm

Saturday | 9 am-1 pm

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 led by Rev. Heather Schoenewolf.

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 PROCESSION

April 15 | 7 pm

Communion service led by Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16 | 8:45 and 10:45 am

Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy will preach at Journey.
Rev. Dr. Bush will preach at the Sanctuary service.
Special Easter Fellowship Time from 9:45 – 10:45 am.





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

Joseph Adjaye, Ray Anthony,
Amy Bialek's cousin Kelly, Carol Chonoska's brother Jeff,
Doris Dick's mother Mary, Ruth Donalson,
Mary Evrard's aunt Laura, Mary Beth Gladis-Johnson,
Barbara Griffin's brother Jim,
Barbara Goodwin's husband John, Joe Heckel,
Ronald Kemp, Barbara Krimmel, Lee Lewand,
Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,
Judy Mancini's sisters June and Joan,
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia,
Heather Schoenewolf's aunt Mary Lou,
Cameron Teacoach's friend Brittany, and Pat Valoon.

Committee Meetings This Week

Neighbors Today, 12:30 pm (Session Rm)
Health Ministry Monday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)

The Great Exchange: Travel – April 23

All are invited to a fun, interactive event, *The Great Exchange*, on Sunday, April 23 after the 11 am service in the Social Hall where we will explore some fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of travel. We will have a simple lunch while sharing our stories with one another. No prep necessary, just come and enjoy! Hosted by the Young Adult and Health Ministries.

Touring ELPC Below Ground – April 23

Join ELPC member Regis Will in the hospitality area (Highland Ave entrance) immediately after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 23 to tour ELPC's lowest level. Discover the huge boilers and see the blowers that feed air to the more than 7,000 organ pipes! Please allow 30–45 minutes for the tour.

Mother's Day Cards Available – April 23 and 30

Honor your mother or another beloved woman in your life with a special Mother's Day card that will transform lives of women and children around the world. Your gift will help promote health, education, and development in impoverished communities. Mother's Day cards are offered by Presbyterian Women and will be available for purchase on Sundays, April 23 and 30, after Journey worship in the Social Hall and at Fellowship Time after the Sanctuary service. Cards also may be purchased from Kate Carlson in the church office during the week until Mother's Day.

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).

♦ Teen Volunteers for Vacation Church School ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Reflection on African American Male Needs – April 12

Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church (1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, 15219) is presenting their final program in a 2017 Lenten series on Wednesday, April 12 from 6-8 pm. It will focus on *Black Men's Goals and the Politics of Human Freedom*. The panel includes Rep. Edward Gainey, Councilman Daniel Lavelle, Councilman Jake Wheatley and moderator William Simmons, Esq.

"Churches Respond to Migration" Presentation – April 13

Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado are Presbyterian mission co-workers who have lived in Agua Prieta (Sonora, Mexico) for 19 years, supporting migrants and their families and educating U.S. congregations about issues of border justice. They will be speaking to Professor Barry Jackson's class, "Churches Respond to Migration," at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206) from 1:30-3 pm on Thursday, April 13 (Maundy Thursday). If you would like to attend, please RSVP to bjackson@pts.edu.

Young Adult Ministry is for YOU

ELPC's Young Adult Ministry welcomes all adults post-high school through about age 40—we are students, professionals, married, single, partnered, with or without children and from different races, sexual orientations, gender identities, abilities, backgrounds and with varied beliefs. We join together to take part in this dynamic ministry and to seek to better understand, worship and serve the holy. Throughout the entire year, we offer a range of opportunities to come together, share, learn, explore and grow as Christians. All people and all questions are welcome. For details or to talk, contact Wil Forrest, YAM Coordinator (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).



Those Impacted by the Criminal Justice System – April 29

Join a discussion of how ELPC can support and embrace those in our congregation that have been impacted by our criminal justice system. We will have individuals with experience from within and outside our church sharing their perspectives, as we begin this next step in our mission of radical hospitality from 5-7:30 pm on Saturday, April 29 in the Music Room. A main course and beverages will be provided; please consider bringing a dish to share with others. If possible, RSVP to John Buckley (412.417.4187; mrjohnbuckley@gmail.com).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We will not have Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday.