



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)

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 16, 2017 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Christ Lag in Todesbanden is an Easter hymn by Martin Luther. The organ setting by Bach is one of 46 chorale preludes in his *Orgelbüchlein* (*Little Organ Book*). **Bach's original plan** was to include 165 chorales in this collection for use throughout the church year.

Jesus said: You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. (*John 15:16*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing "alleluia" with my voice, let my life embody "alleluia" as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Every surrender to a particular person, event, circumstance, or activity is but a token surrender, the temporary settling of the passing and transitory... True surrender must be to something big enough to absolve one from the little way, the meager demand... The need for a sense of peace beyond all conflict can only be met by something that gathers up into itself all meaning and all value. It is the claim of religion that this is only found in God. The pathways may vary but the goal is one."

— Howard Thurman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Christ Lag In Todesbanden, BWV 625" Johann Sebastian Bach
(*Christ Lay In Death's Fetters*)

"Allegro Maestoso"

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

"The Strife Is O'er"

arr. Douglas Wagner

"Minuet from Royal Fireworks"

G.F. Handel

"That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

arr. Douglas Wagner

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* SHARING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

Christ is risen!

People: ¡En verdad, esta resucitado!

He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim VanFleet

Leader: Rise and greet this Easter morning! Cast off your sleep and doubt.

People: Once there was sadness, but now we are clothed with joy.

Leader: Once there was mourning, but now there is hope and rejoicing.

People: Once there were hunger and longing, but now we are gathered in

Christ's kingdom and fed with love.

Leader: Rise and greet this Easter morning! Christ is risen – let us sing our praise!

* HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

* OPENING PRAYER FOR EASTER (*remain standing*)

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

People: God of surprises and powerful love, your Easter victory is our **promise of new beginnings. Your Easter 'Alleluia' is so** unexpected, yet so graciously welcomed. For we need Easter – the promise that dawn brings new possibilities; the assurance that your love is stronger than death; the hope that every day might be touched by Easter joy. With the church of ages, we offer these words of prayer and deep confidence:

Leader: ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

Christ is risen!

People: ¡En verdad, esta resucitado!

He is risen indeed!

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

April 16 • Resurrection of the Lord

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So let us keep the festival
whereto the Lord invites
us; Christ is the very joy
of all, the sun that warms
and lights us. Now his
grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our
hearts; the night of sin is
ended! Hallelujah.
(Hymn text by
Martin Luther)

Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809) composed
his oratorio *The Creation*
(*Die Schöpfung* in
German) between the
years 1796 and 1798. He
had been inspired to write
a large-scale oratorio
after he visited England
and heard oratorios of
Handel performed. The
oratorio is divided into
three large sections.
*Achieved Is the Glorious
Work* is the final
movement of the work.

The Latin word for Easter
is “pascha,” so this
special day is sometimes
called the *Paschal Feast*.
The date for when Easter
is celebrated owes its
roots to the Jewish
Passover celebrations,
while the English name
“Easter” is derived,
according to the
Venerable Bede, from the
Anglo-Saxon spring
goddess Eostre.

BELL ANTHEM

“Christ the Lord Is Risen”

arr. Susan T. Nelson

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Colossians 2:20-3:4

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

There is no Extended Session program this morning. There is Nursery care for children under 3.

* HYMN #245

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

LLANFAIR

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“Easter Dress Rehearsals”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in **Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*Ecumen. Apostles’ Creed*)

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

“Achieved Is the Glorious Work”

Franz Joseph Haydn
from *The Creation*

*Achieved is the glorious work; our song let be the praise of God.
Glory to our risen Savior. Our God on high exalted reigns, Hallelujah.*

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

*The communion bread is being presented by Lee, Stephanie, Taylor, Julia, Ramsey
and Christian Lewand.*

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. (Interlude) A - men.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:

George Washington headed to New York for his first presidential inauguration (1789); Charlie Chaplin was born (1889) as was basketball great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947); Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel (1912); Walter Cronkite became the anchorman of the *CBS Evening News* (1962); and novelist Ralph Ellison died at the age of eighty (1994).

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. The famous chorus *Hallelujah* ends the second part of the oratorio. Theories abound as to why audiences traditionally stand during the *Hallelujah* chorus, the most common being that King George II stood during the London premiere in March 1743. However, there is no evidence to support that he was actually at the performance!

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Choral Anthem

"This Joyful Eastertide"

arr. Charles Wood

Hymn #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Callahan

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, that, in the midst of this broken and sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN #242

"Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"

IN DIR IST FREUDE

* EASTER AFFIRMATION

* CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM

G.F. Handel

"Hallelujah" Chorus (from *Messiah*)

Please leave your copy of the Hallelujah Chorus in the pew so we may use them again in the future.

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Toccata from Symphony V"

Charles-Marie Widor

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 L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
Tim VanFleet
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist and Music Director*
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
The Brass Roots:
Samuel Eisenhandler, *trumpet*
Matthew McCormack, *trumpet*
Rana Jurjus, *horn*
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*
Will Hammer, *tuba*
Abby Langhorst, *timpani*
Acolytes: David Bellin and Julian Valencheck
Beadles: Michele Bossers and Lenore Williams
Crucifer: Ian Bush
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers in the urns are in loving memory of Gibson P. and Cathryn G. Buchanan and John G. and Charity P. Buchanan.

Please see today's bulletin insert for a listing of our tulip and/or EECM Food Pantry donors.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
April 23 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir.
April 23 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

No Extended Session on Easter

There will be no Extended Session program for preschool children on Easter. Please visit the *Kid's Corner* for hands-on activities designed to engage children in worship.

Nursery Care Available

There is Young Children's Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) in the 1st floor Nursery every Sunday.

♦ 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 listen for the still, small voice of God. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Open everyday

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC. We invite you to stop by the *Welcome Table* in the Highland Lobby or the Narthex for a small welcoming gift and some other information about ELPC's programs and ministries.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

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

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

A blessed Easter to all!

There will be a special Fellowship Time from 9:45-10:45 am in the Small Dining Room (located on the ground floor). The Fellowship Time following the 11 am Sanctuary service will be held in the McKelvy Room.

Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC. We invite you to stop by the *Welcome Table* in the Highland Lobby or the Narthex for a small welcoming gift, a sweet treat and some other information about ELPC's programs and ministries.

The Paschal Candle

Each year at the Easter Vigil the Paschal Candle is lit. The design of the candle is rich in symbolism. The center of the candle is a gold cross with red Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The letters signify that Jesus Christ is the *First and the Last*, the *Beginning and the End*. (Revelation 22:13) The green laurel branches beneath the cross represent the victory of the resurrection. The current year represents that God is in the present amidst the congregation.

Today's Deacons on Duty

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Mary Evrard**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Paul Miller**.



Building Renovations Beginning Soon!

The long-awaited ELPC renovations are scheduled to begin later this month. We plan to introduce and offer prayers for our contractor as part of next Sunday's worship service (April 23). Also, we anticipate holding a *Groundbreaking Event* following worship on May 14. The entire project will ideally be completed in a 10-12 month period of time, with initial work beginning soon on the Whitfield St entrance and the ground floor corridor. Join us for these special events and continue to hold this process in prayer.

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.

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 questions centered around the topic of travel, and have a simple lunch. *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 the 11 am worship service 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.

New Members & Friends Classes – April 23 and 30

Join us for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology on Sundays, April 23 and 30 after the 11 am service. Lunch is provided. Please call Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (412.441.3800 x122).

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 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. *Cards also may be purchased from Kate Carlson in the church office during the week.*

ELPC Chapel Market Reopens – April 24

The *Chapel Market* will reopen on Monday, April 24 from 10 am-Noon. Restocking will take place at 10 am on Tuesday, April 18. Training for volunteers (more volunteers are still needed) is on Wednesday, April 19 at 10 am. For more info, please contact the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (PatriceFS@coh.net). No clothing donations are being accepted at this time.

Spring Cleanup – April 29

All are welcome to help at ELPC's annual *Spring Cleanup* on Saturday, April 29 from 9 am-Noon. No gardening experience is necessary. For more info, please contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447).



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

Joseph Adjaye, Ray Anthony,
Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan,
Carol Chonoska's brother Jeff,
Ruth Donalson,

Mary Evrard's aunt Laura,
Barbara Griffin's brother Jim,
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,
Joe Heckel, Lee Lewand,
Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,

Polly McQueen's brother Clay, Pat Valoon, and
Jerry and Evelyn Wrzosek's daughter-in-law Jessica.

*Our condolences to the family of
former ELPC staff member
Rev. Miriam Chamberlain
on her 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

The church building will be closed tomorrow.

Youth & Young Adults Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)
Session..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)

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 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; mrjohntbuckley@gmail.com).

Tween Retreat – April 29 to 30

If your tween (grades 4-6) is interested in the *Tween Retreat at Crestfield Camp* from April 29 to 30, RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) by Wednesday, April 19.

Help for Caregivers – April 30

Care coaches from the United Way's Caregivers First Initiative will offer a guide to finding community resources, problem-solving, and managing the stress of trying to help a loved one at 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 30 in Room 234. Light refreshments will be served.

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).

♦ Teen Volunteers for Vacation Church School ♦

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Church Hall Spaghetti Dinner – April 29

Northmont Presbyterian Church (8169 Perry Highway) is hosting a spaghetti dinner from 4:30-7 pm on Saturday, April 29. All proceeds from the free will offering will benefit the work of Northside Common Ministries. Take-outs and gluten free noodles will be available.

Forum on Problems of Sudan and South Sudan – April 30

The ELPC Peace Committee is hosting *Famine, Political Breakdown and the Trump Travel Ban*, a forum on the problems of Sudan and South Sudan on Sunday, April 30 from 1:30-4:30 pm in the Music Room. The panel includes Congressman Mike Doyle, Rubani Trimiew, Hawa Abdallah Salih and others. A light lunch will be provided by members of the Sudanese Community in Pittsburgh. All are welcome to this free event, but you must RSVP (jumphook@gmail.com; 412.992.0102).

Better Choices, Better Health Workshop Series – May 2

Do you have an on-going condition such as arthritis, diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, low back pain or any other condition that affects your life? This 6-week FREE course is being offered at ELPC, starting Tuesday, May 2. There are currently 6 spots remaining. Please contact Carla Coles to reserve your spot (412.661.1363).

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

Due to the Pittsburgh Marathon, we will not have worship services on Sunday, May 7. Instead, everyone is welcome to join us at our *All-Church Retreat* at Crestfield Camp from Friday–Sunday, May 5–7. 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

April 23 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Living Faithfully in a News Driven Age—The Church as Sanctuary” led by Mark Roth and Dr. Randy Bush

Journey with Scripture – Acts 2:14a, 22–32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers – “Growing up as an Undocumented Immigrant” led by Giselle Fetterman

Soul Food – A beginning discussion of *Week 6 of Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Shirley Fair, and Judy Roberts