



# 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 30, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The *Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541* shows the influence on Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) from Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Composed in Weimar around 1715, this is one of the few works for which a "clean" copy of the manuscript exists. Bach's son, Wilhelm Friedemann (1710-1784), used this copy in 1733 for an audition at St. Sophia's Church in Dresden. He got the job!

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:  
God of love, you raised Christ from the dead to reign with you in power. We honor and bless you, as we seek your wisdom to follow where Christ leads. May you favor rest upon us, your joy fill our lives and your love be the motivation for all that we do. Make us instruments of your good news, sharing your love, grace and blessings with others we meet on life's journey.  
Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"The lesson which life repeats and constantly enforces is 'Look under foot.' You are always nearer to the divine and the true sources of your power than you think. The lure of the distant and the difficult is deceptive. The great opportunity is where you are. Do not despise your own place and hour. Every place is under the stars, every place is the center of the world."  
— John Burroughs

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"Prelude in G Major, BWV 541"

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

Jean Kennedy

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

People: God created all things and summons everyone by name.

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

People: No one – nothing – **can compare to God's glory.**

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, and the Lord never grows tired or weary.

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

People: Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength forever and ever.

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard? Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us worship and praise God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #839

ASSURANCE

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

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

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BORN ON THIS DATE:  
French priest, theorist  
and saint Jean-Baptiste  
(1651); German  
mathematician, physicist  
and astronomer Carl  
Friedrich Gauss (1777);  
First Lady Mary Scott  
Lord Dimmick Harrison  
(1858); country singer  
Willie Nelson (1933);  
NBA point guard and  
coach Isaiah Thomas  
(1961); and R&B  
musician Akon (1973).

Charles Wood  
(1866-1926) was an Irish  
composer and professor  
of composition at the  
Royal College of Music  
and Cambridge  
University. Among his  
students were Ralph  
Vaughan Williams and  
Herbert Howells.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jean Kennedy

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jean Kennedy

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.  
(Psalm 139:23-24)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Jean Kennedy

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we may grow weary, tired and discouraged on life's journey, but be assured the Holy Spirit breathes into the very depths of our being, and the resurrected Jesus walks with us, restoring us to lives that reflect the profound goodness of God. Give thanks, friends, and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #799 (remain seated)

I LOVE THE LORD

"I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.

**Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.**

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.

O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Mike Dillon

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*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 1 to Room 151).*

\* HYMN #257

"The Risen Christ"

WOODLANDS

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

"An Ironic Turn of Events"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.*

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

"I Love the Lord"

Charles Wood

Psalm 116:1-2

*I love the Lord, for God has heard my voice, and inclined an ear unto me.  
I will call upon the Lord God. Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.*

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

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:  
George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States (1789); the United States doubled in size through the Louisiana Purchase, which was sold by France for \$15 million (1803); Louisiana was admitted into the Union as a state (1812); the first federal prison for women opened in Alderson, WV (1927); **the World's Fair opened** in New York City (1930); poet, essayist and novelist Annie Dillard was born in Pittsburgh (1945); U.S. Marines attacked a division of North Vietnamese troops in the village of Dai Do (1968); Saigon fell as North Vietnamese forces gained control of the city and the Vietnam War formally ended as South Vietnam unconditionally surrendered (1975); and **the "coming out" episode** of *Ellen* aired (1997).

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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.
Leader:	We bring our gifts to you in response to the good news: Christ is risen indeed and abides with us still. May all that we do be in response to Christ's sacrifice and assurance of new life. O God, receive what we offer and transform all of our being to conform to your will. Extend your grace through us so that others hear of the salvation you bring. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #765

ARGENTINA

"May the God of Hope Go With Us"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in G Major, BWV 541"

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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Mike Dillon  
Sara Hackett  
Jean Kennedy  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Acolytes: Youth  
Beadle: Liz Hopkins  
Crucifer: Youth  
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

*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 MAY 14

*Due to the route of the Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC is unable to offer worship services on Sunday, May 7. If you are not attending our All-Church Retreat from May 5–7, you are encouraged to support a local congregation for worship that day.*

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
May 14 — 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.  
May 14 — 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

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* TODAY to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please see Rev. Dr. Randy Bush immediately after the service if you are interested **in attending today's class.**

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Help for Caregivers

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 today in Room 234. Light refreshments will be served.

### Forum on Problems of Sudan and South Sudan

The ELPC Peace Committee is hosting *Famine, Political Breakdown and the Trump Travel Ban*, a forum on the problems of Sudan and South Sudan this afternoon from 1:30-4:30 pm in the Music Room. 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).

### Mother's Day Cards Available

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 today, 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.*

### Today's Deacons on Duty

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Paul Miller**.



### Fellowship & Fun Opportunities to Support OHM

- ♦ *Circles Family Dinner on May 2* — Food donations and servers needed (contact Frank Bauerle at frbauerle@yahoo.com)
- ♦ *Marathon Pasta Party on May 5* — Volunteers needed for cooking, serving and clean up (contact Emily Rosenthal at ejr116@gmail.com or 412.963.0139)
- ♦ *Work Day on May 6* — Rehab houses from 9 am-3 pm (contact Emily Rosenthal at ejr116@gmail.com)

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**Due to the timing of the renovation construction work, we are not able to offer Vacation Church School this summer. Information on alternative church fellowship and family events will be available shortly.**

### PW Bible Study — May 1 and 2

Join Presbyterian Women to complete the bible study by examining *Who is Jesus according to Contemporary Cultural Interpretations?* on Monday, May 1 at 7 pm, or Tuesday, May 2 at 10 am. A potluck lunch follows the Tuesday study, with soup and beverages provided. Please bring a table setting and soup bowl, as well as a side to share. Childcare is available by request for the Tuesday study.

### Better Choices, Better Health Workshop Series — May 2

A 6-week health course is being offered at ELPC, starting Tuesday, May 2. Contact Carla Coles (412.661.1363).

### Book and Video Study — May 4 and 18, June 1

Join us for an ongoing conversation on Thursday, May 4 from 6:30-8 pm to explore the connections between science and religion. This Spiritual Life offering continues on May 18 and June 1.

### Register for our All-Church Retreat — May 5 to 7

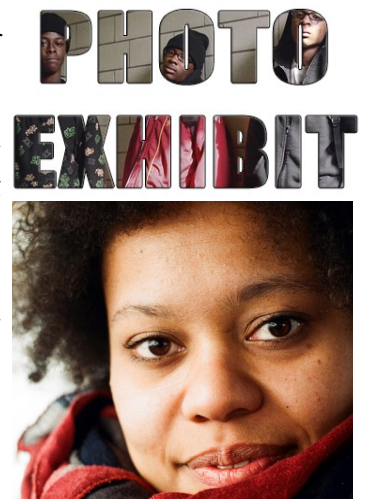
Visit [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church) for details on registering for our *All Church Retreat* next weekend.

### (Not) First Friday @ Inside Out TRAIL Event — May 12

For the first time TRAIL (our interdenominational young adult group) meets on the second Friday of the month as we go inside to be outside while we enjoy an evening in the ELPC Courtyard to share food, fellowship and watch a movie together on Friday, May 12 at 7 pm. Please contact Wil for info (Wil@coh.net).

### Photo Exhibit by Hannah Price — Reception on May 13

ELPC will host a photo exhibit featuring the work of Hannah Price, a photographic artist and filmmaker primarily interested in documenting relationships, race politics, social perception and misperception from May 13 through June 23. An opening reception will be held in the 2nd floor Parlor on Saturday, May 13 from 7-9 pm, when all are invited to meet the artist and view her works.







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

Joseph Adjaye, John Bavaro,  
Henk Bossers, Mary Evrard's aunt Laura,  
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,  
Barbara Griffin's brother Jim,  
Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,  
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Sonya-Marie Morley's friend Tammy,  
David Phillips' friend's sister-in-law Marcia,  
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia, Richard Szeremany,  
Pat Valoon, Jon Walker, Fran Wilson, and  
Jerry and Evelyn Wrzosek's daughter-in-law Jessica.

*Congratulations to Heather and David Schoenewolf  
on the birth of their son Noble Martin.*

*Congratulations to Gloria and Darrell Knopp  
on the birth of their granddaughter Harper Annabel.*

*Our condolences to Carol Chonoska on her brother's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Finance ..... Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 244)  
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)

### Groundbreaking Event – May 14

The long-awaited ELPC renovations are scheduled to begin later next month. We anticipate holding a *Groundbreaking Event* following the 11 am worship service 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!

### LGBTQ Ministry – May 20

LGBTQ Ministry's next spiritual gathering will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 4 pm. During this monthly meeting we will share food, fellowship and our stories as we make final plans for summer events. To learn more or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

May 14 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “Restoring Addicted and Marginalized People to Productive, Independent Lifestyles” led by Elliott Tepper, *International Director of Betel International*

**Journey with Scripture** – Acts 7:55–60; Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16; I Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – “Science & Religion in Dialogue” led by Ayres Freitas

**Soul Food** – A discussion of a meditation by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Liz Gonda and David Carl

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Book Sale – May 5, 6 and 8

Wilksburg Public Library (Eastridge Branch, 1900 Graham Blvd) is having a book sale on Friday, May 5, Saturday, May 6 and Monday, May 8, from 10 am-5 pm.

### 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 admission tickets (\$45). The Caucus will have a pavilion. All are welcome.

### Big Tent Conference – July 6 to 8

Join Presbyterians from around the country at the *Big Tent Conference* on the campus of Washington University from July 6–8 in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme is *Race, Reconciliation, and the Reformation*. To register or for more info, please visit [www.pcusa.org/bigtent](http://www.pcusa.org/bigtent).

### Update on Impact of OHM – May 21

Please join the Mission Board and Neighbors Committee on Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 pm as the Rev. Michael Stanton, executive director of Open Hand Ministries (OHM), updates us on the impact of OHM in East Liberty and Garfield.

### Exploring ELPC's Stained Glass – May 21

On Sunday, May 21, join Elder Penn Hackney following the 11 am service for a 45-minute guided tour of the stained glass windows in ELPC's Sanctuary and Chapel.

### Experience A Space Odyssey – May 26

On Friday, May 26 from 7:30–9 pm, The Brass Roots and organist Dr. Edward Alan Moore will join forces for a sonic spectacular of music for brass and organ. The concert will open with the iconic sounds of Richard Strauss' *Also Sprach Zarathustra* (featured in *2001: A Space Odyssey*). Also featured will be arrangements from Star Trek, Star Wars, and Superman by Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra trombonist James Nova. This performance is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received.

### 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).

♦ weSERVEList Helpers Needed ♦