



# 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)*

## MAY 14, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP MOTHER'S DAY

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) composed this violin concerto in Salzburg in 1775. He was 19 years old.

The text for *Jesus Shall Reign* comes from the famous hymnwriter Isaac Watts (1674-1748), who has 14 hymns included in our church hymnal. Watts believed our songs are a human offering of praise to God; therefore the words should not be strict transcriptions of scripture but rather our own. He is also the author of the text for *Joy to the World*, which is our sung response today.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach as we walk."

— St. Francis of Assisi

"Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness.

If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love."

— Stevie Wonder

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major, KV 216—Allegro"

Cody Conley, *violin*  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

Leader: God is faithful in words, gracious in deeds, just in all ways, and kind in all that God does.

People: **Our mouths will speak forth God's praises, and let all people bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Leader: Our God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

People: Praise be to God, revealed in Christ the risen Lord, and brought near to us by the Holy Spirit this day and always. Alleluia!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #265

DUKE STREET

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

God of mercy, your command to love one another despite all differences opens us to new horizons. Yet too often we respond with fear and judgment, holding back the very mercy you would have us freely offer one another. You spoke about being a mother hen, longing to welcome and protect us under your wings; yet we run from your care. Forgive our sins, we pray. Give us repentant **spirits that lead us to abundant and faithful lives. We pray in Jesus' name.** Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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## May 14 • Mother's Day

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Youth fades;  
love droops,  
the leaves of  
friendship fall.

**A mother's**  
secret hope  
outlives them all.  
(*Oliver Wendell Holmes*)

The old hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* reappears in our hymnal after being absent from the previous two Presbyterian hymnals. The text was written by Katherine Hankey in 1866 as part of a two-part poem on the life of Christ divided into *The Story Wanted* and *The Story Told*. This hymn comes from verses in the second section.

English composer Alexander Brent Smith (1889-1950) was Director of Music at Lancing College from 1913-1934. George Herbert's (1593-1633) well-known text is from his collection *The Temple*, published in 1633.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

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!

### SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #266 (*verses 1 and 2 only; remain seated*)

RICHMOND

#### "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king,  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:8-14

Elliott Tepper

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sonata No. 1 in G Minor—Presto" Cody Conley, *violin*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
*Malini (Maya) Srinivasan, Emil Bonavita, Luisa Bonavita, Barbara Mutch*

### 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. Those 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 #462

#### "I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 3:13-22

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### SERMON

#### "The Defense Never Rests"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & LITANY

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### 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. Mary Lynn Callahan

*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

#### "The Call"

Alexander Brent Smith  
text by George Herbert

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: and such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length: such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part: such a Heart, as joys in love.*

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

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

English physician Edward Jenner administered the first vaccination against smallpox (1796); Mrs. Gail Borden developed a process for making condensed milk, later to become Borden Company (1852); the first Olympic games hosted by the United States opened in St. Louis, Missouri (1904); the Women's Army Corps was established (1942); and a mob attacked and burnt a bus of Freedom Riders in Anniston, Alabama (1961).

Arthur Foote (1853-1937) was a composer and organist at First Unitarian Church in Boston. Along with John Knowles Paine, he was a founder of the American Guild of Organists.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may your word presented in scripture come to us like a spring of the water of life refreshing our thirsty souls. Amen.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Callahan

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:	Holy God, we give you thanks for the work of reconciliation you have entrusted to us. May we go forth in the name of Jesus Christ as ambassadors of his resurrection. May our offering given today and the renovation work being done in the coming months ever show forth your glory and praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.	

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in C Major"

Arthur Foote

*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. Mary Lynn Callahan  
Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi  
Sara Hackett, Elliott Tepper  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Cody Conley, violin  
Acolytes: Brianna Allison and Lydia Delp  
Beadle: Michele Bossers  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ RENOVATION CELEBRATION

Please join us on the South Whitfield Street side of the church building for a special *Church Renovation Commencement and Celebration!* There will be a brief program, time of singing, brief reflections and prayer, culminating in a release of doves as ELPC builds its future by maintaining and improving their church for present day and future ministries. The event will conclude with fellowship and food! *Please join us!*

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Mrs. Bernice A. Stone, presented by her son Dr. Ronald H. Stone.

◆ 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.  
*May 21* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.  
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
*May 21* — Youth Sunday.

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 special *Renovation Celebration* on South Whitfield Street. 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.

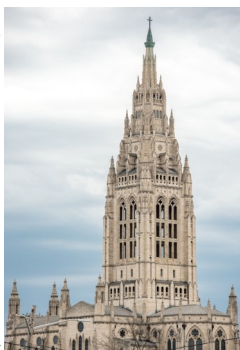
Attend a *New Members and Friends Class* on Sunday, July 9 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info, or to register (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Renovation Commencement and Celebration Event

ELPC invites you to join us for today's *Church Renovation Commencement and Celebration* on the South Whitfield Street side of the church building after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. After years of planning, long-awaited renovations are finally set to begin. As Mother's Day was the auspicious date of dedicating the ELPC cathedral back in 1935, it is appropriate to pick that same date for this *Commencement and Celebration* event.



There will be a brief program, time of singing, brief reflections and prayer, culminating in a release of doves as ELPC builds its future by maintaining and improving their church for present day and future ministries.

The event will conclude with fellowship and food! Join us! (*Note: There will be no Fellowship Time in the McKelhy Room.*)

### Photo Exhibit by Hannah Price – Through June 23

ELPC is hosting 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 in the 2nd floor Parlor through June 23. All are invited to view the photo exhibit daily from 9 am-7 pm.



### Welcome to Elliott Tepper

Elliott Tepper is International Director of Betel International, a ministry to bring long-term freedom and restoration to lives broken by drug and alcohol abuse. Betel International began in Madrid, Spain about three decades ago. Today, 2,400 individuals live, work and worship together in over 100 Betel communities in 24 nations. Elliott Tepper is also the Senior Pastor of Iglesia Betel in Madrid, Spain. Visit [www.betelinternational.org](http://www.betelinternational.org) for details on this ministry.



### Today's Deacons on Duty

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.

### The Rev. Rick Otty Retires

The Rev. Rick Otty served as interim pastor at ELPC from July 2002 to February 2006. He is retiring after nearly 40 years of ministry, and will be celebrated in Boston on May 28. If anyone would like to contribute to a *shower of cards* for Rick, please send your card to his daughter by May 28: Rachel Otty, 43 Robinson St, Somerville, MA 02145.

### Book and Video Study – May 18 and June 1

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

### Spring Planting at ELPC – May 20

On Saturday, May 20 from 9 am-Noon, we will plant flowers on South Highland and mulch and plant in the Courtyard. Please join in and help to beautify our church grounds! For more info, please contact Chuck Lukehart (412.782.6447).

### 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).

### Youth Sunday – May 21

Next Sunday, May 21, our Senior High youth will lead us during Sanctuary worship. This special service is an annual tradition at ELPC as we celebrate the gifts of our youth, while praising God for the work of the Holy Spirit upon and through them. Our graduating seniors will share their faith stories, and receive a blessing as they prepare for the next steps in their respective life journeys.

This year, students completing third grade will be presented with a Bible as a gift from ELPC, so that they might be nurtured in God's word.

### 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.





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

Joseph Adjaye, Ray Anthony, John Bavaro,  
Henk Bossers, Mary Evrard's aunt Laura,  
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,  
Barbara Griffin's brother Jim, Gloria Knopp,  
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 Fran Zaleusky's brother Joseph.

*Our condolences to Doris Dick on her aunt's passing.*

*Our condolences to Nicole Molinaro on her friend's passing.*

*Our condolences to Sonya-Marie Morley on her cousin's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

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

### New Fellowship Ministry Open to All – June 2

*All Over the Burg: ELPC's Meet-Up Group* is all about fellowship and fun by exploring Pittsburgh's free (or mostly free) events around town. It's an opportunity to meet others from the ELPC family while enjoying all the Burgh has to offer! Events chosen will be accessible by public transportation. All are welcome!

The first event will be the 3 Rivers Arts Festival's the *Rebirth Brass Band*, an award-winning New Orleans institution, on Friday, June 2 at Dollar Bank Main Stage (Point State Park) from 7:30 pm-9 pm. Our gathering will be cancelled if it is raining and we will look for another event to enjoy at a later date.

Meet about 6:30 pm as close to the stage as we can get. Look for your event hosts, Drew and Amy Simpson, and the ELPC sign. Please contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net; 412.260.2554).

## EXPERIENCE A SPACE ODYSSEY

Friday, May 26 ♦ 7:30 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.

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Attack Theatre Performance: The Next Stop – May 19 + 20

Join Attack Theatre for their performance of *The Next Stop* on Friday, May 19 at 8 pm and Saturday, May 20 at 3 pm and 8 pm at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater, featuring new works from choreographers Norbert De La Cruz III and Helen Simoneau. For tickets, visit [www.attacktheatre.com](http://www.attacktheatre.com). Use code *ELPC* for a \$5 discount!

### "Here I Am, Lord" Conference – May 20

North Side Common Ministries (1601 Brighton Rd, 15212) is hosting the conference *Here I Am, Lord* on Saturday, May 20 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Speakers will address the challenge of recruiting and retaining volunteers. For more info, please contact NCM director Jay Poliziani (jay.poliziani@ncmin.org; 412.323.1163).

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



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

♦ Many hands will be needed to pack and prep office spaces for moves due to upcoming renovations. Stay tuned to how and when you can help. ♦

**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.**

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

May 21 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – "The Confession of 1967: Reconciliation Responds to Grace Part 1" led by Paul Seif

**Journey with Scripture** – Acts 17:22–31; Psalm 66:8–20; I Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – "Our Place and Responsibility in Cosmic Evolution," a viewing of evolutionary philosopher Brian Swimme's award-winning film, *Journey of the Universe*

**Soul Food** – A discussion of a meditation by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Vivienne Selia, and Steve Evrard

**YAMs** – "Celebration and Prayer Time" — Over breakfast, we will celebrate graduations and transitions and end with group prayer time