



# 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 21, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847) composed his *Cello Sonata No. 2* in late 1842/early 1843. It is dedicated to the Russian/Polish cellist Count Mateusz Wielhorski (1794-1866).

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Giving God, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God. Whatever our age, may we share what we have that others may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the child of Bethlehem, the youth of Nazareth, the crucified one of Jerusalem, the Savior of the world. Amen

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"One other thing stirs me when I look back on my youthful days—the fact that so many people gave me something or were something to me without knowing it."

— *Albert Schweitzer*, "Memories of Childhood and Youth"

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Rachel D'Abruzzo, *cello*  
Gabriel D'Abruzzo, *piano*

"Sonata #2 in D Major for cello and piano, Op. 58"

*Allegro assai vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

#### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

Leader: Lord, Creator of the realms of earth and heaven, of all that is and is to come;

People: **Guide us in all our times of need.**

Leader: Loving God, help us to adjust to an ever-changing world;

People: **Lead us in all our times of need.**

Leader: Maker of all, guide and lead us through our life's transitions;

People: **Help us to better ourselves, to grow into our best selves, and live in your image.**

Leader: Let us worship God together.

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #664 "Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know you are with us during the many changes in our lives. We have sometimes felt abandoned during hard times, but we know you are always there. We fail to appreciate your omnipresence and almighty power. Forgive us for our occasional, waning faith. Help us to recognize your love. Open our eyes so that as we go through changes, transitions will be smooth and without complications, as we are sustained by your mercy and grace.

### TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

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**ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**

Famous Reformation period artist Albrecht Dürer was born (1471); hymnwriter Charles Wesley was convicted to the truth of the Christian faith (1738); Andrew Jackson was nominated at the first Democratic National Convention (1832); Clara Barton organized the American Red Cross (1881); jazz pianist and composer "Fats" Waller was born (1904); and Charles Lindbergh completed the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean (1927).

Psalm 66 contains two parts. The opening 12 verses are words of praise and thanksgiving. The last verses (13-20) are words of gratitude from one whom the Lord has blessed. The first is spoken by a worship leader with the latter verses a response by the congregation.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** God is with us always, yesterday, today and tomorrow.  
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 #408** (*remain seated*)

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

*Refrain*

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

**There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; You're the one to profit when we say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." Refrain**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 66:8-20

**SUNG RESPONSE HYMN** (*remain seated*)

ASSURANCE

"Blessed Assurance"

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain*

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain**

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS**

Sam Bard	Annie Cowan	Marley Ervin
Tallulah Rhodes	Elijah Stanton	Brooklynn Sykes
Emmaline Thompson	Juliette Young	

**MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN**

*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 #488**

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

WATERLIFE

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

I Corinthians 13:1-13

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

Martin Shaw (1875-1958) was an English composer and conductor. This anthem was composed in 1923 for the Annual Festival of the Rochester (England) Diocesan Church Choirs Association and is still a universal favorite 90 years after it was first sung.

ELPC is an inter-generational congregation committed to the inclusion and spiritual nurture of persons of all ages and stages in their journeys of faith. We strive to create an environment where children and youth can grow in faith as part of a community in which: there is space for every question, every child is recognized as unique and valued, and there is a vibrant witness to the love of God in Christ.

Andrew Carter (b. 1939) is a well-known English composer, conductor, and arranger. His organ and choral compositions are widely performed. His *Trumpet Tune* was written in 1991 for a wedding, reflected in the quieter middle section, labeled "love song."

## SENIOR MESSAGES

### CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & COMMISSIONING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### 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.*

### SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

### OFFERING INVITATION

We lift up our gifts to God through our love, devotion and treasures. Please join us in offering our gifts.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

*Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.*

*The Lord hath delivered God's people, Alleluia!*

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands.*

*O sing praises to the honor of God's name, make God's praise to be glorious.*

### \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

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: Gracious God, thank you for using our gifts and talents in service to you. Please accept our gifts to you for the betterment of others, the betterment of ourselves, and in service to your will. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

### \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Andrew Carter

*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: Najiah Boddy Charlotte Bush  
Ian Bush Isaac Degenholtz  
Margaret Edgecombe  
Lynn Irvin Adylade Krimmel  
Julie Lewand Ramsey Lewand  
Kiara Rockymore  
Akil Turner Xander Yates  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Rachel D'Abruzzo, cello  
Acolytes: David Bellin and Julian Valenccheck  
Beadle: Laura Ristau  
Crucifer: Josh Bellin  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines  
Graduated Seniors: Ian Bush, Will Dowd, Ada Griffin,  
Keyona Farrell, Ginny Kane, Julia Lewand, McKenzie  
Morrissey, Akil Turner, Tyrese Williams, Xander Yates

♦ **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 x11). The cost is now \$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.  
*May 28* — The Rev. Patrice 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 28* — 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* 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

### Exploring ELPC's Stained Glass

Join Elder Penn Hackney following the 11 am service today for a 45-minute guided tour of the stained glass windows in ELPC's Sanctuary and Chapel. Meet under the pulpit.

### Update on Impact of OHM

Please join the Mission Board and Neighbors Committee in Room 234 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.

### Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Free blood pressure screenings are available after today's 11 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

### 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.



### Today's Deacons on Duty

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Susan Spangler**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Paul Miller**.



### 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.

### Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is now receiving *only* donations of spring/summer, new or gently used clothing. Donations are preferred during shopping hours, Monday 10 am-noon, but can be left at the church during business hours.

### Book and Video Study — June 1

Join us for our final conversation on Thursday, June 1 from 6:30-8 pm to explore the connections between science and religion.

## 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.

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

*All Over the Burgh*: 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).

### First Friday @KBOX — June 2

Come sing the night away! RSVP to Wil by May 26 so we can get the right size room for us to have our own private karaoke room. Learn more at <http://www.kbktv.com/>. This is a TRAIL young adult event. Friday, June 2 at 7 pm at KBOX Karaoke House, 214 S Craig Street 15213.

### Teilhard's Mysticism Commuter Retreat — June 16-18

Join us for this 3-day retreat at ELPC led by Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, PhD and author of *Teilhard's Mysticism*. Through input, prayer, song, film, contemplative activities, and sharing, we will follow Teilhard as he travels ever more deeply from Circle to Circle into the arms of the Cosmic Christ. For more information see the Spiritual Life bulletin board where you can pick up a brochure and register for this retreat.



*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, Marilyn Castle's son Tom,  
Mary Evrard's aunt Laura,  
Barbara Goodwin's husband John,  
Barbara Griffin's brother Jim,  
Jan Herzer's friend Francine also her niece Amanda and  
her husband David, Gloria Knopp, Lee Lewand,  
Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,  
Chris Markwell, Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Sonya-Marie Morley's friend Tammy,  
David Phillips' friend's sister-in-law Marcia, Gwen Puza,  
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia, Gwen Schmidt,  
Richard Szeremany, Pat Valoon, Jon Walker,  
Fran Wilson, and Fran Zaleusky's brother Joseph.

*Our condolences to Mark and Suzan Krauland  
on the passing of Mark's mother.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Peace..... *Thursday, 5:30 pm (Pastor's Conference Room)*

### Breast and Cervical Cancer Resources – June 4

Join us on Sunday, June 4 at 12:30 and increase your understanding of risks, symptoms, screening guidelines, and most importantly resources for screening and treatment for breast and cervical cancer within the community. The presentation will briefly overview what breast and cervical cancer are, how it may affect each individual personally, and what one can do to act on the risk factors in their own life. The focus will be on the resources available for different types of individuals that may be struggling to afford care and to access services for screening and treatment. Individual assistance will be available for those who need help getting insurance or paying for screenings or treatments. Light refreshments.

### 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).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### EECM Community Prayer

Unite together in interfaith prayer, one that celebrates all faith traditions at the Community House Chapel at 6 pm on May 22, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 27 and December 18.

### Fenceline: A Company Town Divided – May 25

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh Social Justice and Outreach Committee presents this PBS film about life near a petrochemical factory and a discussion of its relevance for the Pittsburgh region. The film will be shown at Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Ave (at Walnut St) at 7 pm and is free to all. *See the Mission Bulletin board for more information.*

### 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 28 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “The Barmen Declaration: Reformation Refined Under Fire Part 2” led by Paul Seif

**Journey with Scripture** – Acts 1:6–14; Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35; I Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11; John 17:1–11 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – “Making a New Life in America” a panel of refugees about how they have made new lives in our country. Our moderator will be Jaime M. Turek of Northern Area Multi-Service Center (NAMSC) - Community Assistance and Refugee Settlement.

**Soul Food** – We will discuss a meditation by Richard Rohr on I Corinthians 13, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Shirley Fair, and Michelle Bard.