



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

116 South Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206 412.441.3800 [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)

*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)*

## OCTOBER 15, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FULL INCLUSION SUNDAY

PRAYER OF THE DAY:  
Holy God, you are light,  
and in you there is no  
darkness at all. Shift my  
focus today from  
whatever is false to that  
which is true; from  
whatever is vulgar to  
that which is honorable;  
from whatever is corrupt  
to that which is just; from  
whatever is inauthentic  
to that which is pure;  
from whatever is  
insignificant to that  
which is commendable;  
that I may live in the  
light. Through Christ  
Jesus I pray. Amen.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

*(Describing the Episcopal Church's process in naming the first gay bishop) "The Archbishop of Canterbury told me the church should have figured out these hot-button theological issues, come to a common mind, and then consented to my episcopacy only after doing our homework. But I responded, with respect, that all the great steps toward justice the church has taken have been the result of our somehow finding the courage to do the right thing and then thinking it through later — not the other way around."*

— Bishop Gene Robinson, *In the Eye of the Storm*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Prelude in G, BWV 541"  
"Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639"  
*(I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)*

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.  
Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.  
People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Paige McKenzie

Leader: We call upon you, O God, for you will answer us. Incline your ear and hear our words.

People: Show me your unfailing loving-kindness; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Leader: For too often the wicked surround and assault us; they have closed their hearts to pity.

People: But at my vindication, I shall see your face, O Lord; beholding your likeness, in which we are all fearfully and wonderfully made, I shall be satisfied.

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #757

KINGSFOLD

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

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

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

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
(Romans 15:5-6)

Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell (b. 1946) was a member of Sweet Honey in the Rock for 34 years, retiring from the group in 2013. *Would You Harbor Me?* was written for the group in 1994. The questions and challenges posed in this anthem are as relevant today as they were when it was first composed.

"The theological insights of formerly marginalized groups have enriched the whole church's understanding of scripture. In the process, these liberating theologies have helped to bring many Christians into a closer relationship with God."  
(Jack Rogers, *Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality*)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**Holy God, you are the Lord our God who has been with us along our life's journey.** Yet our trust in you is fragile, easily broken by indifference and forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily disrupted by prayers slow to be answered or calls for peace seemingly ignored. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making or worldly illusions pursued in a myriad of forms. Lord, have mercy on us and strengthen our trust in you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Hear our silent prayers of confession this day.

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

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!

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

## CHORAL ANTHEM

"Would You Harbor Me?"

Ysaye M. Barnwell

*Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?*

*Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?*

*Would you harbor a Christian, a Muslim, a Jew, a heretic, convict or spy?*

*Would you harbor a runaway woman, or child, a poet, a prophet, a king?*

*Would you harbor an exile, or a refugee, a person living with AIDS?*

*Would you harbor a Tubman, a Garrett, a Truth, a fugitive or a slave?*

*Would you harbor a Haitian, Korean, or Czech, a lesbian or a gay?*

*Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?*

*Would you harbor me? Would I harbor you?*

## 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.*

*Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.*

## \* HYMN #378

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

MERLE'S TUNE

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3:13-18

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

## SERMON

"Living the Good Life"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

*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.*

## STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

David Carl and Wil Forrest

## OFFERING INVITATION

Wil Forrest

*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.*

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

Today is the birthday of Friedrich Nietzsche (1844), the incorporation of the first electric company - Edison Electric (1878), and the dedication of the Cologne Cathedral, after 600 years of construction (1880). Also on this date, one of the first pieces of jazz music written down, *New Orleans Blues*, was recorded by Jelly Roll Morton (1902), and yesterday marked the 28th anniversary of the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights, the basis for national **"Coming Out Day"** (1979).

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!

## OFFERTORY SOLO

"Eternal Life"

Adrianna Cleveland, *soloist*  
Olive Dungan  
text: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Meghan McClain

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 give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of unity that comes through Jesus Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for community with diversity, inclusion with justice, and love with compassion for all your children. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.	

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

BARONITA

## \* CHARGE & BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

## 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.*

*Some prayers or liturgy were reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, copyright 2012.*

◆ 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  
David Carl, Wil Forrest  
Meghan McClain  
Paige McKenzie  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Adrianna Cleveland, *soloist*  
Renaissance City Choirs  
Dr. Jeffry Blake Johnson,  
*Artistic Director*  
Acolyte: Kira Mukogosi  
Beadle: Laura Ristau  
Crucifer: Youth  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers today are given in honor of the wedding of Molly Schneider and Steven McClung held at ELPC yesterday.

◆ 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.  
*Oct 22* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
**Children's Sabbath Sunday.**  
*Oct 22* — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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 an *Inquirers' Class* to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

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

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Full Inclusion Sunday / Circle of Faith

This morning we welcome the Renaissance City Choir as our guest musicians during the 11 am worship service for *Full Inclusion Sunday*. Then at 2 pm, join ELPC and other faith communities at the annual *Circle of Faith* at the Schenley Plaza tent. The *Circle of Faith* is a public witness by various faith communities, designed to welcome and include LGBTQIA persons, as well as their families and allies. ELPC members are invited to gather together for this event and celebrate our congregation's diversity.

Meet there or see Wil Forrest to ride in the church van, which will leave ELPC at 1 pm, and return at 4:30 pm. Please note: Those who RSVP'd get seats first.

### Stained Glass Tour

Join tour guide Steve Evrard for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel. Gather at the front of the Sanctuary following today's 11 am service.

### Free Blood Pressure Screenings

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

### Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services. Today's *Journey and Sanctuary* services DOD is **Liz Gonda**.



### Sewing Group Meeting — Oct 16

Join ELPC's *Sewing Group* tomorrow from 2:30-6 pm in the *sewing space*. All are welcome! Drop in for whatever time works for you. To RSVP or for more info, please contact Diane Jackson (dnjcks@verizon.net).

### LGBTQ Ministry Day Retreat — Oct 21

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The *LGBTQ Ministry Day Retreat* will be held on Saturday, Oct 21. Please see Wil for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

### PW Fall Social Celebrates Women of All Ages — Oct 21

Get ready for PW's fall social, a.k.a. *Celebrating the Stages of Women from Diapers to Golden Years*, held from 4:30-6:30 pm on Saturday, Oct 21, in the Social Hall. Some of the features will be: A tableau portraying some well-known women of the Bible, fun games, photos, refreshments, and prizes galore. Come, get in on the fun and contribute to PW's on-going projects, *Women in Liberty* and the *Western PA Diaper Bank*. **Invitations with more details are being given out today with the bulletins.**

### Children's Sabbath Sunday — Oct 22

The theme for our *Children's Sabbath Sunday* on Oct 22 will be *Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child*. An advocacy opportunity will be available after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service.

### DG2! — Oct 22

Doing Good Together! (a service based partnership with youth at Rodef Shalom) is starting back up on Sunday, Oct 22 at ELPC from 12:30-3 pm. Youth in grades 4-12 are encouraged to come and serve in a variety of ways, make new friends, and have fun together. Lunch will be served.

### The Chapel Market — Reopens Oct 23

The *Chapel Market* is in need of clean, gently used or new fall and winter clothing (men's clothing especially needed). Please bring your donations to the church ASAP, as the *Chapel Market* is re-opening on Monday, Oct 23. Contact Pastor Patrice or Linda and Harold Deiss for more info (deisshl@consolidated.net).

### Faith, Science, and Our Spiritual Life — Oct 26

Not sure what to believe in a scientific world? Join in the conversation on the last Thursday of each month (Oct 26, 6:30-8 pm) as we consider the possibilities for holding faith and science together.

### Confirmation Class Overnight Retreat — Oct 28 to 29

The Confirmation Class will have an overnight retreat at ELPC from Saturday, Oct 28 at 3 pm until after Journey worship on Sunday, Oct 29. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

### Reformation Sunday — Oct 29

On Sunday, Oct 29 during 11 am worship, we will remember our Reformation roots and celebrate through word and music the legacies of Luther, Calvin, and so many other people of faith. Join us for a special service with bagpipes, readings, and commemorative celebrations.

### Music Therapy — Oct 29

Join the Spiritual Life Committee this year as we explore the science and spiritual dimensions of sound in both our own tradition and that of other faiths. Our study begins on Sunday, Oct 29 following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service, as we are joined by Dr. Elaine Abbott, director of the Music Therapy department at Duquesne University. She will demonstrate the healing effect of music. A light lunch will be served.







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

*Those affected by recent hurricanes and California fires,*

Amy Bialek's cousin Kelly, Chuck Carson,  
Carol Chontos' father David, Aura Jirau, Gloria Knopp,  
Lee Lewand, ELPC employee Mike Maiolo,  
Dr. Ed Moore's father Bill, Gail Noden,  
Henry Petrilli's father Larry,  
Linda Sanders, and Pat Valoon.

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

Neighbors ..... *Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 250)*  
Property..... *Monday, 7:00 pm (Rm 250)*  
Youth & Young Adults..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 244)*  
Session..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Ground Fl Lobby)*

### Cathedral Concerts to Begin in November

The seventh season of our *Cathedral Concerts* series will kick off with performances by:

- *Essence of Joy* from the Pennsylvania State University will join the ELPC Chancel Choir to perform on Sunday, Nov 5 at 3 pm
- *Eastman at East Liberty*, co-sponsored with the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh, will bring Ivan Bosnar, Amanda Mole, Caroline Robinson (three rising star organists from the Eastman School of Music) to perform on Sunday, Nov 19 at 3 pm

Season brochures are available on the information tables around the church.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Oct 22 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries (Harambe Rm)** — “The Four Freedoms: Speech, Part 2” led by Dr. Ron Stone

**Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library)** — Exodus 33:12–23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers (Chapel)** — “Ahmadiyya, a Different Kind of Islam” led by women from the Ahmadiyya Muslim community of Wilksburg

**Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm)** — A beginning discussion of chapter three of *Everything Belongs* by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Pam Napier-Barnes, and Liz Gonda

**Young Adult (2nd floor Parlor)** — Combined class with Senior High Youth during October, focusing on race

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### Public Safety Meeting – Oct 18

The City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety and the Public Safety Zone Council are hosting a *City-Wide Public Safety Meeting* from 6-8:30 pm on Wednesday, Oct 18 at St. Pamphilus Church (1000 Tropical Ave, Beechview 15226). Receive safety resources and learn how to prepare for potential disasters and threats. Barbara Arroyo from the Office of Emergency Management will give a special presentation. A light dinner will be served at 6 pm. For more info, please email [commaff@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:commaff@pittsburghpa.gov).

### Center for Women Networking Night – Oct 18

Join *The Center for Women* for a fun night of networking with great women on Wednesday, Oct 18 from 5:30-7 pm at their office (1620 Murray Ave, 15217). Bring your business cards to widen your network; practice your networking skills with seasoned networkers. Wine and refreshments provided to all networking participants. A \$5 donation is requested. For more info, call 412.421.4400.

### Organ Recital – Oct 22

Rob Lehman will be performing an organ recital on Sunday, Oct 22 at 5 pm at Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shady Ave). ELPC has a few of his choral arrangements in our music library. Call 412.661.0120 for more info.

### Mission Trip for Hurricane Recovery – Nov 4 to 11

*Lend a Hand*, a PC(USA) disaster response and recovery program in Carlisle, PA is organizing mission trips to assist with hurricane recovery efforts in Florida. The first trip is Nov 4-11. If interested in this or future trips, contact Michele Bossers (412.303.9243; [michele2285@gmail.com](mailto:michele2285@gmail.com)).

### Nursing Job Opportunity in Lawrenceville

*Stephen Foster Adult Day Service* in Lawrenceville is seeking a cheerful, creative, and compassionate LPN or retired RN to work part-time with elderly clientele who have mild to moderate dementia and other health problems. Their hours are Monday to Friday from 7 am-6 pm (no weekends or holidays). Clearances and background checks are part of the application process. Interested persons should contact Valerie Vogel (412.621.3342).

### 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 x114).

### ♦ Club 116 Meal Provider ♦

(11/29 and 12/6 still available)