



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)

OCTOBER 29, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST REFORMATION SUNDAY

George Shearing (1919-2011), the famed blind jazz pianist, recorded himself improvising several of his favorite hymns at the piano. These recordings were then transcribed from tape to paper and, with the help of organist Dale Wood, arranged and published for the organ.

A French collection of sung Psalms (Psalter) was published in 1545 under the leadership of John Calvin. It includes a version of the hymn *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (Je te salue, mon certain Rédempteur), translated by Elizabeth Smith in 1868. The Doxology we sing every Sunday and another hymn in today's service, *Our Help is in the Name of God*, both come from that same Genevan Psalter.

TIME OF PREPARATION

Church as Mother: "There is no other way to enter into life unless this mother conceive us in her womb, give us birth, nourish us at her breast, and lastly, unless she keep us under her care and guidance until, putting off mortal flesh, we become like the angels (Matt 22:30). Our weakness does not allow us to be dismissed from her school until we have been pupils all our lives." — John Calvin, *Institutes*, (4.1.4)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

George Shearing

Selection of Hymns for Bagpipes

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

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

Marilyn Fitzgerald, Jonathan and Grace Han

Leader: O God, we meet once again in your house on this Reformation Sunday;

People: A house inspired by the spirits of Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, and others: women and men of faith.

Leader: On this day of worship and praise, let us recommit ourselves to be students of your word, vessels of your grace, and ambassadors of your faith.

People: On this day let us be informed and dedicated Protestants, protesting against entrenched wrong wherever we may find it and testifying to your sovereignty and saving mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: As has been done for centuries, let us once more unite our hearts, minds and spirits and come together to worship you, our God and our Redeemer.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #624

TOULON

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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My God, since you have been pleased to give me the grace to come through the night to the present day, now grant that I may employ it entirely in your service, so that all my works may be to the glory of your name and the edification of my neighbors. As you have been pleased to make your sun shine upon the earth to give us bodily light, grant the light of your Spirit to illumine my understanding and my heart. And because it means nothing to begin well if one does not persevere, I ask that you would continue to increase your grace in me until you have led me into full communion with Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the true Sun of our souls, shining day and night, eternally and without end. (Prayer by John Calvin)

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
The founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, landed at what is now Chester, PA (1682); the stock market crash marked the beginning of the Great Depression (1929); the National Organization for Women was founded (1966); and on Oct 30 Muhammad Ali became the World Heavyweight boxing champion (1974).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your **ways, to the glory of your holy name...**

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!

CELEBRATING THE WITNESS OF THE GLOBAL REFORMED CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

HYMN #456 (remain seated) "Listen, God Is Calling"

NENO LAKE MUNGU

Choir sings Leader. Congregation sings All. The refrain is sung once between each verse.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Psalm 124

John 1:1, 14-18

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

TRADITIONAL

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 #330

"Our Help Is in the Name of God"

OLD 124TH

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

"Semper Reformanda"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* LITANY OF ECUMENICAL PRAISE

The Rev. Dr. Bush, The Rev. Callahan

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy, The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Lord Jesus, Head of the Church, your Body, we thank you for the Reformed and Presbyterian Church here and around the world, even as we praise you for your ecumenical church in every age and place.

People: We thank you for congregations of all faiths – for Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Methodist, Baptist, AME, Congregational, Pentecostal, and all churches the world over.

Leader: We thank you for intentional places of prayer – for Orthodox monasteries, Catholic retreat centers, Evangelical communities, social justice offices and networks and advocates.

People: We thank you for rural churches serving as best they can for those in their midst, and for churches in small towns that are focal points for families and communities.

Leader: We thank you for churches in the suburbs, for ministry to commuting families and exurban neighborhoods connected by roads and dependent on cars to do their ministries.

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In our affirmation of the 'priesthood of all believers,' we affirm that we intercede with one another before God. We teach each other about God's care and forgiveness, about living in the world and anticipating God's kingdom. We all learn through the lives and work of others, as we affirm our membership in the one, holy, universal church.
(Louis Weeks, *To Be a Presbyterian*)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) originally composed *O How Amiable* with military band accompaniment, later arranging it for organ. Based on texts from Psalms 84 and 90, it closes with the first verse of *O God Our Help in Ages Past*.

Highland Cathedral has been a popular bagpipe tune since it was composed by German musicians Ulrich Roever and Michael Korbin in 1982 for a Highland games in Germany.

- People: We thank you for city churches, small and large, striving to work within diverse communities and be lights in places of darkness or unrelenting commerce.
- Leader: We thank you for new church developments, new worshipping communities, experimental gatherings offering fresh voices to your gospel choirs and places of refuge for people wounded by institutional churches.
- People: We thank you, Lord, for churches that do not seem like churches at all: small bible study groups in shantytown shacks of Rio or San Salvador or Soweto; brave believers meeting secretly in Kabul or Dubai or Khartoum.
- Leader: May we ever be aware of the worldwide church, praying for your will to be done and your grace to go forth until all are free from poverty, persecution, or spiritual distress.
- People: Lord Jesus, Head of the Church, your Body, we thank you for your church universal in every age and place, including here. Alleluia! Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tiffany Sudar

OFFERING INVITATION

Tiffany Sudar

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

"O How Amiable"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

* 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

The Rev. Dr. Bush, 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 trust in your providence and your generous mercy shown to us and all people. In response, we offer these gifts to you. May your favor rest upon them and may you prosper the labor of our hands ever to your glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #275

"A Mighty Fortress"

EIN' FESTE BURG

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

RECESSIONAL/POSTLUDE

"Highland Cathedral"

arr. James Wetherald

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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
Marilyn Fitzgerald
Jonathan and Grace Han
Tiffany Sudar
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Palmer Shonk, *Bagpiper*
Acolyte: Youth
Beadle: Lenore Williams
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!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x118).

◆ 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 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.
Nov 5 — 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.
Nov 5 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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*** on Sundays, Dec 3 and 10 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.

TODAY AT ELPC



Music and Healing

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 today following the 11 am service in the 2nd floor Parlor, 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.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Tucker Ferda**.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Kathy Kiewra**.

EECM Food Bags Distributed

We will distribute empty grocery bags at our worship services today and next Sunday for the EECM food drive. If you would like to participate, please take a bag and fill it with these requested items: cooking oils, canned fruits or vegetables, canned beans, cooking spices, rice, canned tomato products, flour, sugar, pastas, instant mashed potatoes. Please return your bag of donations on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 12.



Taizé All Saints' Procession – Nov 1

Join us for a special Taizé service on *All Saints' Day*, Wednesday, Nov 1 at 7 pm as we remember all of the people in our lives who are no longer with us. Our procession will begin and end in the Chapel, but will include moving through the Narthex and Sanctuary before gathering in the Trinity Chapel to sing and pray by candlelight. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this moving service of remembrance and hope.

YAM Event: First Friday @ Soul Food – Nov 3

On Friday, Nov 3 at 7 pm, the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is invited to the TRAIL event *First Friday @ Soul Food* at Carmi Soul Food restaurant (917 Western Ave, North Side). Bring your appetite (and money for your meal). Please contact Wil for info (Wil@coh.net).

LGBTQ Ministry – Nov 5

God created you. God loves you. Be yourself.

All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next *Spiritual Gathering* is on Sunday, Nov 5 after the 11 am service when we will be welcoming our friends from Grove City College. See Wil Forrest for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

OHM Events – Nov 4 and 7

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) will have a *Saturday Work Day* on Nov 4 to rehab two properties. Tasks will include painting and final interior work. No special skills are needed; just a willing heart! For more info, please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com).

The OHM *Circles Dinner* will be on Tuesday, Nov 7. Please consider donating a side dish, salad or dessert. Meet the OHM families, see what Circles' participants do at a typical Tuesday meeting, and help serve the meal. Contact Allison Freeman (sneezemd08@gmail.com) or the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy (412.441.3800) for details.

PW Bible Study: A Cloud of Witnesses – Nov 6 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women for a bible study titled *In Community with the Living Word* on Monday, Nov 6 at 7 pm and/or Tuesday, Nov 7 at 10 am. The Tuesday session will be followed by a potluck lunch featuring soup and contributions from the group.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

A freewill offering will be received at each performance.

If you would like to help greet people and distribute programs at the concerts, please contact Mary Evrard (412.400.0145; mcfiglar@aol.com).



Essence of Joy from 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 Caroline Robinson, Amanda Mole and Ivan Bosnar (three rising star organists from the Eastman School of Music) to perform on
Sunday, Nov 19 at 3 pm



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,

Diana Armstrong, Amy Bialek's cousin Kelly,
Chuck Carson, Carol Chontos' father David, Roy Hiller,
Aura Jirau, Lee Lewand, Mike Maiolo,
Dr. Ed Moore's father Bill, Gail Noden,
Henry Petrilli's father Larry, Linda Sanders & Pat Valoon.

Our condolences to Kate Carlson on her sister-in-law's passing.

Our condolences to Judy Roberts on her brother's 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

Membership & Outreach.....Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 224)
Centennial Fund.....Monday, 6:00 pm (Rm 250)

Worship Next Sunday – Nov 5

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 5. Remember to set your clocks back by one hour, or you will be very early for our worship services at 8:45 and 11 am!

DG2! @ ELPC – Nov 12

Students in grades 4–12 are invited to join *Doing Good Together!* (DG2!)—a partnership between ELPC and Rodef Shalom—for a day of service on Sunday, Nov 12 from 12:30–3:30 pm. We will meet at ELPC for lunch at 12:30 pm, and complete our day of service and fun by 3:30 pm. A permission slip is required and can be found on the youth calendar page at www.ELPC.church.



Stewardship Sunday – Nov 12

Please remember to bring your completed pledge card to worship on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 12.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nov 5 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “Freedom from Want, Part 3” led by Professor Ron Stone

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Joshua 3:7–17; Psalm 107:1–7,33–37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13; Matthew 23:1–12 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Chapel) – “John Calvin and the Reformed Tradition, Part 2” led by Dr. Peter Gilmore

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) – A beginning discussion of chapter four of *Everything Belongs* by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Yamuna Morgenstern and Linda Harrington

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Learn About Those Impacted by Incarceration – Nov 8 + 18

Interested in learning more about those impacted by incarceration? Hear the PA NAACP President speak about the school-to-prison pipeline on Wednesday, Nov 8 from 5:30–8:30 pm at St. James AME. Another opportunity will be on Saturday, Nov 18 from 6–8 pm at Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church to hear a panel of returning citizens share their challenges and advocate for change. Please contact John Buckley (412.417.4187) to learn more.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

iSERVE
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 x114).

♦ Thanksgiving Feast helper sign up starts next week ♦

Young Adult Day Retreat – Nov 18

Young adults (ages 18–40) are invited to explore their identity from different perspectives in a safe, yet challenging environment at the *Who Are You?* retreat on Saturday, Nov 18 from 9 am–5 pm at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (250 N Highland Ave, McNaugher Lounge). The cost of \$10 includes two meals (scholarships available). Please RSVP to Wil Forrest by Nov 5 (Wil@coh.net).

• CHURCH TOURS •

Nov 5 and 26

Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary following 11 am worship for a closer look at the history and symbolism of the Sanctuary and Chapel.

Nov 12

Join our tour guide in the front of the Sanctuary after the 11 am service as we descend into the bowels of the Cathedral and explore some of our church's least seen areas. Wander through the “catacombs” and see the organ bellows, furnace, and more.

